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345 kV Transmission Line Project
PUC Docket No. ET2/TL-08-1474

Appendices

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Appendix A
Comments Noted

The Department of Commerce Office of Energy Security has reviewed and noted the comments included in this appendix. However, a response has not been provided for these letters as they did not provide specific, substantive comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). These 62 comment letters are listed alphabetically below along with the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) identification number (FEIS ID #) assigned to each commenter. An image of each comment letter listed below has been provided in this appendix with the commenter and the FEIS comment ID identified and labeled on each document.

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To whom it may concern,

I recently found out about the capx2020 power line project. My mom and dad told my brother and I that there is a possibility it might go in our front yard. We would move, if that happened. I play with my friends and ride my horses in that area. I would never hear the crickets chirping at night again. All we would hear is a buzzing sound. My friends Laura and Emily go on plane rides with their parents, and that would be really dangerous.

Last year, a hot air balloon landed unexpectedly in our field. Everything was okay, but if a 200-foot power line had been standing there, it would NOT have been okay. I'm worried that we might move. I love our house and our farm, and the little pond back in the woods. I love my room. I even love the kitchen. I have so many great memories outside around my house and in the big fields. That would all vanish if the power line were put there. Here are some pictures:



This is me and my horse Tye.

The road in the background is where the power line would be if you pick 50th street.



This is my dad and our dogs in the field near where the power line might be, also. Me and my friends ride our horses in this area and my brothers friends fly rockets there.

Please do not put the power line in Webster. I think it should go on really busy roads away from airplanes, farmland and wildlife.

Sincerely, Anna Balfany (age 11)

Our address:
3720 50th St. West
Webster MN 55088

November 20, 2009

To: Mr. Scott Ek
Re: CAPX2020 Project and Webster Township/Rice County MN
Docket # ET2/TL-08-1474

Dear Mr. Ek,

I strongly urge you to reconsider the option of placing the CAPX transmission lines through open fields, prairie and agricultural land. I believe that the effects of that placement is irresponsible, and grossly under-emphasized in the draft EIS. The ramifications - ecologically, economically and environmentally - would be strongly felt forever, by people in Rice County and far beyond.

The voting public spoke out strongly in regard to securing and protecting these open spaces for future generations, and adopted the Countywide Comprehensive Plan with these tenants just a few years ago. Routing the lines through rural and open spaces is completely contrary to that goal, and although it may offer less resistance, due to a much lower population, *all citizens* will feel the repercussions and loss, whether rural or suburban.

We pride ourselves on living in an area that is rich in natural beauty and is a true haven for wildlife and outdoor enthusiasts. Our neighbors, as well as ourselves, have worked hard with the US Fish and Wildlife Service to establish secure wildlife habitat and wetlands – at significant personal expense and effort, with the understanding that the diverse ecosystems and natural resources are an important investment for all current, and future, residents of Webster Township *and beyond*, and to cut through this area with transmission lines is horrific and most definitely unwelcome.

All of this, coupled with the very close proximity of the Sky Harbor Airpark (*located only 1/2 mile south of 50th Street West!*), and the frequent presence of low flying small aircraft, homebuilt aircraft, hot air balloons and helicopters, makes the site, not just unsuitable, but completely unsafe. To add a personally note, just this past summer a hot air balloon was blown off-course and almost landed in the treetops along 50th Street and Canby, and in 2008, a balloon made an emergency landing in our hay field – directly on the alternate route!

I sincerely hope that you will eliminate the options of 50th Street and 57th Street in Webster and focus the lines in more suitable areas - near existing high capacity power lines and along major corridors -like interstate highways. The option of criss-crossing through open fields and farmland is irresponsible and short sighted.

I also sincerely hope that you will pay very close attention to the strong voices that argue that the lines are not needed, and that the impact on health and the environment are much more substantial and valuable than previously granted.

With Respect,

Anastasia Balfany
3720 50th Street West
Webster, MN 55088
952-297-6217

Ek, Scott (COMM)

From: Judith Bechtum [jabdvm@skypoint.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 04, 2009 10:05 AM
To: Ek, Scott (COMM)
Subject: CAPX 2020

11-4-2009

Mr. Scott Ek
Office of Energy Security | Energy Facility Permitting
85 7th Place East, Suite 500 | St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2198
Office: 651.296.8813 | Fax: 651.297.7891
Email: Scott.Ek@state.mn.us

Dear Mr. Ek,

I would like to voice my strong opposition to the CAPX 2020 power line project with regard to the alternate routes through Rice County identified as segment 5 (Helena to Lake Marion).

I feel that there are better and less compromised routes that should be considered; specifically highly developed and populated areas. Please help keep our rural areas pristine.

I urge you to not route the CAPX 2020 power lines through Rice County.

Sincerely,

**Judith Bechtum
6010 Dent Ave
Webster, MN 55088
952-652-2975**

Ek, Scott (COMM)

From: Blomme, Heather [heather.blomme@smsu.edu]
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2009 5:52 PM
To: Ek, Scott (COMM)
Subject: ET2/TL-08-1474

To whom it may concern:

I am concerned with the lack of notification with the new variation of the preferred route. I feel that the PUC should continue with the preferred route, not the variation of the preferred route. When the transmission line gets to Lyon County, it should go north, not south. The line should cross State Highway 68 between Minneota and Ghent. It makes no sense to me why the PUC would want to run it's line so close to the City of Ghent; by doing this you would be limiting this town from expanding east towards Marshall. If the transmission line is run on the variation of the preferred route more homes would be affected; no one wants this transmission line in their front yard. I live east of Ghent (3122 State Highway 68). As of now, the wildlife here is abundant, including two bald eagles. If the PUC runs the transmission line down Lyon County Road 8 from one mile east of Ghent to State Highway 59, the transmission line will be crossing the Three-Mile Creek at least 3 times, no doubt having an effect on the wildlife. I'm requesting that the PUC stick to the original plan and run the transmission line down the preferred route. Thank you for your time. I know you'll make the logical choice.

