

TOWN OF HENRIETTA RESOLUTION REGARDING POTENTIAL

765 kV TRANSMISSION LINE DEVELOPMENT - Resolution# 2026-03

WHEREAS, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) and Dairyland Power Cooperative have announced intentions for a 765 kV transmission line known as, "LRTP Project #26, North Rochester - Columbia;" that is designated to pass, in part, through Vernon, Crawford, Richland, Sauk and Columbia Counties and in Vernon, Crawford and Richland Counties with an additional, double-circuit, 161 kV transmission line;

WHEREAS, in July 2025 Dairyland Power Cooperative explained, "A route for the MariBell transmission line has not been determined. Dairyland and GridLiance Heartland are studying potential routes to be determined a preferred route.... The route options will be shaped by input from landowners and other stakeholders and will focus on using existing transmission corridors as much as possible. . . We are studying potential routes, with input from landowners, environmental organizations, state and federal agencies, local governments and other stakeholders and interested parties;"

WHEREAS, an existing 161 kV transmission line crosses the Townships in Richland County;

WHEREAS, LRTP Project #26 proposed to pass through our areas would be part of a 765 kV transmission "backbone" system continuing from Columbia (Portage, WI) to another regional electricity market that serves Chicago and points east;

WHEREAS use of electricity and summer peak demand in Wisconsin have been statistically flat over the last 10 years;

WHEREAS, now is the most opportune time for municipal governments to gain knowledge about 765 kV transmission in order to make recommendations to state lawmakers towards the realization of suitable regulations;

WHEREAS, 765 kV transmission facilities can create audible and visible corona discharge effects, especially under high humidity and damp conditions;

WHEREAS, the Driftless topology in the Townships in Richland County feature numerous springs, streams, wet habitats and valleys where high humidity conditions including dense fog are frequent;

WHEREAS, occupied homes and outbuildings in the Town of Henrietta exist as close as 90 feet from the center line of the existing transmission line facility;

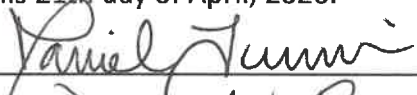
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that

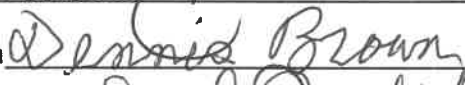
The Township of Henrietta in Richland County requests Dairyland Power Cooperative to provide the following information either in written, electronic format or through an in-person presentation before sending the application to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin:

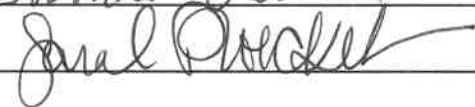
1. A map of eligible, existing transmission line routes for the considered 765 kV transmission line project through any Townships Richland County.
2. Images of tower designs considered for use with the 765 kV transmission line Project in any Townships in Richland County sited with a 161 kV line.
3. Documentation portraying the minimum and maximum height, in feet, that the 765 kV towers could be if:
 - a. the 765 kV line was the only transmission facility located in the corridor.
 - b. the 765 kV line co-located, in the same corridor, with a 161 kV double circuit tower or on separate towers.
 - c. 765 kV towers could be if co-located in the same corridor with a 161 kV double circuit transmission line. Specify whether the facilities would be mounted on the same towers or on separate towers.
4. Documentation portraying the minimum and maximum width, in feet, that corridors for 765 kV towers could be if:
 - a. The 765 kV towers are the only transmission facility including guy wires and all other potential protuberances.
 - b. 765 kV towers co-located, in the same corridor, with a 161 kV double circuit transmission line. Specify whether both transmission facilities would be mounted on the same tower or on separate towers.
5. Estimated total cost of:
 - a. Project #26, North Rochester - Columbia transmission line that includes the 765 kV /161 kV segment in Town of Henrietta, Richland County.
 - b. If the cost of Project #26, North Rochester - Columbia including the 765 kV line in Vernon, Crawford, Richland, Sauk and Columbia counties would be shared with electric customers in states other than Wisconsin and Minnesota, please provide a list of those states.
 - c. Estimated, 40-year capital cost for the proposed, western Wisconsin segment of the 765 kV transmission project for a Richland Electric Cooperative, Vernon Electric Cooperative and Scenic Electric Cooperative member-owner based on average use of 1000 kWh/month.
6. A list of the types of "significant economic development benefits," that the Project would deliver to local economies in Townships of Richland County.
7. Estimated total cost of the portion of Project #26, North Rochester – Columbia that MISO assigned to Dairyland Power Cooperative for development.
8. The name(s) of the entity or entities that would be the owner(s) of the Township in Richland County sited portions of the 765 transmission facility.

9. Documentation portraying the maximum width of a non-public, construction access road that Dairyland Power Cooperative and/or NextEra Transmission or their subcontractors have made when constructing a 765 kV line.
10. Please include explanations and documentations for the following questions and concerns for current and future resource management:
 - a. Vegetation management documentation and sample contracts describing practices, that have been utilized by Dairyland Power Cooperative and/or NextEra Transmission for previous 765 kV lines including techniques used to prevent soil erosion on steep grades.
 - b. Documentation describing no-spray and other easement vegetation management accommodations that would be offered for organic farming and other conservation activities such as prairie and forest restoration.
 - c. Construction practices that would be followed to minimize damage to wetland habitats for the proposed 765 kV project.
 - d. Documentation of all siting and other safety accommodations that Dairyland Power Cooperative and/or NextEra Transmission have made for an air strip located within 2,000 feet of a 765 kV transmission line.
 - e. Documentation of all siting and other accommodations that Dairyland Power Cooperative and/or NextEra Transmission have made
 - i. to reduce noise and light pollution associated with corona discharge from a 765 kV transmission line passing through damp river bottom location where fog formation is common.
 - ii. accounting for average Sound Pressure Levels at specified distances (in feet), under specified humidity/precipitation conditions and at specified transmission loads (in megawatts).
 - iii. accounting for magnetic field strength readings at specified distances (in feet) and at specified transmission loads (in megawatts).
 - iv. to reduce waterfowl, raptor, grassland bird and songbird collisions with a 765 kV transmission line.
 - v. to reduce risk of arcing from a 765 kV transmission line igniting fires in grasslands and forests.
11. Estimated date that the application for the 765 kV transmission line in any Townships in Richland County is expected to be submitted to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Henrietta Township Board (Richland County) hereby approves the resolution ADOPTED this 21th day of April, 2026.

Adopted /S/ Daniel Timm  Chairman

Attested by /S/ Dennis Brown  Superintendent

Attested by /S/ Sarah Ploekelman  Superintendent

on this 21th day of April 2026. Chairman email address is henriettachair@yahoo.com