

**TOWN OF JEFFERSON RESOLUTION
REGARDING AMERICAN TRANSMISSION COMPANY'S APPLICATION 137ce160
INCLUDING A 345 kV TRANSMISSION LINE OPTION**

WHEREAS, American Transmission Company (ATC) has proposed a transmission line project including a 345 kV high voltage transmission line from North La Crosse to Madison which is currently in the Public Information Meeting Phase; and,

WHEREAS, the Badger-Coulee 345 kV ATC project includes possible route corridors which cut across farms, forests and valleys, scenic bluffs and wildlife/waterfowl habitats, exceptional water resources, cultural, economic and archeological districts including those listed, mapped and appended to this document in Appendix I; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Jefferson is charged with protecting and enhancing the Town's public safety and assets, including the scenic beauty of the hills and coulees – which would be adversely affected by the 110 to 180 foot steel or concrete poles and high voltage power lines proposed for the Badger-Coulee ATC project; and,

WHEREAS, the studies have shown growth in the use of electricity in Wisconsin and adjacent states has been at historically low rates for the last three years and is projected to average only 1% per year growth over the next 25 years; and,

WHEREAS, it is the Town of Jefferson's belief that there are other ways of meeting any need claimed by applicants that should be considered, including conservation, demand and supply side management, dispersed renewable generation, and energy-related economic development, before high-capacity transmission is considered; and,

WHEREAS, the construction costs for the Badger-Coulee high-voltage transmission line would total more than \$425 million and be part of a \$5-40 billion grid expansion project in the Midwest; and

WHEREAS, building a transmission line would require condemnation of property for easements; and,

WHEREAS, a new transmission line could also result in increased electricity rates, loss of property value because of the view and perceived health issues, and adverse effect on the area's tourism and general economy; and,

WHEREAS, medical studies have shown a potential association between exposure to electromagnetic fields produced by large transmission lines and childhood leukemia, and neurological diseases and conditions, and a possible association exposure of farm animals and crops; and,

WHEREAS, clear, detailed information explaining the perceived needs for the high-voltage options, the low voltage options, the efficiency-only options and other options with supporting objective studies and cost benefits analysis for each have not yet been provided to the Town of Jefferson, see Appendix II.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that

1. The Town of Jefferson is without sufficient means to evaluate and make formal comments about the planned grid expansion project in the Midwest and specifically the La Crosse to Madison 345 kV power line; and unless the Town receives the above requested information in written form by December 31, 2011; or
2. The Town will request the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin to hold a minimum of one Public Hearing concerning the needs for the contained and supplemental options no later than March 31, 2012 near Sparta, Wisconsin to enable the Town to provide formal comments during the Public Meeting Phase to potentially impact American Transmission Company's application and subsequent proceedings; and,
3. The Town requests that every effort be made in developing or enhancing the energy system on which the Town relies to do the following:
 - a. Maximize cost-effective conservation, efficiency, and load management;
 - b. Rely to the greatest extent possible on renewable generation;
 - c. Support local ownership of energy generation that includes dispersed renewable energy to support the local economy;
 - d. Minimize the size, scale, voltage and environmental impacts of electric transmission.
 - e. Consider alternate route that would not hinder the Town of Jefferson's land and people.

The Town of Jefferson Clerk is authorized to request that the Town of Jefferson be added to project notice list of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin and request a copy of the application for the Badger-Coulee transmission project from the utilities to be available in the Town of Jefferson. The Town Clerk is authorized to transmit this resolution and other appropriate documents to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission Docket #137CE160 and to the Administrative Law Judge conducting proceedings for the Badger-Coulee 345 kV Transmission Line Proposal and to American Transmission Company and to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Town of Jefferson hereby approves the resolution ADOPTED this 30 day of ~~December~~ ^{APRIL}, 2011.

