

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED ONEIDA TO SABINE LAKE  
345kV ELECTRIC TRANSMISION LINE ROUTE THROUGH MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP**

At a meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026, at 5:30 p.m. local time.

PRESENT: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Treasurer Burghardt,

Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Trezise and supported by Trustee Wilson.

**WHEREAS**, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator approved a portfolio of high-voltage electric transmission projects throughout the Midwest, including in mid-Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, ITC Michigan intends to construct the Oneida to Sabine Lake project, a 50-mile 345kV electric transmission line requiring a 200-foot-wide right-of-way and structures with heights ranging from 120 to 180 feet; and

**WHEREAS**, ITC Michigan has hosted a series of seven listening sessions throughout mid-Michigan to receive input from individuals and organizations impacted by the proposed transmission line routes and has provided mechanisms to receive written feedback; and

**WHEREAS**, preliminary routing options for this project significantly impact the natural and residential landscape of Meridian Township, including sensitive ecological areas and established neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed route through Meridian Township is the most densely populated of any of the proposed routes, creating many more conflicts than the alternative routes; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed route directly threatens the integrity of Township-owned parks and preserves, specifically Legg Park, Red Cedar Natural Area Park, Ponderosa Land Preserve, as well as the nearby Harris Nature Center, which are vital for local conservation, recreation, and public education; and

**WHEREAS**, the construction and maintenance of such lines would require clear-cutting swaths of forested areas, causing loss of mature canopy cover and loss of important flora and fauna; and

**WHEREAS**, the project poses a direct threat to critical wetlands and riparian zones, risking the alteration of hydrological cycles and negatively impacting biodiversity; and

**WHEREAS**, the imposition of industrial-scale infrastructure in proximity to residential properties is expected to diminish aesthetic character and cause long-term visual impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board invited ITC to present the project at its February 3, 2026 regular meeting, asked clarifying questions to understand the project’s potential impacts and approval timeline, and expressed significant concerns regarding overall and specific impacts to the Township’s public land, its natural and manmade assets, and private residential properties.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN**, that Meridian Township formally opposes the proposed Oneida to Sabine Lake 345kV transmission line as currently routed through Meridian Township.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Meridian Township urges ITC and the Michigan Public Service Commission to prioritize alternative routes that avoid residential areas, public parks, and sensitive environmental preserves to minimize negative impacts.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution be transmitted to ITC Michigan, along with an attached letter detailing the impacts outlined in this resolution, prior to the February 19, 2026 deadline for initial public input on the proposed routes.

ADOPTED: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Treasurer Burghardt,

Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, Trustee Wilson

NAYS: None

STATE OF MICHIGAN        )  
  ) ss  
COUNTY OF INGHAM        )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

  
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Angela Demas  
Meridian Township Clerk