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Duluth Loop Reliability Project

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Comment:

I am commenting on behalf of the Northridge Estates Association, of which I am President. We are an affected property owner within the shared segment of 56 and 19 transmission lines west of the Ridgeview Substation, between Howard Gnesen and Rice Lake Roads, which is the proposed route of a new 115 kv transmission line. Our association has followed the project previously and has been in contact with Jim Atkinson of Allete to share our concerns, summarized as follows to address your project scoping questions: 1) Our NEA acreage is dedicated in perpetuity to the Minnesota Land Trust which strictly restricts possible uses and must be considered in your EA and your location decision-making; 2) To minimize impacts, maximum effort should be made to restrict the footprint of the new 115 kv line to the right of way containing the existing 56 and 19 transmission lines; 3) The East Branch of Chester Creek, a designated trout stream, crosses the existing power line adjacent to NEA's property (not shown on your map). Potential impacts and mitigations should be carefully considered to preserve and enhance this treasured resource; and 4) Management of vegetation under these power lines in the future should include greater efforts to eradicate invasive species, especially buckthorn, and to benefit wildlife. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

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