



June 14, 2019

Minnesota Department of Commerce
Attn: Suzanne Steinhauer
85 7th Place East, Suite 500
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: Dodge County Wind Project (Docket No. 17-308)

Ms. Steinhauer,

My name is Joshua M. Tetzlaff and I am the City Administrator for the City of Dodge Center. I am writing to you on behalf of the City Council of the City of Dodge Center. About one month ago, residents of Dodge Center became aware of a potential transmission line that, if built, would cross through Dodge Center along existing energy corridors, likely boosting the amount of voltage those corridors currently contain. As such, many residents became concerned for the potential health effects of living near that much voltage.

If route C were chosen, this route would pass within 200' of over fifty existing in Dodge Center along with many other lots that have yet to be developed. If route D were chosen, this route would pass within 200' of over thirty homes in Dodge Center. Both of these routes would be close enough to residential homes that health concerns and property value concerns become a real issue.

At a City Council meeting earlier this week, the City Council of the City of Dodge Center voted unanimously to pass a resolution supporting routes A and B, with a preference for B due to its distance from the Dodge Center airport runway. Also within this resolution, the City Council voted unanimously to express opposition to routes C and D due to their proximity to homes. I have attached that resolution for your reading.

Moving forward, City Councilmembers and myself plan on attending all public hearings to voice our opposition to routes C and D and to express the concerns of the Dodge Center citizenry. I hope when considering routes C and D, the Commission takes into account the number of people that would be displaced by these routes and they consider routes A or B as a better alternative.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Joshua M. Tetzlaff, AICP
City Administrator – City of Dodge Center

att: Resolution 2019-15B

Joshua M. Tetzlaff
City Administrator

Bill Ketchum
Mayor

**CITY OF DODGE CENTER
COUNTY OF DODGE
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-015B

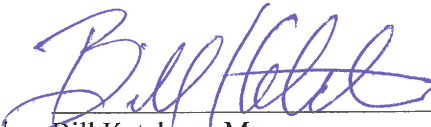
**SUPPORT FOR THE DODGE COUNTY WIND FARM
TRANSMISSION LINE ROUTES A AND B, WITH ROUTE B
BEING THE PREFERRED ROUTE, AND OPPOSITION TO ROUTES C AND D**

- WHEREAS, Dodge County Wind Farm, LLC, has submitted an application for transmission lines within Dodge County; and
- WHEREAS, following a request by the Public Utilities Commission, four alternate routes have been proposed for the project, two of which travel mostly south of US-14 and two of which travel mostly north of US-14; and
- WHEREAS, alternative routes A and B travel mostly south of US Highway 14, avoiding the City of Dodge Center and the City of Kasson, with route B traveling the furthest south; and
- WHEREAS, alternative routes C and D travel mostly north of US Highway 14, including through parts of the Dodge Center and parts of the Kasson; and
- WHEREAS, the residents of Dodge Center would be most impacted by routes C and D; and
- WHEREAS, route A may have impacts to the Dodge Center Municipal Airport due to proximity to the runway; and

THEREFORE, BE IT IS RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF DODGE CENTER, MINNESOTA THAT:

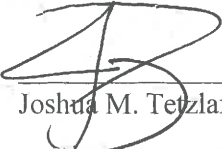
1. The City of Dodge Center supports building the transmission line along routes A or B, with a preference being along route B due to proximity to the Dodge Center Airport.
2. The City of Dodge Center opposes building the transmission line along routes C or D, due to the line being located in direct proximity to residents, businesses, and City property.

Adopted by the Council this 10th day of June, 2019.



Bill Ketchum, Mayor

ATTEST:



Joshua M. Tezloff, City Administrator