

Prompts to Help Write a Letter to Community Papers

And copy it to elected officials

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Goal: *Encourage Large Turn Out at CHC Public Hearings*

Some people are afraid of public hearings but this subsides when they realize people similar to them will be there.

Unlike transmission builders create appearances, citizens who oppose CHC have nothing to hide or be ashamed of. Provide sincere responses to these prompts:

- 1) Introduce your self to the reader. It can help to imagine a particular person as you write. Tell the reader what kind of person you are,... a grandmother, retiree, college student, high school student, new dad/mom, farmer, nurse, tax preparer, insurance agent? Are you an old timer or a new-comer to the area. What brought you here? Passions, hobbies,..volunteer or civic work.
- 2) Explain that the Public Hearings for CHC are coming up June 25 (Lancaster), 26 (Madison), 27 (Dodgeville). Explain the reason you are going to the hearings? Do you feel obligated to go, or do you really *want* to go?. If the later, why? If you plan to go to more than one hearing, mention this.
- 3) Explain a few understandings that led to you believing that CHC is not needed. Cite where you learned things if you can. If you have read the application materials mention this. Has the proposal made you think differently about your electricity use?
- 4) If you know which non-high voltage transmission ALTERNATIVES you are going to encourage the commissioners to select,* tell the reader why the Alternative seems best for you personally and/or your community, neighbors? If you haven't decided yet, are trying to decide between X and Y. *See <http://bit.ly/SpeakingAtHearings> for descriptions of the Alternatives
- 5) Answer this question: Should every person who calls the Driftless their home or a favorite place to visit feel that attending this hearing is mandatory?
- 6) Answer this question: What would be worse? To find out on September 28 that the Commission had decided to approve CHC and either (a) know that you did not attend the public hearings when you could have or, (b) know that you attended two of the hearings speaking at one and helping others at the other. Or this question: How would encountering the huge transmission line every day make you feel if you never got around to helping stop it?
- 7) Remind the reader that attending the public hearings is the very last opportunity people will have to express their feelings. Have you been to hearing before? What are special about them? Are they extraordinary opportunities to see a community on display, especially in the face of challenge.
- 8) If you are carpooling with neighbors, mention this.
- 9) Be sure to include your home town name in your signature

Emailing to Community Papers and Copying to Your Officials

Send your letter either in the body of the email or as an attached document to papers so it arrives no later than Sunday pm for the following week.

1. Community Papers (cut and paste into TO:)

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A. CC: Your Town, Village and County Representatives

If in Dane County

Town and Village Officials:

http://soulwisconsin.org/Documents/DaneCounty_Muni_Officials_2019.pdf

To email all Dane County Board Supervisors: county_board_recipients@countyofdane.com

Individual Dane County Supervisors: <https://board.countyofdane.com/Supervisors> MAP:

<https://board.countyofdane.com/Districts/Map/38>

If in Iowa County Board

Town and Village Officials: http://bit.ly/IowaCo_Officials

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If in Grant County

Town and Village Officials: http://bit.ly/GrantCo_MuniOfficials

County Board Chair Robert Keeney <rkeeney@co.grant.wi.gov>

All County Board Supervisors: http://www.co.grant.wi.gov/Localgov_council.asp

If Another County, use this tool: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/MyElectedOfficials>

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