

TOWN OF ROCKBRIDGE RESOLUTION 2026-002

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED 765-kilovolt HIGH-VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINE THROUGH THE TOWN OF ROCKBRIDGE, RICHLAND COUNTY, AND THE DRIFTLESS AREA

WHEREAS, the Town of Rockbridge lies within the nationally recognized Driftless Area, a uniquely fragile landscape defined by steep ridges, cold-water trout streams, karst geology, and highly erodible soils that are particularly vulnerable to large-scale infrastructure disturbance; and

WHEREAS, the proposed high-voltage transmission line would require extensive clearing, construction corridors, blasting, and long-term maintenance that would fragment wildlife habitat, disrupt agricultural lands, and permanently alter the natural character of the region; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Midcontinent Grid Solutions BECI Project (765 kilovolt (kV) transmission line) is a regional backbone system intended to transport electricity to distant market such as Chicago and points east, providing zero local benefit to the residents of Rockbridge while imposing 200-foot industrial towers upon our land; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Rockbridge's agricultural economy depends on productive farmland, livestock operations, and regenerative farming systems that could be adversely affected by land fragmentation, easement restrictions, soil disruption, and concerns regarding electromagnetic field (EMF) exposure to people and livestock; and

WHEREAS, property owners face potential declines in land value and long-term uncertainty, and Richland County's tourism economy which is driven by its scenic beauty, trout streams, outdoor recreation, and rural character would be negatively affected; and

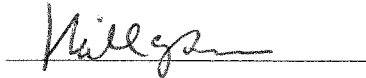
WHEREAS, scientific evidence indicates that such continuous industrial noise and electromagnetic interference disrupt the natural environment, negatively impacting wildlife reproductive cycles, bird and amphibian communications, and migratory patterns.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Town of Rockbridge in Richland County formally and unequivocally opposes the proposed high-voltage transmission line within the Town of Rockbridge, Richland County, and the Driftless Area, finding that this region is not suitable for such development and that the project poses substantial risks to public health, safety, and welfare, as well as to environmental integrity, agricultural viability, economic stability, and cultural resources.

Adopted this 20th day of August, 2026 for immediate issuance to Midcontinent Grid Solutions -- Wisconsin (via connect@mgswisconsin.com) with electronic carbon copy to State Lawmakers Sen. Sarah Keyeski and Rep. Tony Kurtz.

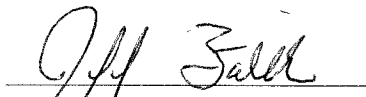
ATTESTED BY THE ROCKBRIDGE TOWN BOARD ON THIS DAY OF THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026.



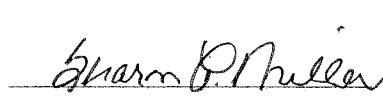
Nicholas Perna, Chairman



Doug Duhr, Supervisor



Jeff Falk, Supervisor



Sharon Miller, Clerk