Sincerely,
Heather Blomme
3122 State Highway 68
Ghent, MN 56239

Ek, Scott (COMM)

From: Kathy Blomme [kmbloimme@msn.com]
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2009 5:43 PM
To: Ek, Scott (COMM)
Subject: ET2/TL-08-1474

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Kathy Blomme
3122 State Highway 68
Ghent, MN 56239

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Ek, Scott (COMM)

From: Kathy Blomme [tkblomme@mvtvwireless.com]
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2009 5:37 PM
To: Ek, Scott (COMM)
Subject: ET2/TL-08-1474

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Ghent, MN 56239



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Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Comment Form Brookings-Hampton 345 kV Project

Name: Tim Blomme
 Address: 3122 Hwy 68
 City: Ghent State: Mn. ZIP: 56239

Share your comments on the accuracy and completeness of the Draft EIS prepared on the proposed Brookings County, South Dakota, to Hampton, Minnesota, 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line and associated facilities.
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I feel that the preferred route is the answer to the new transmission line. I see now that there is a variation to the preferred route. I'm sure the City of Ghent and its residents are opposed to this new variation of the preferred route coming so close to their town when crossing Hwy 68. This limits their possible city expansion east of town towards Marshall. Most of the residents along the new variation of the preferred route were not aware of this new plan until the Nov 17th, 2009 meeting. If they would have had more time they may have submitted a different route as did the residents of the preferred route.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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Signature: Tim Blomme

Date: 11-28-09

Ek, Scott (COMM)

From: Apache [apache@lmic.state.mn.us]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2009 8:43 AM
To: Ek, Scott (COMM)
Subject: Brandt Mon Nov 16 08:43:17 2009 ET2/TL 08-1474

This public comment has been sent via the form at: www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/publicComments.html

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Project Name: Brookings County - Hampton Transmission Line Project

Docket number: ET2/TL 08-1474

User Name: Elizabeth Brandt

County:

City: Webster

Email:

Phone:

Impact:

Mitigation:

Submission date: Mon Nov 16 08:43:17 2009

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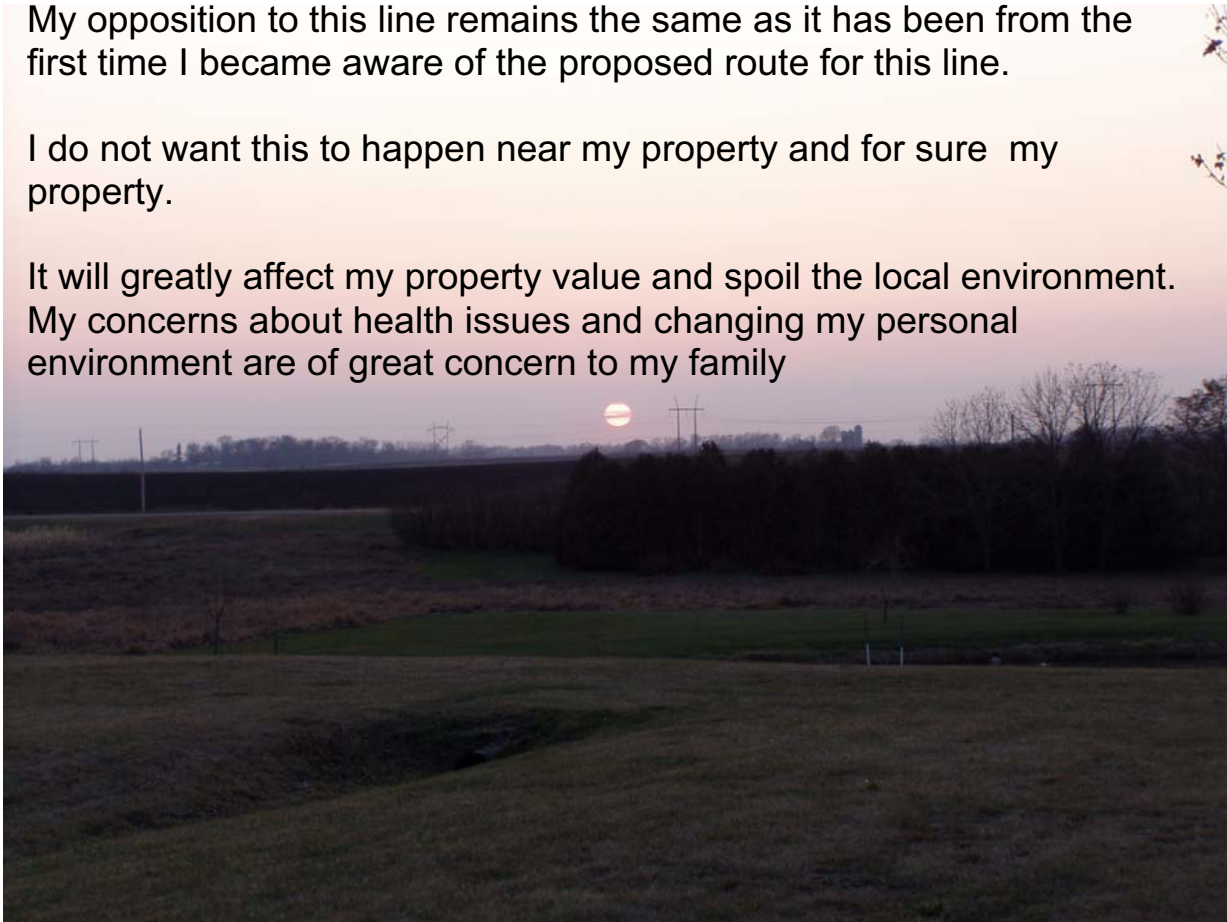
RE: Callahan Sec. 22
Derrynane Twp
Le Sueur Co, Mn.

