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Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
P.O. Box 7854
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Subject: Regarding Docket 9811-CE-100 – Koshkonong Solar Project

Public Service Commission of Wisconsin,

At Madison Area Technical College (Madison College), we provide opportunities for success by offering education and training responsive to students, employers, and communities. Madison College is the lead for the CREATE (Consortium for Education in Renewable Energy Technology) Energy National Center funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF). Madison College also has the largest rooftop solar installation in Wisconsin. We are leaders in renewable energy and work with instructors, school districts, colleges and universities, and businesses nationwide. Madison College also offers a Renewable energy certificate.

Attracting new investment to our region is essential for our students to secure employment with highly skilled, highly paid local jobs. We request that you approve the Koshkonong Solar Project as one of those opportunities to bring new jobs and economic growth to south central Wisconsin.

The project will support approximately 600 construction jobs during peak construction and up to 5 full-time operations and maintenance jobs upon completion. As a major post-secondary institution with a focus on technical training, we can assist in filling these short-term jobs while creating long-term opportunities. Our students and graduates will possess the knowledge, skills, and abilities to fill these jobs helping to keep people in the area and grow our region's economy.

This project is projected to inject \$200 Million into the local economy through solar tax revenue, landowner payments and salaries over the life of the project. Additionally, it addresses climate issues and will support families across the life of the project. This project will generate enough energy to power 60,000 homes and will result in substantial emissions reductions.

In today's globally competitive world, we need to encourage positive opportunities to diversify our economy with long-term growth. With this in mind, we ask the Public Service Commission to approve the Koshkonong Solar Project to stimulate job creation and new industry in south central Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

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President