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State of Minnesota)

Resolution No. 26-016
SUPPORTING CITIZENS AND LANDOWNERS CONCERNS REGARDING THE PROPOSED POWERON MIDWEST 765 KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT IN JACKSON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

WHEREAS, Jackson County recognizes the importance of reliable energy infrastructure and 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 Jackson County have expressed significant concerns regarding the proposed PowerOn Midwest 765 kV 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, county drainage systems, tile lines, and local infrastructure, creating economic and operational challenges for agricultural producers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Jackson County Board of Commissioners formally support the concerns raised by citizens and landowners regarding the proposed PowerOn Midwest 765 kV 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

Duly passed and adopted this 6th day of October, 2026.

Jackson County Board of Commissioners'
Chair

ATTEST:
Ryan Krosch, County Administrator