As I stand on my property and look to the West I see the setting sun next to the set of poles that run diagonally across the field West of the road.

My opposition to this line remains the same as it has been from the first time I became aware of the proposed route for this line.

I do not want this to happen near my property and for sure my property.

It will greatly affect my property value and spoil the local environment. My concerns about health issues and changing my personal environment are of great concern to my family



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RE: Callahan Sec. 22
Derrynane Twp
Le Sueur Co, Mn.

Many things have been done to enhance the beauty and symmetry of this property. Necessary steps have been taken to obtain permits for a dwelling that will be built on my Meadow during 2010. I am adamantly opposed to any poles set on or near the property this will change the beauty and affect my environment for the rest of my life. This is forever and will never go away if the line intersects ME!



Concerned Landowner
Daniel J. Callahan



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Name: Mr. Michael DeMet
Address: 3086 130th Ave
City: Maple MN State: MA ZIP: 56264

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Following the Road

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Signature: Michael DeMet Date: 11-30-09



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Mark Dedmet

Address:

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City:

Minnesota

State:

Mn

ZIP:

56264

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This line should not be put through high productive farm land or DNR land & it should be put where it was originally planned - following the roads.

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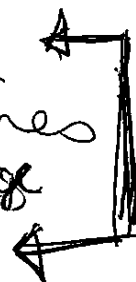
Mark Dedmet

Date:

11-30-09

Cell phone
Internet service } disruptions

Hazard to kids / powerlines
EMF & stray voltage



Property value =
decrease in land value.

Placement of towers

Mike Desutter 428-3897

~~Powerlines~~

170 Ft tall
~~Base~~

12 feet wide at

Natural wild life

Were not aware that Our alternate route
became a preferred route.



Docket 08-1474

November 11, 2009

**Att: Scott Ek, Project Manager
MOES – Dept. of Commerce
85-7th Place East, Suite 500
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198**

Dear Mr. Ek,

It has come to our attentions that CapX2020 project 345 kV power lines are going through our Le Sueur County and most particular through our beloved town of New Prague. We have wonderful family oriented community:

a lot of young families with small children have moved here to start their new fresh beginnings and now you want them to live within several feet of this monstrous high voltage power lines. You want them to look outside the windows and see these ugly power lines instead of lovely forests and fields we have. You want our children and grand children to die from leukemia, mothers and fathers - from breast cancer.

Recent studies have shown that even weak magnetic fields can change the chemistry of the brain, impair the immune system, and inhibit the synthesis of melatonin, a hormone known to suppress several types of tumors and to be present in reduced amounts in men as well as women who develop breast cancer.

A growing body of scientific evidence suggests that invisible electromagnetic fields (EMFs) are linked to a frightening array of cancers and other serious health problems in children and adults.

The report cited studies that show EMFs can disturb the production of the hormone melatonin, which is linked with sleep patterns. It said there was strong evidence that children exposed to EMFs had a higher risk of leukemia.

Last October from the U.S. National Council on Radiation Protection said there is a powerful body of impressive evidence showing that even very low exposure to electromagnetic radiation has long-term effects on our health.

This follows on the heels of three epidemiological reports released in 1994. One indicated a tie between occupational exposure to EMFs and Alzheimer's disease. Another suggested a link with Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). The third study indicated a tie with Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

You want these high voltage power lines to go through extremely close proximity to daycare businesses. Is it even humane?


A lot of small, medium and large size farmers raising their crop, milking cows, raising pigs, sheep here.

A dairy farmer living in Minnesota near high voltage utility company transmission lines couldn't turn out the lights in his barn. Even with the switches in the off position, night after night after he had finished his chores, he'd go back out to the barn to find the light bulbs still glowing from the electrical charge hovering in the air. The cows were none too happy about it either, because the constant light prevented them from sleeping, and they gave less milk.

Besides:

1. Le Sueur County will not in any way benefit from the power lines.
2. Property value, crop and milk production will go down.
3. Scott County is a part of the metro area which these power lines are suppose to serve anyway so why these high voltage lines cannot go through them.
4. Proposed route is not a direct route.

Why would you ignore these facts and try to destroy our beautiful community?



Natalia Kravchenko

11/11/2009

James Dietz and Natalia Kravchenko
Residents of Le Sueur County, Section 14



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It does not belong in the middle of sections -
or on High Productive Land.

This line should not go down through
high productive farms + through Minnesota
DNR land but should follow the original
plan of following the highway.

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Signature: Peter B. De Smet Date: Nov 30 - 09

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Project Name: Brookings County - Hampton Transmission Line Project

Docket number: ET2/TL 08-1474

User Name: Patick Edwards

County: Dakota County

City: Northfield

Email: kared@myclearwave.net

Phone: 507-645-5868

Impact: Reference Docket ET2/TL-08-1474 Route 6P-08 Greenvale Township in EIS Draft Map

I have lived in Greenvale township for 14 years. My wife and I searched the southern metro area for open land and a place for our family to grow and live for nearly 5 years prior to 1995. We finally settled on the picturesque property we now call home. I now have 2 children who like to hike and explore the land we own.

