

## UP Electrical Power Resolution

Whereas MISO and FERC do not recognize the electrical connection between the Upper and Lower Peninsulas of Michigan;

Whereas the transmission capacity between the UP and LP is woefully inadequate for generation in the UP;

Whereas the Eastern Upper Peninsula is presently a net user of electrical power;

Whereas there is a projected 15% shortfall of electrical power in the Northern Lower Peninsula by 2016

Whereas there is a concern about the electrical reliability by MISO and FERC in the UP and will be in the LP in the future;

Whereas the EUP could be a net provider of electrical power with possible projects of a 320 MW natural gas plant in Mackinac Co., 35 MW wood co-generation plant in Luce Co., at least 20 MW of wind power in Chippewa CO. along with other possibilities in the EUP;

Whereas these first three projects are already in the planning stage and would produce huge economic development boosts to the EUP;

Whereas our energy supplier, Cloverland Electric Cooperative, supports transmission upgrades in the EUP to LP;

Whereas the Governor plans a special address on electrical power in March;

Whereas the Mackinac Economic Alliance Corp. wants to be a part of the electrical power solution for the EUP and the state of Michigan;

Be it resolved that the Mackinac Economic Alliance Corp. recommends that all our legislative representatives at the federal and state level, along with the Governor's office, support a major upgrade of the transmission capability through the EUP, down along through the Straits of Mackinac to Gaylord, and strongly urge MISO and FERC to recognize the connection between the UP and LP.

Therefore further be it resolved that, at the regular monthly board meeting of the Mackinac Economic Alliance Corp. on Monday, March 9, 2015 this resolution was moved by Board Member Dean Reid, supported by Board Member John Kling, to adopt this resolution of support.

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Absent: 3

Abstained: 0

Date: 3/9/2015

Attested by: Dean Reid  
Chairman

Certified by: Amy Polk  
Secretary