

**CITY OF ELKHORN
RESOLUTION 2026-13**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING MIDCONTINENT GRID SOLUTIONS' PROPOSED
BECI 765-KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT IN ELKHORN AREA**

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2026, the City of Elkhorn received an “introduction and early coordination” email from Midcontinent Grid Solutions (MGS) notifying the City of a new 765-kilovolt transmission project (“Project”) in the Elkhorn area; and

WHEREAS, shortly thereafter the City contacted MGS requesting a map of where the proposed transmission line would be located; and

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2026, MGS responded to the City saying that a “specific route is not yet available;” and

WHEREAS, on or about August 19, 2026, the City received a mailing from MGS notifying the City of upcoming open houses about the Project scheduled from August 24 to August 27 in select counties in southern Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the mailing included a link to information about the Project that included detailed route information for the 190-mile Project stretching from Gays Mills, Wisconsin to the Elkhorn area and then connecting to the Illinois border; and

WHEREAS, the MGS mailing requested all public input by September 7, 2026—barely a month after the City was first notified about the project and less than a month after being told by MGS representatives that information regarding a specific route was not available; and

WHEREAS, the newly published route information, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, shows the 765 kV line coming into the Elkhorn area from the northwest along County Road H and connecting to a substation near Voss Road, located approximately 850 feet from City boundaries and 1,160 feet from a City residential neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief, this new transmission project may require constructing a new substation at or near the location identified on the map—the details and impact of which are unknown; and

WHEREAS, the newly published route information also shows the 765-kV line exiting the new substation and heading either west (labeled as option #50) or heading south (labeled as option #51) and southwest, crossing the City limits at tax key parcel number YU NW 00245; and

WHEREAS, MGS has provided the City and its residents with very little notice of this Project and limited information to provide comment by the September 7th requested deadline; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project would be the first of its kind in Wisconsin and would require constructing towers an average of 175 feet tall (up to 200 feet), which would be commensurate with the height of a 15- to 20-story building; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project is intended to serve regional transmission needs and would provide little or no direct benefit to the residents, business, or taxpayers of the City; and

WHEREAS, the construction and permanent presence of a 765-kilovolt transmission line and associated substation may result in measurable reductions in property values for City residents—particularly those on the west side of the City near Voss Road or Hazel Ridge Road—due to visual intrusion, limitations on land use within easements, loss of privacy and rural character, and perceived safety risks; and

WHEREAS, the reductions in assessed property values associated with the transmission corridor may lead to long-term loss of property tax revenue for the City and shift the tax burden to other City taxpayers, constraining the City's ability to fund essential services and infrastructure; and

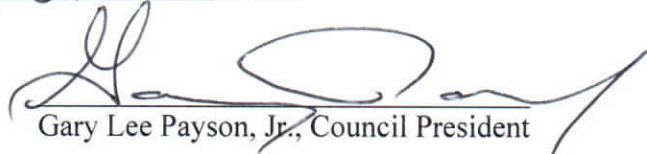
WHEREAS, the construction and permanent presence of a 765-kilovolt transmission line and associated substation will negatively impact the City's future growth opportunities, particularly west of the City's current boundaries; and

WHEREAS, to the extent this Project moves forward despite City opposition, it is in the best interests of the City for any transmission lines to remain outside City limits and for MGS to pursue the transmission line labeled as option #51 exiting the substation.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Elkhorn, Walworth County, Wisconsin:

1. The City opposes the construction of the BECI 765-kV transmission line Project proposed by Midcontinent Grid Solutions in the Elkhorn area.
2. The City opposes the construction of any portion of the BECI 765-kV transmission line Project within City limits.
3. If the Project moves forward despite the opposition of the City and other Wisconsin communities, the City prefers proposed route option #51, which would connect the Sugar Creek substation to the Illinois border using a route that would go directly west and not cross City limits.
4. The City expresses disappointment with the limited amount of notice and comment period provided by Midcontinent Grid Solutions about the Project.
5. City staff are directed to provide a copy of this resolution to MGS representatives, elected state and federal representatives, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, and any other regulatory agencies having jurisdiction over MGS' proposed Project.

DATED this 9th day of September, 2026.


Gary Lee Payson, Jr., Council President

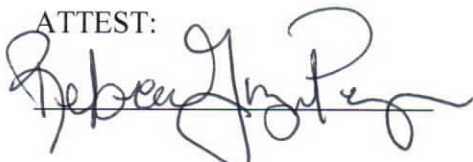
ATTEST:


EXHIBIT A
(MAP OF MGS' PROPOSED 765 kV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT IN ELKHORN AREA)