I am writing this note to assert our disappointment and opposition with a selected route for the Cap X2020 345 kv highline. This route falls directly behind my house 500 ft and cuts a swath through the miles long valley that is open farmland, marshes and treed woodlands. It spans all the views from my home from southeast to southwest. As I live atop a large hill in this valley, I will have views that are directly through the high wires posted in the lower area behind my house. I have many concerns with the proposed powerline:

- 1: Environmental, the devastation of the scenic area and how the powerline will affect the animals, both domestic and wild on my property.
- 2: Monetary, the destruction of my property value
- 3: Health, the very real concerns of Electromagnetic fields and the well being of our family.

The environmental impact to my property will be irreversible and complete. I have a pond, creek, marshland and woods that lie less than 100 ft from the proposed route. This open and wooded area contain deer, coyotes, eagles, hawks, numerous small game, ducks, and the endangered Blandings Turtle and sandhill cranes which fly through yearly.

This land is part of the Chub Lake watershed. My neighbors have cattle, cows and horses which will graze beneath the electromagnetic field of the powerline.

The montary detriment is severe, as the powerline route will halve the 40 acres of tillable land that I have, rendering it useless as income porducing and worthless as saleable farm land. The powerline path doesn't cut across section lines but rather a random x-country route that disects our pristine township in half. The proximity of the powerline path will decrease my home value, by some estimates from real estate professionals, of as much as 40-50%. Given a choice, I would not purchase a home with a large powerline near it, would you?

My other concern over this line is the well documented health hazards that exist from electromagnetic emissions. I recieved some information from the BIOINITIATIVE REPORT PERTAINING TO EMF. Researched by several scientist, this is available online. The various cancers, leukemia, and impact to medical devices are problems that arise from powerlines. These are evident and frightening but appear to be downplayed by the MNPUC and the route planners. My 12 year old son is at greater risk than most. He is a type 1 diabetic and depends on an electric Medtronic insulin pump for exact doses of insulin 24 hours a day. Any waiver from proper dosage or pump malfunction could lead to hypo or hyper glycemia and possibly coma or organ damage.

I have tried to be as thorouogh as I can at the risk of sounding redundant. This route 6P-08(DAK001) was developed by citizen groups (not the power companies), to keep away from the preferred and alternate routes in Dakota County near their homes. This route, made without proper thought of the impact to myself and my fellow farmers, the landscape, or the economic concerns of the power companies that initiated the routes in northern Dakota County.

I have been a good land steward and I fear this powerline could destroy all I have tried so hard to preserve. Place this powerline where existing roads, easements and other lines are and keep Greenvale township green.

Mitigation: The above comments address this to move the powerline route to the original, economically viable route straight east from the Lake Marion power station.

Submission date: Thu Nov 26 12:25:08 2009

This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

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User Name: Kathleen Edwards

County: Dakota County

City: Northfield

Email: kared@myclearwave.net

Phone: 507-645-5868

Impact: I live in southern Dakota County in Greenvale Township. I have sixty nine acres of land that include my home and outbuildings as well as woods, a pond and forty acres of crop land. One of the variations of the proposed routes for the Lake Marion to Hampton Substation lines, 6P08, runs directly through the middle of my property. I have many issues with the line running this far south in the county. One is that this line does not follow any existing roads. Dakota County has sought to preserve this area of the Minneapolis, St. Paul, seven county metro area as rural. Home sites are limited to one per forty acres. This is so that people can still enjoy a nonurban setting close to the metro area. The proposed line would definitely intrude on this last bit of nature so close to the cities. Next, as the line would run through the middle of my property, I would lose most of the income from the corn and soybean crops planted on the tailable acreage for the rest of my life and my son and daughters also. The line is also proposed very close to a pond on my property that is not depicted on the CapX2020 maps. This land and the pond attract an abundance of wildlife, including the migrating Sandhill Cranes and the threatened Blanding's Turtles. I am also very concerned over the adverse effects of living close to this type of power line. My twelve year old son who resides here is insulin dependent and wears a Medtronic Insulin Pump. It is important that he receives the correct dose of insulin through the pump several times per hour, every hour of the day, every day of the week. The slightest miscalculation from electrical interference can cause him to go into a coma, be hospitalized or cause his death.

I urge you to keep the line north of this area of the county, in an area where the infrastructure already exists. The line to the north is a more direct route to the Hampton substation and more cost effective.

Thank you.

Kathleen Edwards

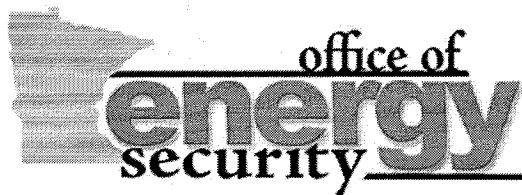
Mitigation: I believe the line for the Lake Maion to Hampton Substation would be more cost effective and have the least environmental impact if it were built further north in Dakota County, in Lakeville, on a preferred route that is on a direct route to Hampton that already has much of the infrastructure for the line.

Submission date: Sun Nov 29 22:08:59 2009

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We have lived here for 25 years. Our house and land are our only real investment for retirement. I am 67 and my husband is 61. We don't have time to start over. Please don't use my property as we will have nothing for old age. We still work just to pay for our home and we have planted many trees and landscaped much of our 6 acres so it would be worth more.

