Resolution No. 2026-12
State of Wisconsin
County of Washington
Town of Farmington

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING NEW HIGH-VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINES ALONG THE SOUTHWEST ROUTE AND URGING SELECTION OF THE SOUTHEAST ROUTE

WHEREAS, the Town of Farmington ("Town") and its residents are aware of a data center being constructed in the City of Port Washington ("Data Center") by Vantage Data Centers ("Vantage") for the use of Oracle Corporation ("Oracle") and OpenAI ("OpenAI"); and

WHEREAS, the American Transmission Company LLC ("ATC") has filed with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin ("PSCW") an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (the "Application") in order to construct one or more new substations and extra high-voltage transmission lines to serve the electric power consumption of the Data Center, which has been designated as Docket 137-CE-229; and

WHEREAS, ATC, pursuant to its pending Application, has proposed to the PSCW two route options for the high-voltage transmission lines, referred to in the Application as the "Southwest Route", which would cross "greenfield" areas of the Town, and the "Southeast Route", for consideration by the PSCW, and ATC has designated the Southeast Route as its preferred option; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the high-voltage transmission lines is not for the common good of the State of Wisconsin and its residents, or the residents of Ozaukee or Washington Counties, or the Town of Farmington or other impacted local communities, but rather is driven substantially by the needs of the private for-profit entity Data Center being operated for the benefit of Oracle and OpenAI; and

WHEREAS, the routing of the high-voltage transmission lines along the Southwest Route would disrupt valuable and precious rural and residential areas of the Town, including areas that host environmental and cultural heritage significance, and is not in the best interests of the Town and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Route would traverse and destroy "greenfield" areas of the Town, whereas the Southeast Route largely follows existing utility corridors, consistent with Wisconsin's statutory law, and is therefore far less destructive;

WHEREAS, the Town territory that would be disrupted by the high-voltage transmission lines along the South West Route includes substantial valuable assets that benefit the residents and others, including pristine natural environments consisting of woodlands and forests, prairies, meadows, wetlands, and areas that support and provide habitat for important wildlife, including legally protected and endangered species of birds, mammals, freshwater life, insects, and vibrant and important rural areas that support farming, agricultural, and other similar operations, which provide a healthy and highly valued living environment for the residents of the Town as well as visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Route for the high-voltage transmission lines will disrupt and, in some cases, destroy residential homesteads, farms, and small businesses, as well as viewsheds, that are important to the local communities; and

WHEREAS, failure to use existing utility corridors and/or ATC rights-of-way along the Southeast Route in favor of the newly constructed high-voltage transmission lines along the Southwest Route will negatively affect the pristine nature of the Town in a material way and disrupt and destroy valuable environmental, cultural, and historical assets of the Town and its residents, all to the severe detriment of, and causing damage to, the residents of the Town and the public at large; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Farmington and other local impacted communities are unified in their opposition to the construction of the new high-voltage power lines along the Southwest Route and favor use of the Southeast Route;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON that the Town Board expresses, in the strongest possible terms, its deep opposition and objection to the proposed new construction of the high-voltage transmission lines along the Southwest Route, and that the Town's strong preference, recommendation, and urging is that the new high-voltage transmission lines be constructed within the existing utility corridors along the Southeast Route.

In furtherance of the foregoing, the Town Clerk is directed to send copies of this Resolution to ATC, to PSCW, to Vantage, to Oracle, to OpenAI, to the Washington County Board of Supervisors, to the State Representatives and State Senators, and to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin (and the leading candidates for such office, who shall be up for election in the coming months).

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Introduced by: Doug Neumann

Vote: 3 Ayes 3 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstained

Adopted this 10th day of November 2026.

By the Town Board:

Doug Neumann, Chairman

Mike Rodenkirch, Supervisor

Bill Kohlwey, Supervisor

Attested by:

Patty Hoerig, Town Clerk