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Good Evening,

Please find attached City of Hadley Resolution 26-002 and related letter opposing the proposed PowerOn Midwest 765kV Electric Transmission Line Routes through Hadley, which was adopted during the city council meeting held on October 12, 2026. This pertains to Docket #25-117 and has also been submitted via the MN PUC comment form.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Riley Engbarth, Clerk/Treasurer

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__Hadley_____ City Council
__Murray_____ County, Minnesota

Date____10/12/2026____

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RE: PowerOn Midwest 765kv Transmission Routing in ___Hadley___, Minnesota

To the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) and PowerOn Midwest Project Leadership,

The ___Hadley___City Council, acting on behalf of our residents officially issue this letter of formal opposition to the routing and construction of the proposed transmission lines in ____Murray____ County. On __October 12th__, 2026, the Board passed a resolution opposing this project as 765kv transmission lines and the massive supporting infrastructure will severely degrade our area in numerous ways.

Agriculture & Livestock: Our community consists of vital, productive, agricultural land. The placement of towers will fragment working farms, disrupt modern heavy-equipment navigation, compact soils, and impede drainage systems. The large structures and ultra-high voltage transmission lines create giant physical obstacles to manure dragline operators and aerial applicators, where electromagnetic fields can cause GPS and flow-control system malfunctions, which compromises application accuracy. Furthermore, the electromagnetic fields and stray voltage associated with extra high-voltage lines are known to pose dangerous health and behavioral risks to livestock. Falling ice from ultra-high voltage suspended power lines and tower structures can inflict deep bruising, fractures, or fatal trauma on livestock directly underneath. Additional concerns include the dangers to humans and livestock from step and touch voltage caused by ground potential gradient in the event of conductor, hardware, or tower structure failure.

Water Flow & Drainage: The construction of massive tower foundation and access roads across the township threatens to alter natural water flow, cause severe soil erosion, and disrupt established agricultural drainage and tiling systems.

Interference with Radio and GPS Communication: The intense electromagnetic fields (EMF) generated by a 765kv transmission line are documented to cause electromagnetic interference. This will disrupt critical farm equipment that relies on radio frequencies, including two-way radios used by farm crews, emergency services, and modern precision agriculture systems that depend on clear GPS signals for planting and harvesting.

Streams, Wetlands, Wildlife, Birds, Pollinator Habitat, Scenic Viewsheds, and Recreation: Installing a 765kv transmission line permanently alters the local landscape. Massive towers and 250 foot right-of-way cause habitat fragmentation, waterway sedimentation, reduced viewshed quality, and impose potential EMF-related limitations on recreational use. Additionally, intense Electromagnetic Fields (EMF) and wide right-of-way can alter habitat and navigational cues of wildlife, negatively impacting wildlife including, but not limited to, Ring-necked Pheasant, Monarch Butterfly, Topeka Shiner Minnow, and Blanding's Turtle within the area. An industrial transmission corridor will also cause massive view disruption, blight the landscape, and ruin the recreational experience for residents and visitors.

Homes, Churches, Daycares, Parks, and Places of Business: Proximity to these lines during construction and ongoing maintenance activities negatively impact our property owner's rights to privacy, creates potential safety hazards, and places an undue burden on community institutions such as our local churches, parks, daycares, and small businesses.

Noise & Vibrations: Extra-high-voltage lines are known to generate consistent, disruptive, audible noise (such as buzzing and humming) and corona discharge, particularly in damp weather, which will destroy the rural benefits and quiet atmosphere that our residents currently enjoy.

Property Values: The sheer scale and number of structures (5 towers per mile) will fundamentally alter the rural character of our township. The visual and audio disruption, as well as the potential for health risks, will lead to a substantial and permanent decline in property values for homes, working farms, and places of business.

Given these irreversible and severe negative impacts, the ___Hadley___ City Council urges PowerOn Midwest to halt current planning in our area and remove ___Hadley___ from all proposed maps.

The attached resolution of our community's concerns will be fully documented and addressed in the public records.

Sincerely,

Riley G Engbrecht

Clerk/Treasurer
City Council
___Hadley___, Minnesota

RESOLUTION NO. 26- _002_

CITY OF HADLEY, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED POWERON MIDWEST 765kV ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE ROUTES THROUGH HADLEY

At a meeting of the City of _____Hadley_____, in_____Murray_____ County, Minnesota, held on the _12th_ day of _____October_____, 2026.

The following resolution was offered by __Henry Veldhuisen__ and supported by __John Brouwer__, with all voting members present in favor.

WHEREAS, PowerOn Midwest has identified the following routes through ___Murray___ County, Minnesota to construct a 765kV electric transmission line requiring a 250-foot-wide right-of-way and structure with heights ranging from 150-175 feet and width from 135-145 feet; and

WHEREAS, PowerOn Midwest is hosting a series of twelve routing open house meetings throughout southwest and southern Minnesota in 2026 to receive input from individuals and organizations impacted by the proposed transmission line routes and has been provided mechanisms to receive written feedback; and

WHEREAS, preliminary routing options for this project significantly impact the natural and residential landscape of ___Hadley___, including sensitive ecological areas and established neighborhoods including churches, schools, daycares, parks, and places of business; and

WHEREAS, the construction and maintenance of such lines would require heavy excavation of agricultural land resulting in damage to property, altering both overland and underground water flow, and impact farming and livestock operations and safety; and

WHEREAS, the imposition of industrial-sale infrastructure in proximity to residential properties is expected to diminish aesthetic character, cause long-term negative audio and visual effects, and have a negative financial impact on property values in ___Hadley___.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF_____HADLEY_____ OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, that the City Council of ___Hadley___ formally opposes the proposed PowerOn Midwest 765kV transmission line as currently routed through ___Murray___ County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ____Hadley City Council____ urges PowerOn Midwest and the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to prioritize alternative routes that avoid residential areas, public parks, and sensitive environmental preserves to minimize negative impacts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be transmitted to PowerOn Midwest and the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, long with an attached letter detailing the impacts outlined in this resolution.

ADOPTED: YEAS: ___X_____

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NAYS: _____

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STATE OF MINNESOTA)

COUNTY OF ___MURRAY___)

I, the undersigned, the duty qualified and acting Clerk/Treasurer of ___Hadley____ of ___Murray___ County, Minnesota, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adapted at a regular meeting of the City Council on the __12th__ day of __October__2026

_____Riley Engbarth_____

(Printed Name):
City Clerk/Treasurer

_____Riley G Engbarth_____

(Signature):
City Clerk/Treasurer