

Town of Milford, Jefferson County, Wisconsin
Resolution 2026-09-03
Resolution Opposing the Proposed 76
5KV High-Voltage
Transmission Line Development

WHEREAS, Midcontinent Grid Solutions, LLC ("MGS"), a joint venture of Transource Energy and BHE Transmission, has been selected by the Midcontinent Independent System Operator to develop the Bell Center-Columbia-Sugar Creek-Illinois/Wisconsin State Line 765-kV Competitive Transmission Project ("BECI), and

WHEREAS, MGS has published a study area that includes Jefferson County with possible routes running through the Town of Milford; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is a regional backbone system intended to transport electricity to distant market providing zero local benefit to the residents of the Town of Milford while imposing 200-foot industrial towers upon our land, the effects of construction and maintenance, economic and health impacts and

WHEREAS, the proposed high-voltage transmission line would require extensive clearing, construction corridors and long-term maintenance that would disrupt agricultural lands and fragment wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Milford's agricultural economy depends on productive farmland and livestock operations that could be adversely affected by land fragmentation, easement restrictions, soil disruption, and concerns regarding electromagnetic field exposure to livestock and humans alike; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Milford's agricultural economy has many multi-generational families and extensive drainage systems that will be impacted or destroyed by construction thus adversely affecting crop and dairy production, family livelihoods, and ultimately water table safety; and

WHEREAS, the majority of land in the Town of Milford is involved in agriculture and the proposed project would use 13.75% of an acre of land through construction, easements and maintenance resulting in a substantial loss for crop, seed, dairy and food production; and

WHEREAS, the proposed transmission line would negatively affect the economy to tourism and campground operations due to degradation of landscape, noise level and reduced recreational enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, property owners face potential declines in land value and long-term uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, the proposed high-voltage transmission line can significantly degrade or disrupt signal performance of our county-wide emergency communications; disrupt or interfere signal performance of GPS enabled farm and other equipment and disrupt or interfere with transponders on dairy cattle; and

WHEREAS, scientific evidence indicates that such continuous industrial noise and electromagnetic interference disrupts the natural environment, and may adversely affect wildlife behavior and reproduction cycles; and

WHEREAS, residents, landowners and the electorate of the Town of Milford have expressed significant concern regarding the cumulative environmental, agricultural, economic, scenic, and property-related impacts associated with the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Milford Board has a responsibility to represent the interests, welfare, and expressed concerns of the Town of Milford electorate and to communicate those concerns to state regulatory authorities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Milford formally and unequivocally opposes the proposed high-voltage transmission line within the Town of Milford, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, 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 the environmental integrity, agricultural viability, economic stability, and cultural resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Milford respectfully requests that the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin give careful and deliberate consideration of the formal concerns of affected local governments and residents during its review of the proposed high-voltage transmission line;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be entered into the official records of the Town of Milford and transmitted to:

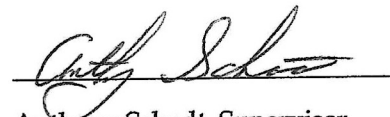
- The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
- Midcontinent Grid Solutions (MGS)
- Wisconsin Governor Anthony Evers
- Senator John Jagler
- Representative William Penterman
- U. S. Senator Ron Johnson
- U. S. Senator Tammy Baldwin
- U. S. House of Representative Scott Fitzgerald
- Jefferson County Supervisor Robert Preuss
- Jefferson County Supervisor Gary Skalitzyk
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- Any other state or regional agencies involved in the review of the project.

Adopted this 3 day of September, 2026.

The Town of Milford, Jefferson County, Wisconsin



Steve Kube, Chairman



Anthony Schadt, Supervisor



Duane Bennett, Supervisor

Attest: 

Karen Schadt, Clerk