

Town of York
RESOLUTION No. 2026-04

**A Resolution Requiring Landowner and Municipal Impact
Information From Midcontinent Grid Solutions Regarding the
Proposed BECI 765 kV Transmission Line Project**

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2026, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) announced the selection of the developers of the Bell Center-Columbia-Sugar Creek-IL/WI State Line 765 kV Project ("BECI"), now advanced by Midcontinent Grid Solutions-Wisconsin (MGS), a joint venture of Transource Energy and BHE Transmission, which, if approved as described, would traverse our Town; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute § 1.12(6) declares it "the policy of this state that, to the greatest extent feasible that is consistent with economic and engineering considerations, reliability of the electric system, and protection of the environment" that the highest priority is for existing utility corridors to be utilized, and that new corridors should be prioritized last, in the siting of new electric transmission facilities; and

WHEREAS, utility corridors for 765 kV transmission lines can be as wide as 250 feet, requiring extensive expansion of existing transmission easements of approximately 70 feet, increasing hazards to proximately located occupied dwellings and other structures and providing profound, permanent impacts of York's highly productive agricultural lands, farming efficiencies, and residential property values; and

WHEREAS, in prior expansion transmission line proposals in Wisconsin, landowners, communities, and governmental units have been granted at least 24 months for review of proposals and for providing crucial feedback to the developers and to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin for its project review; and

WHEREAS, MGS is actively soliciting feedback on its preliminary study segments through localized deadlines, yet landowners and town governance within the Town of York have not been provided granular, localized details regarding exact route centerlines, construction disruptions, or long-term corridor maintenance liabilities; and

WHEREAS, a seven-month period is insufficient for the developer to meet these important responsibilities unless the developer's public responsiveness is immediate and accelerated;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of York in Dane County, Wisconsin hereby demands that Midcontinent Grid Solutions-Wisconsin (MGS) provide the Town Clerk with comprehensive information regarding the BECI project's footprint in York by October 15, 2026, specifically including:

- I. Granular GIS Mapping: Digital, high-resolution mapping showing all candidate study segments, specific property boundaries, and proposed rights-of-way intersecting the Town of York.
- II. Statutory Corridor Alternatives: The complete Wis. Stat. § 1.12(6) analysis detailing why existing utility and transportation corridors were bypassed or deemed insufficient in this quadrant of Dane County.
- III. Agricultural & Economic Impact Data: All internal studies evaluating the reduction of active crop yields, center-pivot irrigation interference, soil compaction during construction, and projected residential property depreciation.
- IV. A list of meetings, with times and locations, at which MGS will make its transmission siting engineers available to potentially impacted landowners in our jurisdiction, both those with and those without existing transmission lines on their properties and to work with landowners on resolving hazardous conditions and other avoidable hardships.
- V. A list of landowners in our jurisdiction, by name and contact address, to whom MGS has provided the following documentation:
 - a. Digital-format, high-resolution, to-scale, satellite-imagery-based maps for all potentially impacted land parcels WITH existing transmission lines, portraying:
 - i. the locations of all existing transmission support poles on each parcel;
 - ii. graphic lines depicting the boundaries of the current easement on each parcel;
 - iii. the proposed locations of all 765 kV transmission towers on each parcel;
 - iv. graphic lines depicting the boundaries of the proposed, expanded easement on each parcel;
 - v. the proposed height, in feet, of each proposed 765 kV transmission tower on each affected parcel; and
 - vi. to-scale renderings, with dimensions in feet, of all tower designs being considered for each parcel.
 - b. Digital-format, high-resolution, to-scale, satellite-imagery-based maps for potentially impacted land parcels in our jurisdiction WITHOUT existing transmission lines, portraying:
 - i. the proposed locations of all 765 kV transmission towers on each parcel;

- ii. graphic lines depicting the boundaries of the proposed easement on each parcel;
- iii. the proposed height, in feet, of each proposed 765 kV transmission tower on each affected parcel; and
- iv. to-scale renderings, with dimensions in feet, of all tower designs being considered for each parcel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to MGS Project Management, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, the Dane County Board of Supervisors, State Senator Melissa Ratcliff, and State Representative Andrew Hysell.

Passed and Adopted this 3rd Day of September, 2026 by the Town Board of the Town of York, Dane County Wisconsin:

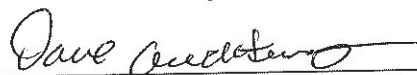
By: Dean Helwig, Board Chairman



By: Jamie Derr, Supervisor I



By: Dave Auchtung, Supervisor II



Attested By: Jessa Lane, Clerk/Treasurer

