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Area Democrats are Disappointed with the PSC Approval of the Transmission Line

MADISON – “Today the Public Service Commission (PSC) announced the approval of the Cardinal-Hickory Creek Transmission Line. We have all received a great deal of contact in opposition to this project from both local units of government and concerned constituents. To say that we are disappointed at the decision to go through with this project would be an understatement.

“Unfortunately, many of our concerns and questions regarding this transmission line remain unanswered. This project may have substantial impacts on rates and fixed fee increases for electric customers overall, while affecting numerous farms, properties and habitats.

“The communities and advocacy groups opposed to this transmission line were well-organized, extremely knowledgeable, and effective. For years, they have been at the forefront, repeatedly presenting strong evidence, public testimony and adamant opposition. Our constituents, and all of the groups involved in this issue, presented a convincing case for denial based on the facts that they had available, and we are thankful for their efforts.

“With the overwhelming opposition that we received, you will be hard-pressed to find anyone in our districts who supported the Cardinal-Hickory Creek Transmission Line, and we are all disappointed and surprised by its approval.”