COUNTY OF FARIBAULT

BLUE EARTH, MINNESOTA

R E S O L U T I O N

A RESOLUTION OF THE FARIBAULT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECLARING ITS OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED POWERON MIDWEST 765 KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT AND AFFIRMING ITS SUPPORT FOR THE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF AFFECTED CITIZENS AND LANDOWNERS WITHIN FARIBAULT COUNTY, MINNESOTA

WHEREAS, Faribault County recognizes the importance of reliable energy infrastructure but also affirms the need to protect local interests, private property rights, and the long-term viability of agriculture, which is central to the county's economy and identity; and

WHEREAS, residents, farmers, and landowners of Faribault County have expressed significant concerns regarding the proposed PowerOn Midwest 765kV electric transmission line, including but not limited to impacts on private property rights, agricultural productivity, drainage systems, aerial spraying, livestock operations, and long-term land use; and

WHEREAS, landowners have raised concerns about eminent domain, compensation fairness, and the long-term burden of easements that may permanently restrict land use and reduce property value; and

WHEREAS, the proposed route may affect productive farmland, public and private tile lines, and local infrastructure, creating economic and operational challenges for agricultural producers; and

WHEREAS, Faribault County residents, landowners, and agricultural producers have expressed significant concerns including but not limited to:

1. Potential human health impacts.
2. Potential contamination of Faribault County's water table.
3. EMF exposure.
4. Audible noise and corona effects.
5. Stray voltage.
6. Agricultural land fragmentation and loss of productivity.
7. Potential loss of homes and farms (Faribault County has 364 registered Century Farms)
8. Property value depreciation.
9. Visual and aesthetic impacts to the landscape.
10. Wildlife and livestock impacts.
11. Tourism impacts.
12. Eminent domain concerns.
13. Road damage and construction impacts.
14. Adequacy of public engagement and transparency.
15. Whether the Project delivers demonstrable, direct benefit to Faribault County residents.

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WHEREAS, the proposed PowerOn Midwest 765kV transmission line project would introduce the largest alternating current transmission voltage presently operating in the United States (765kV) into Faribault County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faribault County Board of Commissioners formally oppose the proposed PowerOn Midwest 765kV transmission line project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Faribault County Board of Commissioners formally affirms its support of the rights and interests of affected citizens and landowners regarding the proposed PowerOn Midwest 765kV transmission line; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County urges state and federal regulators, including the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to ensure that:

- Meaningful public engagement occurs before any routing decisions are made
- Alternative routes and non-transmission alternatives are fully evaluated
- Agricultural impacts are minimized and fully mitigated
- Property rights protections are upheld
- Compensation standards are fair, transparent, and reflect long-term burdens
- Environmental and safety reviews are comprehensive and science based

Adopted this 3rd day of November 2026.

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Bruce Anderson, Chair Brian Hov, Clerk to the Board