

OPPOSE CARDINAL-HICKORY CREEK TRANSMISSION LINE THROUGH DRIFTLESS AREA OF WISCONSIN

We, the undersigned, **OPPOSE** construction of the controversial 125-mile-long Cardinal-Hickory Creek Transmission Line Project through the Driftless Area of southwest Wisconsin. With electricity demand flat or declining, and the Chairwoman of our Public Service Commission confirming that Wisconsin has an excess of generation, this is a power line Wisconsin does not need and should not approve.

Wisconsin utility customers would be burdened with paying for its \$500-\$700 million cost in a state that presently has the highest electricity rates in the Midwest, while investors in the for-profit transmission line companies would receive 10.2% guaranteed annual rate of return.

By permanently marring the beauty of our unique Driftless Area, these massive 17-story-high towers and 345 kilovolt power lines would weaken tourism and small businesses, and thereby cripple our local economy. They would create obstacles to farming resulting in reduced productivity, and they would jeopardize organic operations. Real estate values would drop significantly and property would become difficult to sell. The proposed lines would rip through or alongside state parks, magnificent natural areas, our numerous trout streams, conservation areas, and habitat for many species at risk of extinction.

We urge the WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION to DENY APPROVAL of this unneeded and harmful project.

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