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Signature: Virginia Hayes Date: Nov 20 09
Chris & Virginia

ET2/TL-08-1474

Joel Helmberger [jhelmberger@forwardair.com]

Sent: Monday, November 30, 2009 12:48 PM

To: Ek, Scott (COMM)

Cc: Joel Helmberger [jhelmberger@forwardair.com]

I wish to offer the following comments and suggestions on the EIS for the Brookings-Hampton 345kV Project.

First of all I believe the alternate route through Rice County is the better route for these reasons:

There are fewer homes on the route and the area has no long term plans for residential growth.

Scott County has a long term comprehensive plan, approved by the Met Council, that would be severely negatively impacted by this route.

The property values along this route are much less and do not have the potential for future appreciation that the northern route would involve.

Scott County stands to lose a significant tax base with the devaluation and lack of future value appreciation of the properties affected on the CAPX preferred route.

Rice counties situation is different since the area is not planned for residential growth and the line have little effect on agricultural land values.

There is a minimal impact to the agricultural enterprises along this route as the height of the tower would allow for farming underneath the lines and there is not a presence of center pivot or overhead irrigation systems in the area.

In the event that the alternate route is not the route selected I offer the following segment alternative for the routing in Scott County.

For the segment from Jonquil Av east to Interstate 35 (the segment of the line bisecting New Market Township)

The line should continue east along Hwy 2 from Jonquil Av to I-35 and then follow the I-35 corridor north to the Lake Marion Substation.

As a mitigation effort the line should be buried from Scott County Rd 27 east to France Av. This would save all residences within from the offense aesthetics of the proposed line.

This would reduce ROW procurement needs as the line would be able to use the roadway as on side (75 feet) of its ROW need.

There are less than 15 homes on the north side of Hwy 2 that would be within the ROW area. Some of these homes are unoccupied or operated as business.

These Homes are of far less value than the homes existing along the CAPX preferred route. There are a handful of small businesses that would be affected but could be relocated at CAPX expense.

The relocation of these few businesses and the raising the buildings that house them could allow MNDOT and Scott County to rebuild Hwy 2 through the city of Elko New Market in the four lane configuration it should have had to begin with.

When CAPX2020 representatives were asked for the primary criteria on route selection for these lines the responded that:

Firstly it was to have as little displacement or disruption to existing households as possible.

Secondly, to use existing right of ways where ever possible.

Yet when the preferred route enters New Market Township it immediately leaves the right of way and proceeds cross country for seven of the seven and one half miles until it arrives at the Lake Marion substation. Additionally it directly interferes with more residences that either of the above proposed route segments.

As a tax payer in Minnesota and an elected official in New Market Township, I request and expect the state to protect my individual property rights and force the utilities to live by their own rules. Do not allow this project to deviate from existing right of ways and cross private property and to destroy a lifestyle that people have paid dearly to acquire.

The

CAPX2020 preferred route through New Market Township is a disgrace. I believe the above suggestions offer viable alternatives.

Thanks for your consideration,

Joel Helmberger
New Market Township Supervisor.

Ek, Scott (COMM)

From: GENXCRISES.COM [nk@genxcruises.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2009 9:59 PM
To: Ek, Scott (COMM)
Subject: Docket 08-1474

Docket 08-1474

November 11, 2009

Att: Scott Ek, Project Manager

MOES – Dept. of Commerce

85-7th Place East, Suite 500

St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

Dear Mr. Ek,

It has come to our attentions that CapX2020 project 345 kV power lines are going through our Le Sueur County and most particular through our beloved town of New Prague. We have wonderful family oriented community:

a lot of young families with small children have moved here to start their new fresh beginnings and now you want them to live within several feet of this monstrous high voltage power lines. You want them to look outside the windows and see these ugly power lines instead of lovely forests and fields we have. You want our children and grand children to die from leukemia, mothers and fathers - from breast cancer.

Recent studies have shown that even weak magnetic fields can change the chemistry of the brain, impair the immune system, and inhibit the synthesis of melatonin, a hormone known to suppress several types of tumors and to be present in reduced amounts in men as well as women who develop breast cancer.

A growing body of scientific evidence suggests that invisible electromagnetic fields (EMFs) are linked to a frightening array of cancers and other serious health problems in children and adults.

The report cited studies that show EMFs can disturb the production of the hormone melatonin, which is linked with sleep patterns. It said there was strong evidence that children exposed to EMFs had a higher risk of leukemia.

Last October from the U.S. National Council on Radiation Protection said there is a powerful body of impressive evidence showing that even very low exposure to electromagnetic radiation has long-term effects on our health.

This follows on the heels of three epidemiological reports released in 1994. One indicated a tie between occupational exposure to EMFs and Alzheimer's disease. Another suggested a link with Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). The third study indicated a tie with Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

You want these high voltage power lines to go through extremely close proximity to daycare businesses. Is it even

A lot of small, medium and large size farmers raising their crop, milking cows, raising pigs, sheep here.

A dairy farmer living in Minnesota near high voltage utility company transmission lines couldn't turn out the lights in his barn. Even with the switches in the off position, night after night after he had finished his chores, he'd go back out to the barn to find the light bulbs still glowing from the electrical charge hovering in the air. The cows were none too happy about it either, because the constant light prevented them from sleeping, and they gave less milk.

- Besides:
- 1. Le Sueur County will not in any way benefit from the power lines.**
 - 2. Property value, crop and milk production will go down.**
 - 3. Scott County is a part of the metro area which these power lines are suppose to serve anyway so why these high voltage lines cannot go through them.**
 - 4. Proposed route is not a direct route.**

Why would you ignore these facts and try to destroy our beautiful community?

