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Dear Mr. Goetsch,

We'd like to take this opportunity to address some of the misinformation being shared about our company and proposed project in advance of next month's meeting.

### **Safety**

As we emphasized in our July presentation to the plan commission, safety is always our top priority for our customers, the community and our employees.

Unfortunately, it appears that some who are opposed to having this investment made in your community are incorrectly associating our proposal with safety issues at different types of facilities that use different processes. The truth is that liquefied natural gas (LNG) facilities operating in the United States akin to what we are proposing have a very good safety record. Most important, our company has more than 50 years of experience operating similar facilities **without** incident. We also safely operate more than 50,000 miles of natural gas mains and more than 70,000 miles of electric distribution lines every day.

Additionally, those same opponents are now erroneously suggesting that the proposed location in your township is too close to a school and that it would pose a danger to the community. This is not true. As we've stated before, the facility would satisfy all appropriate setback requirements in accordance with the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA).

As we have discussed before, we anticipate the project will take up approximately 25 acres of the approximate 165-acre site. Our design allows for enhanced security and safety measures, including berms, a tank containment area and fencing.

We also want to correct inaccurate information regarding a predetermined "evacuation zone" that could potentially impact properties a mile or more away. **Again, this is completely untrue.** Our footprint has been appropriately sized in accordance with federal safety PHMSA requirements, and we have provided additional safety setbacks at our site. As is standard with all of our energy infrastructure, including other LNG facilities, we will always take the steps necessary to protect our neighbors and our employees in all we do.

## **Environmental commitment**

Our company is committed to being a good steward of the environment. From our efforts to restore wildlife habitats and endangered species to our recent announcement that we are aiming to make our electric generation fleet net carbon neutral by 2050, we are building a bright, sustainable future.

Opponents are claiming that the company has “paid close to \$1 billion dollars in environmental fines in the past few years.” This claim is incorrect and misleading.

The opponents are mischaracterizing two settlement agreements the company reached with the Environmental Protection Agency to invest hundreds of millions of dollars in new equipment and technology to help reduce air emissions from coal-fueled power plants in Wisconsin. We have achieved these emissions reductions and much more.

In fact, our generation reshaping plan is achieving strong results. We exceeded our 40% carbon dioxide reduction goal in 2019, well in advance of our 2030 target. You can find more information about our environmental efforts in our [Corporate Responsibility Report](#).

## **Property values**

We understand that concerns have been raised with you and your colleagues on the town board about property value impacts. While we cannot speak to an individual property's worth, we can share what we've seen near our other facilities. Communities such as Port Washington, which hosts our Port Washington Generating Station, or Germantown, with our Germantown Power Plant, have seen residential and commercial growth develop around our sites.

In addition, these communities received new tax dollars from our investments through the significant increases in shared revenue provided by the State of Wisconsin as a result of hosting these facilities. The communities used these new tax dollars to deliver additional public benefits to their residents and further enhance their communities' infrastructure, services and development plans.

This investment will provide long-term benefits to your community, the region and customers we serve throughout Wisconsin for decades to come. We look forward to working with you and the community to address questions and concerns about our proposal.

Regards,

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