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March 17, 2023

Consumers Energy Corporate Headquarters
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Honorable Board of Directors,

On Tuesday, March 14, 2023, Antwerp Township Board of Trustees held a regularly scheduled meeting wherein we heard opposition to the proposed Crandall High Voltage Line in Van Buren County. Residents of Antwerp Township, along with residents from Alma, Paw Paw, and Lawrence Townships were all present to express their opposition to this project.

We have heard their concerns and have concerns of our own, therefore, Antwerp Township Board of Trustees approved a resolution (copy attached) to oppose the proposed Crandall High Voltage Line project in Antwerp Township within Van Buren County with the following concerns:

1. Residents/Property owners along 49th Avenue have the highest concentration of trees along the Portman Preserve which offers 189 acres of high-quality prairie fen, wetland, savanna and woodland habitats. The area is blessed with water from three lakes, a creek, and hundreds of springs. The area is also home to an astounding number of rare, threatened, and endangered plant and animal species. The inventory includes 447 types of plants, over 20 types of mammals, 107 types of birds, more than 24 types of reptiles and amphibians, and at least 35 types of butterflies. A high voltage line coming even close to this habitat would certainly be detrimental.
2. AEP/ Indiana Michigan Power has a substation to serve the Lawrence-Crandall Business Park. We are asking you to please renegotiate the possibility of using this substation facility. We understand the complexities with regulatory restrictions and regulations, but we encourage you to reach out to State and Federal representatives to facilitate necessary changes. We will be reaching out to those same representatives.

While we understand the project is on hold at this time, we are asking that information and correspondence be provided in writing, including scheduled meetings for all updates. This is very large concern for us and our residents, so please know that Antwerp Township facilities are available to facilitate any such meetings.

If at any time you have questions or concerns, please call me at 269-668-2615 or email druzick@antwerptownship.com.



Daniel J. Ruzick
Antwerp Township Supervisor