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Please find for your consideration the attached letter of support for the relicensing application for Dresden Clean Energy Center.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Please feel free to contact this office for any additional information.

Thank you

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Subject: Request for Consideration – Dresden Clean Energy Center License Extension

Dear Office of Administration,

I am writing to you on behalf of Grundy County Highway Department, a local agency committed to ensuring the safety, reliability, and mobility of public infrastructure. My name is Eric Gibson, and I serve as County Engineer for Grundy County.

We are pleased to understand that the Dresden Clean Energy Center is being considered for license renewal through 2051 by the U.S Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

As a key stakeholder in the public infrastructure sector, we understand the significance of ensuring the reliability and security of our infrastructure. The Dresden Clean Energy Center holds an integral part of this network, by contributing \$24.6 million in property taxes that are crucial to funding improvements on the public system.

Grundy County Highway recognizes the importance of investing in critical infrastructure projects that enhance community resilience, safety, and accessibility. The Dresden Clean Energy Center relicensing aligns with these values and is vital for the continued growth and prosperity of our community by providing for scholarships for STEM careers to ensure continued interest in these values.

Moreover, Dresden Clean Energy Center continues to support the safety and quality of life for residents by providing water from the station's cooling system to assist in melting of the seasonal ice jams that pose a severe flooding risk to surrounding homes.

We respectfully urge the U.S Nuclear Regulatory Commission to support the Dresden Clean Energy Center's application for licensing renewal by facilitating the approval of the application. This timely action is essential to address the immediate challenges posed to local partners if this center ends its operations.

If there is any additional information or assistance needed from Grundy County Highway Department to further support and strengthen the case for this application, please do not hesitate to reach out. We appreciate your commitment to addressing critical energy needs, and we look forward to the positive impact that the relicensing of the Dresden Clean Energy Center will bring to our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'E' followed by a series of loops and a final flourish.

Eric Gibson, P.E  
County Engineer