James Dietz and Natalia Kravchenko

Residents of Le Sueur County, Section 14

Ek, Scott (COMM)

From: TIMSHARONLUKE@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2009 5:45 PM
To: Ek, Scott (COMM)
Subject: CapX2020 Powerline

Scott:

My name is Tim Kretchmer. We live 2 miles south of Union Hill on the corner of Hwy 31 and 300th St in Derrynane Township.

The powerline alternate route was supposed to go within 200ft in front of my house. No good. Now I was informed by my neighbor that instead it's going to stop at the Hwy 31 intersection which is 250 ft away, run parallel to my property 1/4 mile, turn east and run parallel to my property again continuing east.

You got to be kidding me. Now I'm facing the possibility of having this health hazard and eyesore on two sides of me! What kind of crap is this?

I'm going to fight this. I won't permit this to happen. No way, no how. Do you think this is right?

We've spoken before. What a nightmare.

Tim Kretchmer

Ek, Scott (COMM)

From: TIMSHARONLUKE@aol.com
Sent: Friday, November 27, 2009 8:31 PM
To: Ek, Scott (COMM)
Subject: CapX2020 EIS

Scott:

My name is Tim Kretchmer. My family and I live on the proposed alternate route (intersection of 300th St and 210th St in Le Sueur County). We wish to again state our opposition to this project and make our concerns public.

The alternate route as originally plotted runs easily within 200 ft in front of our house which faces 300th St. This eyesore would severely impact the value of our property. We have two little boys, 6 & 2, which play in our front yard and ride their bikes in the driveway. We will not allow them to play next to this power line.

The Hoy proposal (A-LES-002) suggested a change of .75 miles north on 210th before heading east. As written in the EIS, you have it going .25 miles north and heading east. The result for us would be a transmission line on the west and north side of our property which is no better an option than the original. This change would put poles in two additional property owners yards within 250 feet as well as interfere with new construction plans for a house and airstrip to be built this spring. The only reason for this change as I see it is to go around a daycare business. Makes no sense. It also stops me from pasturing cows on the north end of my property.

We built our house in the country to be away from things like this. We wish to raise our kids away from things like this. My neighbors and I will be a problem for this project moving forward if it's decided to use this route. We have to fight to keep what is ours. I believe you would do the same if in our shoes.

Sincerely,

Tim, Sharon, Luke and Joshua Kretchmer
20068 300th St
New Prague, MN 56071

Ek, Scott (COMM)

From: Rksmargo1@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2009 7:39 AM
To: Ek, Scott (COMM)
Subject: CapX2020

Scott,

We are one of the homeowners that I believe will be effected by the electric transmission lines route that is being proposed. Could you tell me what are our options? We definitely did not buy this property to have the sight of a large electrical power line going through it, but what we DEFINATELY can not have is the health concerns for our children and ourselves due to these lines.

I would hope that we have the right to refuse to allow this on or near our property OR the state must purchase our property in order to utilize the land to benefit itself.

We have worked very hard to obtain our home and the environment that we wanted our family to be in. I am hoping that the state and the companies involved can see that it isn't right that they can come in and take from us our health and the value of the property that we purchased.

Please advise what options we have and what we can to save our investment and our health.

Margaret Lackore
24185 Denmark Ave.
Farmington, MN 55024
612-554-4225

Ek, Scott (COMM)

From: Jenny MacKinnon [mac_applecreek@frontiernet.net]
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2009 5:02 PM
To: Ek, Scott (COMM)
Cc: Capx.Oah@state.mn.us
Subject: FW: BrookingsCounty-Hampton 345 kV project
Attachments: IMG_0710.JPG; IMG_0711.JPG; IMG_0712.JPG; IMG_0713.JPG; IMG_0714.JPG

From: Jenny MacKinnon [mailto:mac_applecreek@frontiernet.net]
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2009 3:46 PM
To: 'scott.ek@state.mn.us'
Cc: 'capx.oah@state.mn.us'
Subject: BrookingsCounty-Hampton 345 kV project

Dear Mr. Ek,

My husband and I attended the Draft EIS Public Meeting November 13, 2009, at the Holiday Inn in Lakeville, MN. We went to observe only and inform ourselves of the possible environmental impact this project may have if the alternate route down Pillsbury Avenue is selected.

Finding myself compelled to speak, I mentioned the close proximity of the creek that bisects our land and it's location just 30 feet from Scott County Highway 46. This creek is a tributary of the Vermillion River and needs to be protected and preserved.

I have attached some photos that I feel clearly portray the proximity of the tributary to the roadway for your observation and consideration when making decisions regarding the future impact on the environment if this prospective route is chosen as the route for the transmission route.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully yours,

Jennifer MacKinnon
 25526 Pillsbury Avenue
 Lakeville, Minnesota 55044

(H) 952-469-1851
 (C) 612-695-6860











Ek, Scott (COMM)

From: Carol Mader [cmader@bevcomm.net]
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2009 6:35 AM
To: Ek, Scott (COMM)
Subject: Docket ET2/TL 08-1474

Scott

I'm writing in regards to the power lines that could potential cut through my area. My concern is that if there is a need to increase the power needed to the area why does it need to cut across prime farming land. It does not make sense to disrupt the livelihood of many farmers when there is existing right aways. It also disrupt the homes of wild life and destroys the beautiful countryside we half left. If the need is really there it should stay in existing right aways instead of hop scotching through prime farm land or find another alternative method of delivering the power to the area.

