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**AUTHORIZING RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS (RNG) ACCESS AGREEMENT AND
GROUND AND EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT TO DEMETER AG-GRID, LLC**

Dane County owns the land and some of the equipment at the anaerobic digester located in the Town of Vienna with a street address of 6307 Cuba Valley Road, Dane, WI 53529 (“Digester”). The purpose of County ownership is to impose phosphorus removal requirements on manure processed at the Digester in order to improve water quality in the Yahara Watershed. The Digester was established in 2010 and the project was structured to be a privately-run facility with public oversight established through a ground and equipment lease to the Digester owner-operator.

The current ground and equipment lease with BME Dane Holdings, LLC has expired. BME Dane Holdings, LLC is in the process of selling its owned assets at the Digester to Demeter Ag-Grid, LLC with a tentative closing date of June 30th, 2026.

The Department of Waste & Renewables also has a Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) Access Agreement with BME Dane Holdings, LLC. The Agreement allows for RNG produced at the Digester to be transported to the County’s interconnection station at the landfill for injection.

BME Dane Holdings, LLC and Demeter Ag-Grid, LLC have been working with both the Department of Waste & Renewables and the Department of Land & Water Resources on a new RNG Access Agreement and new Ground and Equipment Lease to ensure that any ownership changes are recognized and because the current agreements have expired.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Dane County Executive and Dane County Clerk to execute, on behalf of Dane County, a Renewable Natural Gas Access Agreement and 15-year Ground and Equipment Lease with Demeter Ag-Grid, LLC and or BME Dane Holdings, LLC as appropriate.