LISMORE TOWNSHIP
Nobles County, MN

November 4th, 2026

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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RE: PowerOn Midwest 765 kV Transmission Project -
MN PUC Docket No. E002, ET6675/CN-25-117

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commissioners:

Katie Sieben (Chair)
Hwikwon Ham
Audrey C. Partridge
Joseph K. Sullivan
John A. Tuma

On Nov. 4th, 2026, the Lismore Township Board of Nobles County, Minnesota, formally adopted a resolution declaring opposition to the proposed PowerOn Midwest 765 kV Electric Transmission Line and routes through Lismore Township.

The Township Board has significant concerns regarding the proposed routing and its potential impacts to local residents, agricultural land, property values, the rural landscape, and other community resources. The Board respectfully requests that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission consider the enclosed resolution as part of the official record for Docket No. 25-117 and give full consideration to existing utility corridors and other reasonable solutions that would reduce impacts to Lismore Township and its residents.

Please accept the enclosed signed resolution on behalf of Lismore Township and include it in the official project record.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeff Lynn

Jeff Lynn
Township Supervisor
Lismore Township
Nobles County, Minnesota

Enclosure: Resolution Opposing the Proposed PowerOn Midwest 765 kV Electric Transmission Line and its Route Through Lismore Township

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-11-04
A RESOLUTION OF THE LISMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OPPOSING THE PROPOSED POWERON MIDWEST 765 KV TRANSMISSION PROJECT WITHIN LISMORE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Lismore Township Board of Supervisors is elected to represent and protect the interests, property rights, safety, and general welfare of the residents and landowners of Lismore Township, Nobles County, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Northern State Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, and ITC Midwest LLC have partnered to construct, own and maintain the proposed PowerOn Midwest South Dakota Border to Lakefield Junction 765 kV High Voltage Transmission Line Project (LRTP 22) as approved by Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) as a part of their 2024 Tranche 2.1 portfolio of projects;

WHEREAS, Lismore Township is a rural, agricultural community whose residents and landowners depend upon productive farmland, responsible land stewardship, and the preservation of private property rights for their livelihoods and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board along with residents and landowners in Lismore Township have expressed significant concerns about the proposed transmission line near their homes and properties, including but not limited to:

Known and unknown health hazards to children and adults
Negative impacts on residential and agricultural property values
Restriction or permanent loss of agricultural land and productivity
Use of eminent domain and/or infringement upon private property rights
Stray voltage
EMF (electromagnetic frequency) exposure
Pacemaker interference
Audible noise and vibration
Corona discharge
Compaction of soil
Upsetting wetlands
Water flow, tile and drainage issues
Soil erosion
Interference with ground water and water tables
Possible well water contamination
Radio and GPS communication interference
Aerial spraying issues
Impediment to agricultural implement pathways
Aesthetically altering the landscape
Health and behavioral changes in livestock
Fragmenting wildlife and pollinator habitat
Ongoing maintenance to towers involving crop loss
Potential damage to Township roads and drainage infrastructure

Limited setbacks
Transparency with easement agreements and compensation directives
Utility cost allocation and rate increases
Direct benefit to residents remains unclear

WHEREAS, the Township Board recognizes the importance of reliable electrical infrastructure and responsible energy development but believes that such development should not disproportionately burden rural townships, agricultural producers, and private landowners; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board believes that affected residents, landowners, and local units of government should have a meaningful voice in decisions that may permanently impact their property, livelihoods, and communities; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board further believes that alternative routes, existing utility corridors and other reasonable solutions should be thoroughly evaluated before any transmission line is permitted to cross Lismore Township in Nobles County, MN;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lismore Township Board of Supervisors hereby formally declare its **opposition to the proposed PowerOn Midwest 765 kV High Voltage Transmission Line Project being routed through Lismore Township, Nobles County, Minnesota**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Board urges the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and project developers to fully investigate alternative routes and infrastructure solutions that avoid Lismore Township and minimize impacts on agricultural land, private property and rural communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Lismore Township strongly supports the protection of private property rights and opposes the unnecessary use of eminent domain for the acquisition of agricultural and residential property associated with this project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should any portion of the project to be considered within Lismore Township, the Township Board requests direct consultation with township officials and affected landowners, a thorough assessment of local impacts, and enforceable protections for township roads, drainage infrastructure, and agricultural operations.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Lismore Township Board of Supervisors directs the Township Clerk to submit a copy of this resolution to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for inclusion in Docket No. CN-25-117 and to forward copies to the Nobles County Board of Commissioners, project representatives, and appropriate state officials.

ADOPTION

Adopted by the Lismore Township Board of Supervisors at a duly held meeting on the 4th day of November, 2026.

IN FAVOR: Jeff Lynn
Mark Lynn
Joe Duff
Steve Kruse
Jay Bell

Opposed: _____

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ATTEST:

Jeff Lynn

Jeff Lynn
Township Clerk

Date: 11-4-26

CERTIFICATION

I, Brandon Diekmann hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Lismore Township Board of Supervisors on the date stated above.

BM Dm

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Date: 11/4/26

BRANDON DIEKMANN
NOTARY PUBLIC
MINNESOTA
My Commission Expires Jan. 31, 2031