Carol Mader
30358 State Hwy 13
New Prague MN 56071



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Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Comment Form
Brookings-Hampton 345 kV Project

Name: Doug Maeyaert
Address: 3136 Co Rd 3
City: Minnesota State: MN ZIP: 56264

Share your comments on the accuracy and completeness of the Draft EIS prepared on the proposed Brookings County, South Dakota, to Hampton, Minnesota, 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line and associated facilities. Comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, November 30, 2009.

To whom it may concern,
I am opposed to the new route for the transmission line which would run on our property. The original route would affect fewer wetlands & wildlife areas. The new route will go directly over several farm sites & I have concerns about health risks & negative affects on property values. Please revert back to the original route. Thank you.

Please turn this form in tonight or mail to the address provided on the back (use additional sheets as necessary). You may also email comments to Scott Ek, Project Manager at: scott.ek@state.mn.us with ET2/TL-08-1474 in the subject line or submit comments online at: <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/publicComments.html>.

Signature: Doug Maeyaert Date: 11-30-09



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Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Comment Form Brookings-Hampton 345 kV Project

Name: Dan Maeyert
Address: 3175 Co Rd 3 Minnesota
City: Minnesota State: MD ZIP: 56264

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Dear Sirs,

We have a power line a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from us already! It will go through a wild life area in one place and 5 miles away go right next or on another one. We have health concerns already. You will go right through 2 of my neighbors farm yards as they have buildings on each side of the road. There is way more wetlands on this route than the primary route also. Put it back to your original route. It makes way more sense. Land & home values will shrink.

Sincerely Dan Maeyert

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Signature: Dan Maeyert Date: 11-30-09



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Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Comment Form
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Name: Kayla Maeyardt
Address: 3175 Cy Rd 3
City: Minnesota State: MN ZIP: 56264

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Please put the power line back where it was! I am worried about my health & my families health.

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Signature: Kayla Maeyardt Date: 11/30/09



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Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Comment Form
Brookings-Hampton 345 kV Project

Name: Kelsey Maeyaert
Address: 3175 Co. Rd 3
City: Minneota State: MN ZIP: 56264

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Please put it back where you had it. I am concerned for my health and for my ~~family~~ family.

Sincerely,
Kelsey Maeyaert

Please turn this form in tonight or mail to the address provided on the back (use additional sheets as necessary).
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Signature: Kelsey Maeyaert Date: 11-30-09



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Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Comment Form
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Name: Shari Maeyert
Address: 3175 County Road 3
City: Minnetonka State: MN ZIP: 55264

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I do not want this on my land. We
have a powerline 1/2 mile away already.
I am concerned for my health and for
my kids. Put it back where you originally
planned.

Sincerely,

Shari Maeyert

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subject line or submit comments online at: <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/publicComments.html>.

Signature: Shari Maeyert Date: 11/30/09

My name is Carolyn Miller, I am a resident of the city of Elko New Market. Over the past 14 years I have also been active in city government as a former Planning Commissioner, City Council member, and Mayor. Therefore, I have been deeply involved in the city's efforts to create and update the city's Comprehensive Plan, and I am very familiar with the current and future growth plans for our city.

14 years ago, our cities combined had a population of about 900 people. Today we have a population of 3,800 people and growing. In recent years, we were one of the fastest growing cities, in the fastest growing county, in the state of Minnesota. We are located in the 7 county Metropolitan area, approx. 5 miles south of Lakeville, one of the largest suburbs in Minnesota. We have the next freeway access to Interstate 35, south of Lakeville. We are poised for tremendous growth-- it is anticipated that Elko New Market will grow to a population of 20,000 to 30,000 people within 30 years. Due to our growth position, we have worked and reworked our Comprehensive Plan with Scott County, our neighboring cities, counties and townships, and the Met Council. It was agreed by all parties that our city is on the fast track for growth, due to our key location.

Our Comprehensive Plan, which has been approved by Scott County and the Met Council, clearly shows that County Rd 2 is the "Main Street" of the city of Elko New Market. It is the main artery of the city, the heart of the city. Parts of County Rd 2 are already commercially developed. The remaining part from our downtown to Interstate 35 is slated for the Highest Use Commercial Development. This is prime commercial land. This is our gateway corridor. All our plans for future commercial development, future jobs, expanded services and increased tax base for our city rest on the County Rd 2 corridor.

In recognition of our city's growth position, the city and Scott County, in the past two years, just spent millions of dollars to upgrade County Rd 2. from a 2 lane to a divided 4 lane highway. Also, the Met Council recently spent millions of dollars running a Sewer Interceptor line to Elko New Market. This sewer line runs right down County Rd 2. It means we are now connected to Metropolitan Urban Service area for sewer. The line was brought to Elko New Market in recognition of our city's position as a key growth center in the Twin Cities metro area.

The proposed plan to run High Voltage Electrical Power lines down County Rd 2 would cut our city in half, and destroy our plans for highest use Commercial Development along this road. It would ruin our plans for growth. It would be completely at odds with the city, Scott County, and the Met Council's plans for our expansion. We would lose the jobs, services, and increased tax revenues that we are counting on.

In reviewing the CAPX2020 proposal, I don't see ANYWHERE else where it is proposed to run these High Voltage Power Lines through the heart of any other city. I don't see that you want to run them through downtown New Prague, or downtown

Lonsdale. Or how about downtown Prior Lake, or downtown Lakeville.? So why would you even consider running them through heart of the city of Elko New Market.? This is just not a reasonable proposal.

