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### DOYLE STATEMENT ON BADGER-COULEE DECISION

MADISON – The Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) voted today to approve the Badger-Coulee Transmission Line Project, selecting the northern route to run through the Town of Holland. Submitted by the American Transmission Company and Xcel Energy, this high-voltage transmission line will carry power from the CapX2020 line at the Briggs Road Substation in Holmen and continue on to Madison. Following the deliberation by the PSC, Rep. Steve Doyle issued the following statement.

“As the representative for the 94<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, my constituents and I have been watching this case very closely. The two proposed alternatives both crossed through this district, with the northern route going through the Town of Holland and the southern route intersecting the City of Onalaska.

“I am disappointed that the people who are going to be affected didn’t get a greater and more meaningful opportunity to influence the outcome. The residents of the 94<sup>th</sup> Assembly District have been very vocal in their concerns regarding the project and I am grateful that they continually included me in their communications to the PSC.

“I am proud to have joined with my legislative colleagues to repeatedly ask the PSC for a full needs assessment on this project, which would have opened the door for even more public input in the process. Unfortunately, this request was not met but I hope that it will not discourage the public from continuing to take part in these proceedings.

“As we move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, it is more important than ever that we ensure that our energy infrastructure is strong. The debate on Wisconsin’s energy future is far from over and I hope that my constituents will continue to play such an active role.”

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