Submitted by the Town of Jefferson Board Chairman, Carl Laufenberg

Adopted by the Town of Jefferson Board APRIL 12, 2011

Attest: Debra Mashak-Hundt, Town of Jefferson Clerk

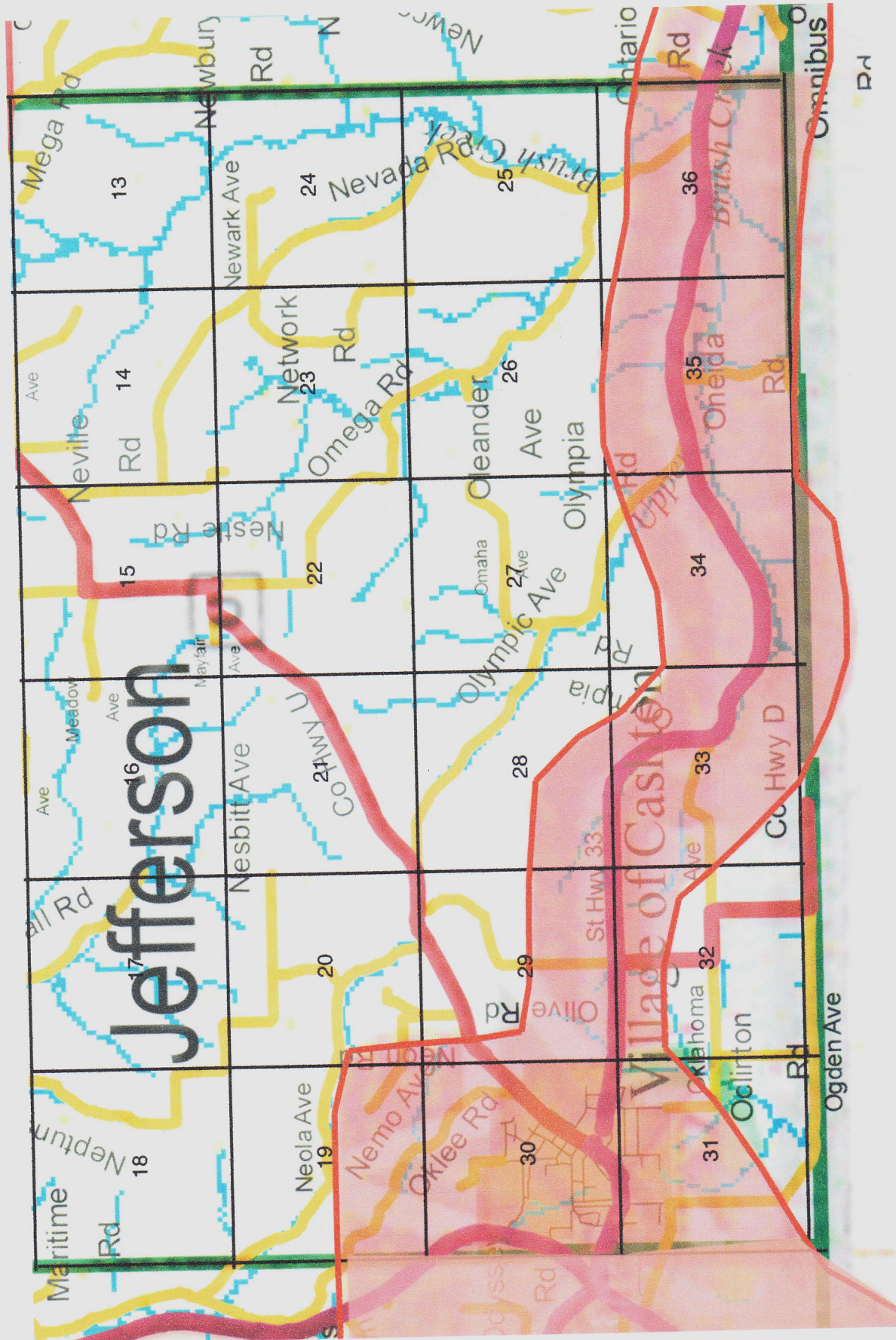
Appendix I

Section(s)	Sensitive Natural Resources within 1500' of a potential corridor
25, 36	Brush Creek (Class III Trout Stream)
32-35	Upper Brush Creek (Class III Trout Stream)
30,	Little La Crosse Creek (Class I Trout Stream)
25, 26	Heiser Valley Creek (DNR Trout Stocking Cribs)
34	Leroy Kind Spring, Olympic/Hwy33 measured at 600 gallons/minute
34	Leroy Kind Commercial Trout Farm – 3 ponds
32-35	100 DNR "Lunker Boxes" installed along Upper Brush Creek
32, 29, 33, 28, 31, 30	Numerous Cave formations

Section(s)	Cultural & Economic Resources within 1500' of a potential corridor
Distributed	Portion of Wisconsin Historical Society Protected Archaeological Sites in Monroe County
19-20, 25-29, 31-36	50 Amish Farms, Also Serve as places of worship
19-20, 25-29, 31-36	20 Certified or Pending Organic Farms
31	Cashton Park
31	Cashton High School
29	Sacred Heart Cemetery
33	Down A Country Road-Amish Gifts and Tours
36	Brush Creek School
29	Silo WHS Record 78447
29	John Leuck House WHS Record 78448
29	SS Peter and Paul School WHS Record 78449
20	Peter Jost House WHS Record 118966
26	Bank Barn WHS Record 118977
28	Basement Barn WHS Record 118979 d
27	John Rice Barn WHS Record 118980
27	Peppel House WHS Record 118981
27	Von Rueden House WHS Record 118982
29	St. Peter & Paul Church Hall WHS Record 118983
29	Hanson House WHS Record 118985
29	Pine Hollow Cemetery WHS Record 118986
29	Heintz House WHS Record 118987
31	Schmidt/Bronheimer Basement Barn & House WHS Record 118989-90
31	Cremer Tobacco Barn WHS Record 118992
31	Henry Cremer House WHS Record 118993
32	Price House WHS Record 118994
32	Squires Tobacco Barn WHS Record 118995
33	John Chapiewsky House, Granary & Barn WHS Records 118996-98
33	P.E. Mitby Bank Barn, Granary, Basement Barn WHS Records 118999-119001
36	Pony Truss Bridge Brush Creek Bridge WHS Record 19002
33	Matthew Suhr Basement Barn WHS Record 19003
34	Frank Currier Wisconsin Dairy Barn WHS Record 19004
34	Kiefer House WHS Record 19004
36	Willgrub House WHS Record 119006
36	Valley West Church District, Amish School,

