

## Community letter in support of Town of Arena Board request for answers about high voltage transmission line

We support the Town of Arena Board's decision to request a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis, including non-transmission alternatives, in response to American Transmission Company's (ATC) proposal to build a high voltage transmission line through the heart of Arena Township. We ask our state representative, state senator, and other elected officials to seek the Public Service Commission's cooperation in answering our concerns about ATC's project. As consumers and ratepayers, we ask for proof of the need for this proposed, high capacity transmission line.

The Arena Town Board unanimously approved resolutions in January 2015, and May 2016, asking the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) to analyze the potential impact a proposed 345 kV Cardinal-Hickory Creek transmission line would have on township residents, farms, cattle, woodlands, economy, environment, and electricity bills.

As citizens and ratepayers, we support the town board action, and similar resolutions approved by dozens of neighboring municipalities in Southwestern Wisconsin. We ask the PSC to explain why this costly project is needed since energy growth is declining and alternative energy sources are available.

We question the need for high voltage towers reaching 170 feet in height or more, four times taller than a barn. We are concerned because ATC's proposed corridor is one mile wide through farmlands, residences, and wetlands. The corridor crosses Mill Creek, town and county roads, and forestland, and would affect crops and numerous varieties of animal life including livestock. We are also concerned that the health, economy, and quality of life of future generations would be burdened with debt from the unneeded transmission towers spanning our beautiful Iowa County township landscape. We support the Town of Arena Board effort to protect our township and its citizens from construction of a high voltage transmission line by ATC, ITC and the Dairyland Power Cooperative now and in the future.

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