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**AUTHORIZING A LEASE WITH MADISON GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
FOR LAND ON WHICH TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A SOLAR ARRAY
-Dane County Regional Airport-**

Dane County and Madison Gas and Electric Company (“MG&E”) have negotiated a lease (the “Lease”) involving 67.71 acres of vacant land on the northern boundary of the Dane County Regional Airport. MG&E proposes to construct and operate a solar photovoltaic array for the generation of electrical power, and to enter into an associated Service Agreement with Dane County under which green electric power will be provided to the Airport and other County departments. Because MG&E is a public utility company, the Service Agreement must be approved by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. Additionally, due to the location of the leasehold on federally obligated Airport lands, the Lease is subject to approval by the Federal Aviation Administration. The Lease is contingent upon receipt of both of the foregoing approvals, and will not be fully effective until the approvals are granted.

The Lease has an initial term of 30 years, and MG&E has an option to extend the term for an additional five years. During the initial 12 months of the Lease term, the annual rent for the solar array parcel \$13,542 (\$200 per acre), and is thereafter subject to annual increases based on the Consumer Price Index.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Executive and the Dane County Clerk are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the County of Dane a Lease with MG&E leasing land for the operation of a solar voltaic array, as set forth above. Additionally, the Airport Director is authorized to execute on behalf of Dane County documents or addendums that, pursuant to Federal Aviation Administration or Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics requirements, are necessary to implement the Lease.