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Dear Mr. Meyerhofer,

I am writing in regards to two separate applications to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) to construct 345kV transmission lines across western Wisconsin. Constituents throughout the region have contacted me, expressing their concern for these projects and are wondering why they are not integrally related to each other. Please answer the following questions so that I can provide this information to my constituents:

1. If the PSC does not approve the CapX2020 project, will ATC still move forward with its application for the Badger Coulee project?
2. Why has ATC decided to pursue the Badger Coulee line when the CapX2020 line has not yet been approved by the PSC?
3. How will the Badger Coulee line provide usage, service or increased regional reliability benefits to wholesale and retail customers in western Wisconsin that are reasonable in relation to its cost?
4. To what extent will ATC's proposed routes take into consideration the use of existing utility, highway, and railroad corridors, instead of using family farms and other private property?

I am very concerned that so many family farmers, individual landowners, and communities throughout western Wisconsin are going to be deeply affected by this project. Many of my constituents have expressed their anger at how this project has been proposed and I urge you to work closely with landowners and local communities to ensure their concerns are being addressed. Thank you for your timely response to these questions.

Sincerely,



Ron Kind
Member of Congress

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