36	Rudy Borntrageur Bakery (Tourist attraction)
34	Lumber Mill (Pallet Components)
36	Rudy Borntrageur Saw Mill and Log Cabin Manufacturing
36	Rudy Borntrageur Firewood Supplies
34	John Helmuth - Valley View Farm Supply & Recycling
36	Joe Helmuth - Farm Supply & Coleman Repair Service Center
34	Greenhouse Leroy Kind
36	Greenhouse & Cedar Chests Roy Miller
37	Levi C. Miller Furniture Manuf.

Appendix I continued. The below map show some of sensitive natural, cultural and economic sources potentially impacted by June 2011 potential corridors.



Appendix II

The Town of Jefferson requests American Transmission Company to provide the Town with the following information in written form:

I. Pertaining to the high-voltage solution:

- a. Studies, analysis and reports pertaining to reliability over the last three years which demonstrate a need for the high voltage solution.
- b. Studies pertaining to the forecasted availability of renewable energy resources with percentage content estimates through 2035 which demonstrate a need for the high voltage solution.
- c. Studies and documents demonstrating state and regional environmental accountability including carbon footprint projections for the high-voltage solution.
- d. Cost/benefit analysis and other studies relevant to the projected economic impacts of the high voltage solution including job creation/losses in Wisconsin energy-related sectors.

II. Pertaining to all low-voltage solutions:

- a. Studies, analysis and reports pertaining to reliability over the last three years which demonstrate a need for low voltage solutions being considered.
- b. Studies pertaining to the forecasted availability of renewable energy resources with percentage content estimates through 2035 which demonstrate a need for the low voltage solutions being considered.
- c. Studies and documents demonstrating state and regional environmental accountability including carbon footprint projections for low voltage solutions being considered.
- d. Cost/benefit analysis and other studies relevant to the projected economic impacts of the low voltage solution including job creation/losses in Wisconsin energy-related sectors.

III. Pertaining to efficiency-only solutions:

Cost/benefit analysis comparing investments in standard and "aggressive" efficiency measures to the total of construction plus financing costs for the high and low voltage solutions under variety of economic conditions and investment periods.

To: The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin and
The Duke-American Transmission Company.

On the grounds of our beliefs and our practices, we, the undersigned, oppose the construction of all high voltage transmission lines on our land under any and all circumstances. In signing this, we also ask that you honor the objections of our neighbors who believe that the Badger-Coulter Transmission project is harmful or unnecessary. We ask that our petition be registered with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin under docket #137 cc 160 during the Public Information Meeting phase.

Date	Signature	Print First and Last Name	St. Address	City	Zip Code Township
12-18-11	Joe H. Miller	Joe H. Miller	29986 Omega Rd.	Cashot	Jefferson 54619
12-18-11	Phineas R. Borntrager	Phineas R. Borntrager	14864 Hwy 33	Cashot	Jefferson 54619
12-18-11	John Helmut	John I. Helmut	14135 01/4 MPI Lane	Cashot	Jefferson 54619
12-18-11	Leroy Keim	LEROY KEIM	13920 HWY 33	Cashot	Jefferson 54619
12-18-11	Daniel Yoder	Daniel Yoder	28252 Network Rd.	Cashot	Jefferson 54619
12-18-11	Samuel Herschberger	Samuel Herschberger	15237 Network Ave	Cashot	Jefferson 54619
12-18-11	Lori P. Yoder	Lori Yoder	15315 Hwy F	Cashot	Jefferson 54619
12-18-11	Joe J. Helmut	Joe J. Helmut	15301 Hwy 33	Cashot	Jefferson 54619
12-18-11	Ray S. Herschberger	RAY S. HERSHBERGER	15239 Newark Ave	Cashot	Jefferson 54619
12-18-11	Rudy P. Borntrager	Rudy P. Borntrager	15267 Hwy 33	Cashot	Jefferson 54619
12-18-11	Abe Herschberger	Abe Herschberger	15312 Newark Ave	Cashot	Jefferson 54619
12-18-11	Andrew Miller	Andrew Miller	29557	Cashot	Jefferson 54619
12-18-11	Aaron Miller	Aaron E. Miller	29007 Nevada Rd	Cashot	Jefferson 54619
12-18-11	Andy Helmut	Andy J. Helmut	30428 Nevada Rd	Cashot	Jefferson 54619
12-18-11	Menno A. Herschberger	Menno A. Herschberger	15950 St. Hwy. 33	Cashot	Jefferson 54619
12-18-11	John F. Troyer	John F. Troyer	23793 Ch. Hwy. Rd	Norwalk	Jefferson 54619
12-18-11	Noah J. Mast	Noah J. Mast	27758 Nevada Rd	Cashot	Jefferson 54619
12-19-11	Roman L. Yoder	Roman L. Yoder	15907 Hwy. F	Cashot	Jefferson 54619