

**TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF TRENTON
WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

RESOLUTION 2025.11.03

**OPPOSING NEW HIGH-VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINES ALONG THE PREFERRED/PREFERRED
CONTINGENT ROUTES AND URGING SELECTION OF THE ALTERNATE ROUTE**

WHEREAS, the Town of Trenton ("Town") and its residents are aware of a data center proposed to be constructed in the City of Port Washington ("Data Center") by Vantage Data Centers ("Vantage") for the use of Oracle Corporation ("Oracle") and Open AI ("Open AI"); 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 high-voltage transmission lines to serve the electric power consumption of the Data Center; and

WHEREAS, ATC has, pursuant to its application, recommended to the PSCW routes of the high-voltage transmission lines, referred to in the Application as the "Preferred Route" and the "Preferred Contingent Route", which may cross the Town, along with an "Alternate Route" for consideration by the PSCW; 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 Towns of Fredonia, Farmington, Saukville, or Trenton, but rather is driven substantially by the needs of the private entity Data Center; and

WHEREAS, the routing of the high-voltage transmission lines along the Preferred Route and/or the Preferred Contingent Route would disrupt valuable and precious rural and residential areas of the Town and is not in the best interests of the Town and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town territory that would be disrupted by the high-voltage transmission lines along the Preferred Route and/or the Preferred Contingent Route includes substantial valuable assets that benefit the residents and others, including pristine natural environments consisting of woodlands and forests, prairies, meadows, wetlands, and so on; areas that support and provide habitat for important wildlife, including legally protected species of birds, mammals, freshwater life, insects, and so on; important sites previously inhabited by Native American Indians, which include effigy mounds, sacred vistas, and other cultural assets of these indigenous peoples; 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 Preferred Route and the Preferred Contingent Routes for the high-voltage transmission lines place such lines in environmentally, culturally, and historically sensitive areas within the Town and these areas represent valuable assets of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Preferred Route and the Preferred Contingent Routes 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 ATC rights-of-way along the Alternate Route in favor of the newly constructed high-voltage transmission lines along the Preferred Route and/or the Preferred Contingent 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

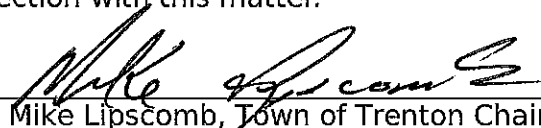
WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Port Washington and its Mayor Theodore Neitzke IV have issued a proclamation and formally requested that the PSCW reject the Preferred Route and the Preferred Contingent Route and select the Alternate Route that relies primarily on existing infrastructure and minimizes harm to the environment and local landowners; and called upon the PSCW to recognize the broad regional consensus against the Preferred Route and the Preferred Contingent Route, the long-term environmental and economic costs associated with it, and the overwhelming public interest in protecting Ozaukee County's natural and rural assets; and directed that said proclamation be entered into the public record, transmitted to the PSCW, shared with ATC, and distributed to state and county leaders to ensure that the voice of Port Washington and its residents is heard clearly and without ambiguity; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fredonia, the Town of Farmington, the Town of Saukville, and the Town of Trenton are unified in their opposition to the construction of the new high-voltage power lines along the Preferred Route and/or the Preferred Contingent Route and each and all favor use of the Alternate Route, notwithstanding that some portion of said Alternate Route may cross the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF TRENTON, 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 Preferred Route and/or the Preferred Contingent Route, and that the Town's strong preference, recommendation, and urging is that the new high-voltage transmission lines be constructed within the existing electrical transmission rights-of-way and corridors along the Alternate 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 County Board of Supervisors, to the State Representatives and State Senators, and to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin.

The Town Board further directs the Town Board Chair to investigate whether special counsel is necessary to represent the Town's interests before the PSCW in connection with the PSCW's consideration of the ATC Application, including by means of intervention in the related proceeding, and as otherwise may be necessary or appropriate to protect the Town and its residents and their best interests in connection with this matter.


Mike Lipscomb, Town of Trenton Chairman

Attest:

Cindy Komro, Town of Trenton Deputy Clerk