

Resolution

TOWN OF MILTON RESOLUTION REGARDING CAPX2020 APPLICATION FOR A 345 kV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

WHEREAS, WPPI Energy, Dairyland Power Cooperative, Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin have applied for authority to construct and place in service 345 kV electric transmission lines and electric substation facilities for the Alma-La Crosse Project. The 346kV line would extend from the Wisconsin border in the Mississippi River west of Alma, Wisconsin, in Buffalo County, through Trempealeau County to a new 345/161 kV substation, known as the Briggs Road Substation, to be built on the southwest side of Holmen, Wisconsin, in La Crosse, County; and

WHEREAS, the CapX2020 Alma to North La Crosse phase includes a proposed route corridor Q1-Highway 35 along with WI-88 connector options A & B which extends through the Town of Milton;

WHEREAS, significant portions of the proposed Q1-Highway 35 route corridor with the 130 to 175 foot steel towers and high voltage power lines will cut across rivers, farms, forests and valleys, scenic bluffs and wildlife and waterfowl habitats, exceptional water resources, cultural and economic districts in the Town of Milton; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Milton is charged with protecting and enhancing the Town's public safety and assets, including the scenic beauty of the hills, coulees, wetlands and Mississippi backwaters, which would be adversely affected by the 130 to 175 foot steel towers and high voltage power lines proposed for the CapX2020 and Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse Project; and

WHEREAS, the use of electricity in Wisconsin and adjacent states has declined significantly since a 2006 peak and demand is projected to remain flat in the predictable future; and

WHEREAS, building a high voltage transmission line through the Town of Milton would require use of public rights of way and condemnation of private property for easements; and the centerline of this transmission line on its 150 foot right of way could be placed within 75 feet of a residence; and

WHEREAS, a new 345 kV transmission line will result in increased electricity costs for all ratepayers, loss of property value because of the dangers that high voltage power lines inherently carry, and create adverse effect on the Town of Milton's tourism and general economy; and

WHEREAS, it is the township's belief that there are other ways of meeting any electrical need claimed by applicants that should be considered and implemented first, including efficiencies, demand and supply side management, locally produced and distributed renewable energy, and energy-related economic development, before high voltage transmission is considered; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that

1. In general, the Town of Milton is non-supportive of the need for the CapX2020 Alma LaCrosse-Project based on the following concerns:
 - (a) Apparent declining demand for electrical energy.
 - (b) Environmental impact of the massive towers and lines.
 - (c) Potential increased rates.
 - (d) Decreased home values and tourism.
 - (e) Potential increased health risks (EMF, etc.)

2. The Town of Milton insists that the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin implement and enforce Wis. Stat. Secs. 1.12 and 196.025 that require the Commission to give priority to specific methods of meeting energy demands to the extent those methods are "cost-effective and technically feasible and to consider options based upon the following priorities, in the order listed, for all energy-related decisions:
 - (a) Energy conservation and efficiency
 - (b) Noncombustible renewable energy resources.
 - (c) Combustible renewable energy resources.
 - (d) Nonrenewable combustible energy resources, in the order listed:
 1. Natural gas
 2. Oil or coal with a sulphur content of less than 1%.
 3. All other carbon-based fuels.


3. The Town of Milton insists that the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin implement and enforce Wis. Stat. Sec. 1.12(6) which directs the Commission to consider corridor sharing opportunities when reviewing transmission facility projects and to, when feasible, utilize corridors in the following order of priority:
 - (a) Existing corridors;
 - (b) Highway and railroad corridors
 - (c) Recreational trails, to the extent that the facilities may be constructed below ground and that the facilities do not significantly impact environmentally sensitive areas; and
 - (d) New corridors

4. The Town of Milton specifically opposes the Alma to North La Crosse proposed corridor identified as Q1-Highway 35 believing that the proposed corridor identified as Arcadia (From Alma eastward along an existing 69 kV transmission line corridor to northeast of Arcadia) presents an alternative with less environmental impact.

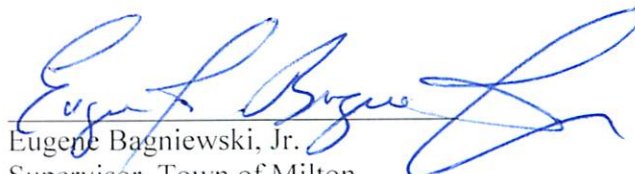
The Town of Milton Clerk is authorized to forward this resolution to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, Docket #5-CE-136 and to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Milton hereby approves the resolution ADOPTED this 21st day of December, 2011.

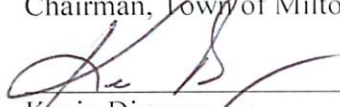
Signed:



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ATTEST:



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Town Clerk, Town of Milton