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Dear Members of the Board:

Our regional grid operator MISO is now being publicly explicit that electric generating plant closures need to be delayed or we will likely face power outages relating to unreliable electric in the coming years. The grid is simply not ready for the level of planned generating plant closures. Given new political and legal realities, the “Save The Campbell” effort is requesting Ottawa County townships, and the county board, to issue the Michigan Public Service Commission and other relevant parties requests for delay of the closure of the county’s Campbell plant, currently planned for 2025. The Campbell plant is an asset worth billions of dollars, works well, and already has over \$1 billion in anti-polluting equipment invested in it in the last decade because it was previously planned to continue in operation to 2040.

Furthermore, it is becoming much more likely that the Federal and Michigan governments are seeking to re-start the Palisades Nuclear Plant in 2025 in an effort to address the shortfall in electric supply given accelerated plant closures like the Campbell plant, such as indicated at <https://www.mlive.com/education/2024/07/closed-nuclear-plants-readiness-to-restart-focus-of-next-public-meeting.html> . This rapid re-start of Palisades ratchets up the risks greatly, combined with increasing the costs significantly, yet does not provide the reliability that is commonly associated with nuclear plants. SaveTheCampbell.com devotes a fair number of posts explaining just how dangerous this rapid re-start of Palisades is, such as <https://savethecampbell.com/it-is-looking-more-likely-that-rapid-re-commissioning-of-holtecs-palisades-plant-is-the-risky-and-expensive-government-response-to-campbell-plant-shutdown/> .

The recommended request for delay can be read at <https://savethecampbell.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/request-to-delay-the-closure-of-Campbell-plant.pdf> . Could the Township Board pass a resolution enabling such a request for delay?

Even with this request it is important to keep the county charter option open as an important legal tool to prevent the precipitous plant demolition and other problems associated with the current State energy policy and get more local control of electric.

Thanks for your consideration of this request!

Sincerely,

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