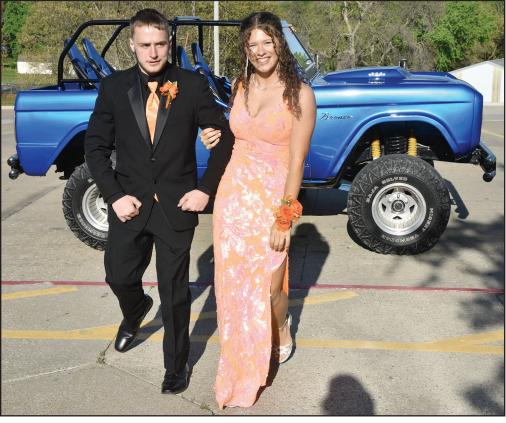
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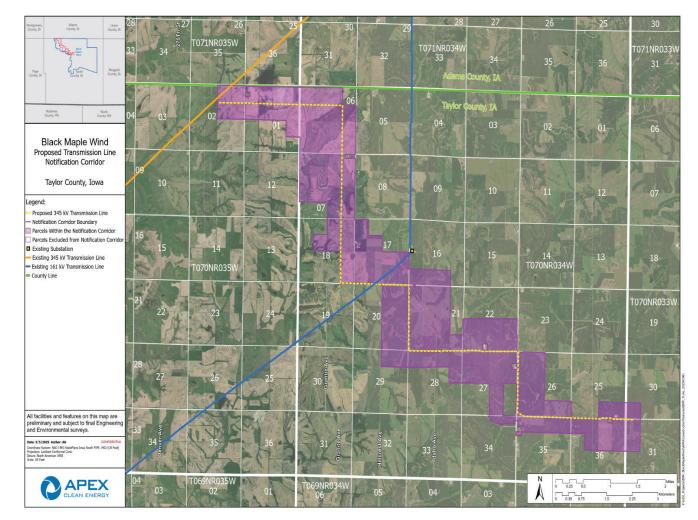
Notice is hereby given that the Petitioner Black Maple Wind, LLC ("Petitioner"), with its principal place of business at 120 Garrett Street Suite 700. Charlottesville, VA 22902, is proposing to build a new 345 kilovolt ("kV") transmission line in Taylor County, Iowa. The proposed transmission line will connect a new wind farm to be constructed in Taylor County with the existing transmission system. The notification corridor and the proposed line route for which new easements may be sought in Taylor County are reflected on the enclosed map and by reference made a part hereof. The notification corridor is the area in which landowners and parties in possession or residing on property over which Petitioner may obtain easements are noticed concerning the public information meeting and in which easements may be sought after the meeting is held.

Prior to the construction of this transmission line, Petitioner

must request a franchise from the Iowa Utilities Commission ("Commission") authorizing the construction, operation and maintenance of the transmission line along the proposed route. The proposed route of the line starts at 150th Street in Taylor County and continues west for approximately 2.1 miles where it then turns north for approximately 1.0 mile on State highway 148. The proposed line turns west for approximately 2.0 miles on 140<sup>th</sup> Street then heads north for approximately

1.0 mile and then turns west on 130<sup>th</sup> Street for 1.25 miles. The proposed line then heads north for 2.75 miles then west for 2.25 miles where it terminates and will connect into the existing Atchison County to Booneville 345kV transmission line. The final route may change and will be determined when easement negotiations with landowners are complete, and the Commission has approved the project.

Petitioner will seek to acquire easements within the identified corridor for the



maintenance of the line. Any easement request will also include the right to maintain the right-ofway so as to not interfere with the construction, operation and maintenance of the transmission line and the right of ingress and egress to the easement area. After the Commission has reviewed the petition for franchise, it may conduct a public hearing and landowners will have a right to participate in the hearing process. If a hearing is conducted, notice of the public hearing will be published in a Taylor County newspaper with county wide circulation. There is the possibility that right-of-way may be acquired by condemnation if approved by the Commission. Currently, Petitioner has not requested and does not have the right of eminent domain in order to acquire the property rights by condemnation. If eminent domain is requested by Petitioner, a hearing must be conducted by the Commission where the request will be considered, and Petitioner would need to show that the property rights are needed to serve a public use. If Petitioner requests the use of eminent domain, a notice of the public hearing will be sent to the owners of record and parties in possession of the parcels subject to the request for eminent domain by Certified United States mail, return receipt requested, in addition to the notice being published in a Taylor County newspaper with county wide circulation.

As a landowner or a party in possession of, or residing near, property that may be affected by the location and construction of the described electric transmission line, you have the right to be present at an Informational Meeting to be held at the time and place listed below. You also have the right to file with the Commission objections to the location and construction of the proposed line as described. The Commission's address is 1375 E. Court Ave., Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0069.

Representatives of the Commission will preside at the Informational Meeting and present a summary of the legal rights of affected landowners. Qualified representatives of the Petitioner will be present to discuss the project and to answer questions. Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate should contact the Utilities Commission at 515.725.7300 in advance of the scheduled date to request accommodations.

Informational Meeting to be held: Date: May 20, 2025 Time: 5:30 p.m. Location: Lenox Community Center 210 East Dallas Street, Lenox, IA 50851

In the event of inclement weather (as determined by the cancellation of local school/ classes on the morning of the date of this Informational Meeting), the meeting will be held on May 21, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the same location.

Dated: April 18, 2025

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