

# thank you.

## Residents of southwestern Wisconsin and the Driftless Area,

As operators of the electric grid, we help keep the lights on. All day, every day. That's our job.

It's also our job to plan for the future — a future that includes more renewable energy. With the recent retirement of four regional coal power plants and the addition of several wind and solar farms in Wisconsin and neighboring states, the regional resource mix is becoming cleaner, and we have an obligation to connect these new resources to the grid.

In recent years, several Wisconsin utilities and governmental entities have set renewable energy goals. The proposed Cardinal-Hickory Creek Transmission Line Project would provide a pathway to achieve these goals, allowing up to 30 gigawatts of clean, cost-effective renewable energy to be efficiently moved into the region.

Since utilities rely on each other to cost-effectively and reliably serve their customers, the transmission system is planned and operated on a regional basis. Our regional transmission operator (MISO) identified Cardinal-Hickory Creek as one of 17 projects across the Midwest that would provide substantial economic benefits and greater access to renewable energy resources.

We appreciate the constructive public input that has helped develop the proposed routes for the Cardinal-Hickory Creek transmission line.

**With your input, 95 percent of our preferred route for the proposed line minimizes impacts by following existing utility and highway corridors.**

We share your desire for clean, renewable energy that's also cost-effective, and we thank you for taking part in this process.

Sincerely,

Applicants of the Cardinal-Hickory Creek Transmission Line Project



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