

Resolution No: 4-0517

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED
CARDINAL-HICKORY CREEK TRANSMISSION LINE**

WHEREAS, the American Transmission Company, ITC Transmission, and Dairyland Power Cooperative have proposed the construction of a huge new 125-mile 345 kV high-voltage transmission line from Dubuque County, Iowa, to Middleton, Wisconsin, called the Cardinal-Hickory Creek transmission line; and

WHEREAS, the proposed corridors for the Cardinal-Hickory Creek transmission line and towers would cut across the Driftless Area, a unique eco-region and special scenic landscape with rolling hills and deep river valleys nestled in woodland, farmland, prairie, and riparian habitats; and

WHEREAS, the proposed corridors for the transmission line would run through or near many natural, recreational/tourism and cultural resources, including the Dodgeville and Wyoming Oak Woodlands/Savanna Conservation Opportunity Area, Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Governor Dodge State Park, Military Ridge State Trail, Military Ridge Prairie Heritage Area, Pecatonica State Trail, the Ice Age National Scenic Trail and the proposed Driftless Area Trail; and

WHEREAS, many tourists to the area visit in large part due to the beautiful natural setting of the Driftless Area and extensive opportunities for outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Cardinal-Hickory Creek transmission line would have significant negative aesthetic impacts on the surrounding region and would negatively impact businesses, tourism, property values, and property tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, electrical demands of central and southwest Wisconsin can be met by local resources, such as energy efficiency, wind power, solar power, demand response, battery storage, and emerging technologies;

WHEREAS, there has been no demonstrated need for the proposed Cardinal-Hickory Creek transmission line in order to provide electricity to meet electricity use and demand in central and southwest Wisconsin; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa County Board of Supervisors is OPPOSED to the construction and operation of the proposed Cardinal-Hickory Creek transmission line.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa County Board of Supervisors calls upon the Wisconsin Public Service Commission, Governor Walker, and the Wisconsin Legislature to oppose the construction and operation of the proposed Cardinal-Hickory Creek transmission line and not grant any permits, certificates or other approvals needed for the proposed transmission line.

Respectfully submitted by the Iowa County Planning & Zoning Committee by action taken on April 27, 2017.