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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CORPORATION COUNSEL TO INTERVENE IN THE CARDINAL-HICKORY HIGH-VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINE PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

American Transmission LLC, by its corporate manager, ATC Management Inc., (collectively ATC), ITC Midwest LLC (ITC Midwest), and Dairyland Power Cooperative (Dairyland) have submitted an application with the Public Service Commission (PSC) (docket number 05-CE-146) to construct a new 345 kilovolt transmission power line from the Cardinal Substation in Dane County, Wisconsin, to the Hickory Creek Substation in Dubuque County, Iowa, and connecting to a new intermediate substation to be constructed in Grant County, Wisconsin.

Otherwise known as the “Cardinal-Hickory Transmission Line”, the high-voltage power line’s proposed path will traverse through a portion of Dane County, and may create a number of potential impacts to Dane County’s farmlands and parks. The County’s objections to ATC’s unneeded line include the negative impacts it would have on the County’s residents and economic development, as well as to its farms, parks, businesses, visual appearance and environmentally sensitive wetlands, woods, and other natural areas. The County also objects to the fact that the line will place a far greater financial burden on the County’s resident ratepayers than any projected minimal benefit they might possibly ever receive. In order to ensure that the PSC is aware of the significance of these impacts, the County must participate in the Cardinal-Hickory Transmission Line Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) hearing before the Commission.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Corporation Counsel to intervene in the CPCN hearing regarding the Cardinal-Hickory High Voltage Transmission Line, and to litigate the matter in order to advocate for Dane County’s interests.