

1 **RESOLUTION NO. 52-22**

2 **SYNOPSIS:** Request Environmental Impact Study for Proposed High Noon Solar Project  
3 **INTRODUCED BY:** Planning and Zoning Committee

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5 **To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Columbia County:**

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7 WHEREAS, the Columbia County Board of Supervisors places great value on our prime  
8 farmland and preserving a stable and healthy environment in Columbia County; and,

9 WHEREAS, there are unknown environmental impacts from large scale solar projects;  
10 and,

11 WHEREAS, Docket 9814-CE-100 from the PSC states that High Noon Solar will avoid  
12 most wetlands, but not all; and Columbia County is concerned that this may cause flooding to  
13 both personal residences and neighboring fields as well as damage to local roads; and,

14 WHEREAS, Docket 9814-CE-100 from the PSC states that broken or damaged drainage  
15 tiles could cause a long-term impact to the project area, including adjacent fields and properties;  
16 and the Environmental Assessment for the project states that damage may not become clear for  
17 months or even years until after serious damage may have already occurred; and,

18 WHEREAS, the Environmental Assessment states that should adverse drainage affect  
19 participating or neighboring property, it would re-route or repair the drain tiles during the  
20 construction process but makes no mention of reimbursing land owners for damages already  
21 incurred; and,

22 WHEREAS, there are farms within the project area that produce strawberries, peaches,  
23 apples, and other produce to be consumed by individuals, and the Environmental Assessment  
24 states that fugitive dust may be generated during the installation process, which may settle onto  
25 vegetation and is hazardous to human health; and,

26 WHEREAS, the Environmental Assessment states that soil erosion may occur, and to  
27 mitigate the likelihood of this happening, the applicant states that they can try to complete  
28 construction during dry times and when the ground is frozen; However, since construction will  
29 span many months, it is unlikely that the applicant will be able to entirely avoid large rain events,  
30 snow melt in the spring, or working exclusively during the winter months.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Columbia County Board of  
32 Supervisors requests the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin to require an environmental  
33 impact study for the proposed High Noon Solar project in Columbia County.

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35 Fiscal Note: None.

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37 Fiscal Impact: None.

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44 STATE OF WISCONSIN  
45 COUNTY OF COLUMBIA  
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47 I certify that this is a true and exact copy  
48 of the original of which I am legal custodian  
49 for the County Clerk of Columbia County.

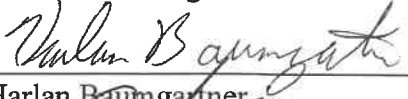
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County Clerk or Deputy County Clerk

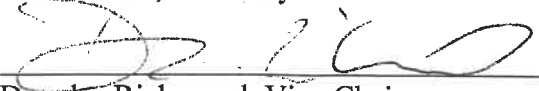
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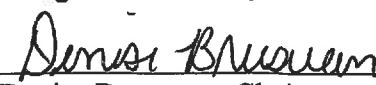
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