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Dear Resident:

In June, we submitted to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin our proposal to build a liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility in the town of Ixonia. The project is needed to enhance the reliability of natural gas supply throughout southeastern Wisconsin, provide significant customer savings and allow greater independence from interstate pipelines. This investment in the community also would provide an additional source of revenue for the town of Ixonia and Jefferson County.

Since our filing, we have had the opportunity to talk with many residents and present our plans at the Ixonia Plan Commission meeting in July. Enclosed for your review is an overview of the project. In addition, we would like to update you about our proposal and address some of the misinformation that has surfaced.

Safety is always our first priority

We have operated similar facilities for over 50 years without an incident. While the type of facility we are proposing is common across the country, this project will incorporate state-of-the-art safety and monitoring features that minimize risks to the public and exceed federal, state, local and industry standards. In addition to regular inspections and 24/7 monitoring, specialized instrumentation is used to detect any potential issues and allow activation of the emergency shutdown system.

The proposed project is being sited on a property that provides a setback from the community in accordance with the Department of Transportation and Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration requirements to keep any incident contained to our property. We anticipate the project will take up approximately 25 acres of the approximate 165-acre site. This allows for enhanced security and safety measures, including berms, a tank containment area and fencing.

We want to correct the inaccurate information being shared that there is a predetermined “evacuation zone” that could potentially impact properties a mile or more away. This is **not** true. Our footprint has been appropriately sized to provide a safety setback at our site. As is standard with all of our energy infrastructure, including other LNG facilities, we take steps to protect our neighbors and our employees in all we do.

In addition, this facility will be staffed 24/7, and our personnel will coordinate with local emergency responders to provide education about our operations and any specialized training needed.

Benefits to the community

Our company and our facilities have co-existed and played an important role in the development of thriving communities throughout Wisconsin for decades. This investment provides financial benefits to your community, while also allowing continued agricultural land use around the site.

The Town of Ixonia is expected to receive more than \$500,000 annually and Jefferson County more than \$1 million annually in shared revenue payments from the State of Wisconsin. This money can be used by the local municipalities as they deem appropriate.

Natural gas service expansion

Natural gas service is currently available in parts of Ixonia. As part of this project, we will be extending natural gas to the site and also would like to expand natural gas service to other interested residents. After we complete our analysis, we will seek approval from state regulators to accommodate this expansion. If you are interested in receiving natural gas service or learning more, call us at 877-380-0522, so we can appropriately evaluate your level of interest and keep you posted on our progress.

Environmental commitment and corporate responsibility

We have a long-standing commitment to protecting the environment and being a responsible corporate citizen. As part of the permitting process through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, an environmental review will be completed prior to design and construction. Preliminary environmental surveys already indicate that the site is suitable for the proposed facility.

To learn more about our environmental efforts and corporate citizenship, review our Corporate Responsibility Report at wecenergygroup.com.

Road conditions and traffic impact

We will complete a traffic study and work with local authorities to develop preferred routes for any truck traffic during construction. We also will work with the town to minimize any traffic impacts and will repair any road damage as a result of construction activities. During normal operation of the facility, we anticipate minimal truck traffic.

Keeping you informed

We will host informational sessions by appointment Thursday, Sept. 3, at the Chivaree located at N8345 Park St. in Ixonia for anyone interested in learning more about the project. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, appointments will be scheduled every 30 minutes from 2 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., with a limited number of people in each session to ensure adequate spacing. We also will be following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention safety guidelines and the state requirements for face masks. Please call us at 877-380-0522 to learn more about the project or to set up an appointment for the information meeting.

We look forward to discussing our proposal with you.

Sincerely,

Rick O'Conor

Project Manager