

Resolution No. 2026 A

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EDEN, IOWA COUNTY, WISCONSIN, REJECTING THE PATTERN ENERGY UPLANDS WIND EAST AND WEST PROJECT WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP AND TO SUPPORT SENATE BILL 3 (SB 3) DESIGNED TO RESTORE LOCAL CONTROL BY REQUIRING MUNICIPAL APPROVAL BEFORE THE PSC CAN AUTHORIZE WIND AND SOLAR PROJECTS OF 15 MEGAWATTS OR MORE.

WHEREAS, Pattern Energy ("the Developer") has proposed the Uplands Wind East and West Project (Project), a massive wind energy facility intended to place approximately 700-foot tall industrial wind turbines throughout Iowa County, including areas within the Town of EDEN; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project threatens to disrupt the rural, agricultural, and pastoral character of the Driftless Area, impacting the quality of life, natural environment, and aesthetic beauty that residents and tourists depend on; and

WHEREAS, the existing wind turbine siting criteria under Wis. Admin. Code PSC 128.13 does not provide adequate setbacks for wind turbines over 404 feet tall, requiring the same 1,250-foot setback for the proposed 700-foot tall turbines in the Project as a 404-foot tall wind turbine; and

WHEREAS, the existing Wisconsin laws and regulations governing wind turbines do not adequately protect the public health and safety from the harmful effects of low-frequency sound waves, also known as infrasound, which is generally produced by large wind turbines such as the ones proposed for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the existing Wisconsin laws and regulations governing wind turbines do not adequately address the low-frequency vibrations created by wind turbine construction and operation that can impact groundwater quality, which is generally produced by large wind turbines such as the ones proposed for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of EDEN, after listening to concerns raised by community members regarding health impacts, safety risks, groundwater quality risks, potential property value diminution, and the environmental impact of large-scale industrial wind turbines, finds the Project in conflict with the best interests of the community; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project has been identified as having potentially significant impacts on local land use; and

WHEREAS, the Town of EDEN desires to maintain its rural, pastoral nature, which is in direct conflict with industrial-scale Wind Energy Facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds that the proposed Project does not demonstrate a local need for the electricity generated, but rather serves larger transmission initiatives, while placing the burden of infrastructure on Town residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town of EDEN has consistently identified concerns with the lack of transparency in the Developer's community engagement process;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of EDEN, Iowa County, Wisconsin, hereby officially declares its opposition to the Pattern Energy Uplands Wind East and West Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board strongly urges the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) and state legislature to consider this official rejection of the project, acknowledging the lack of local support, the potential to destroy the pastoral rural environment, and lack of adequate state laws and regulations to protect the public health and safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board strongly encourages all landowners within the Township to review all contracts carefully and not sign land-lease or survey agreements with Pattern Energy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor's office, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, Iowa County Board, representatives of Pattern Energy and all members of the Wisconsin State Senate and Assembly representing districts within the Town of EDEN, Iowa County, Wisconsin.

Adopted this 6th day of April, 2026.


Town Chairman


Town Clerk