I was also very disturbed to see that one of the plans on the table includes running the power lines right next to Elko New Market's new Elementary School . This school is only three years old, and cost millions of dollars of taxpayer money, built by the New Prague school district. A Middle School is also scheduled to be built next the Elementary School on the same parcel of land. I am not a medical expert, but we all know there is controversy surrounding the negative health effects of High Voltage Power lines located in close proximity to humans and animals. Anyone can Google this topic and get information on potential health concerns related to High Voltage Power Lines. So why would we take the chance of bringing harm to our children? Why would there even be a plan on the table to run these lines right next to our new Elementary school, when there is so much other available, less populated land nearby.? This is a bad plan.

For these reasons I respectfully ask this review board to remove the "County Road 2" alignment plan and the city's Elementary School alignment plan from consideration. Elko New Market is a growing city in the Minneapolis/St. Paul metro area. Placing High Voltage Power lines in the middle of our city and near our school would be devastating to current residents and businessowners, and would destroy our city's plans for future growth.

These power lines need to be placed in rural areas, well away from developed areas and cities, where they will impact the fewest number of people. There is plenty of rural land both north and south of Elko New Market's growth area where the lines can be safely and reasonably placed.

Thank you.

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TO

SCOTT EK Project MANAGER FAX: 651-297-7891

85-7th Place E. Suite 500

ST PAUL, MN 55101-2198 DATE 11/27/09

SUBJECT

BROOKINGS TO HAMPTON 345KV TRANSMISSION LINE

DEAR MR EK:

I HUMBLY REQUEST THAT THE POWER LINE
TAKE THE NORTHERN (PRIMARY) ROUTE.

I OWN A CENTURY FARM ALONG THE SOUTHERN
(ALTERNATE) ROUTE WHICH IS NOW IN THE 5TH
GENERATION (SOON TO BE 6TH GENERATION BY
MY SON, AGE 31). THE FARM IS PRESENTLY
BEING SET UP FOR ORGANIC FARMING.

A CREEK ALSO RUNS THROUGH THE FARM
THAT SUPPORTS WILD LIFE. THE POWER LINE
WOULD BE VERY DETRIMENTAL TO THIS

FARM THAT HAS BEEN IN THE FAMILY
SINCE 1872 AND IS NOW AN ORGANIC
FARM. Thank you for your consideration.

SIGNED

Jerry J. Minar

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Ek, Scott (COMM)

From: gmorrisson@netzero.net
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2009 12:14 PM
To: Ek, Scott (COMM)
Subject: Public meeting for Brookings to Hampton at Lonsdale, MN on Nov. 12th

Mr. Ek,

My name is Gary Morrison and I own land on the proposed 5A-04 alternate route. I was very upset as to the purpose of the meeting held in Lonsdale and surrounding areas. As a land owner on the proposed 5A-04 route, I have been brought into the process to determine final route decisions VERY late. I was surprised as to the purpose of the meeting. The purpose was to offer Environment info. only. Where was MY opportunity to offer suggestions to different routing? It seems very unfair to be brought into the process so late! This has been the first informational meeting I have been invited to and to only find out that others have been involved for many months. To make matters worse, I find out that the only reason the 5A-04 alternate route was established to begin with was because another land owner didn't want it across his land! Imagine that! If that is the criteria for creating alternate routes I deserve my chance to offer different routes as well. When will my meeting take place for alternate routing!!! I understand that a judge will hear final arguments in December at different locations but different routes will no longer be submitted.

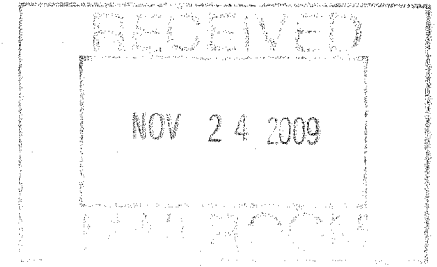
It seems to me that those who were brought into the process early on have an advantage to final line placement. I want my chance to offer my suggestion to where the route should be.

Gary Morrison
952-758-9262

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November 20, 2009

Scott Ek
Project Manager
Minnesota Office of Energy Security
85 7th Place East, Suite 500
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198



Dear Mr. Ek,

My name is Gail Morrison and my 3 siblings and I own 75 acres of farmland in Webster, MN.

Our farm's southwest corner is 50th street and Elmore Ave. The proposed alternate to the alternate, 5A-04, directly borders the southern edge of our property. I oppose this alternate because it would virtually destroy the value of our property.

Our father bought the property in 1973 and farmed it for many years. He eventually passed it on to my siblings and me and we have all considered it a crucial source of retirement income. We all spent many years working on the farm, clearing rocks, haying and gardening. My children also worked in the garden for many summers, and we canned the produce. The farm is an important part of my family's life and we have a strong tie to the land.

Currently we rent the land for crops, but the plan has always been to sell it for development and retirement income when the housing market improves. This would benefit us as well as the township of Webster and Rice Country with an improved tax base.

The land was worth \$10,000 or more an acre before the recession, and in due course it will return to that value or more. The power line would devalue the land to the point that it could not be sold. Buying a small section of our property as an easement wouldn't help, since no one will want to own a house so close to the power line.

I know you have considered many routes, and this latest proposed route was certainly not the first choice. As I understand it, this proposed route follows 60th street heading east out of Lonsdale, then takes a jog north at Elmore Ave., and then continues to head east along what would be 50th Street. 50th street stops at Elmore Ave., and then picks up again 1 mile east. The proposed transmission line would not even follow a road as it goes east – it cuts through farm land, with ours bordering the north side of the line. It doesn't make sense for the line to take a detour off of a major road and destroy farm land. Furthermore, this proposed route would also conflict with Sky Harbor Air Park.

The transmission line should follow county- and state-created transit and utility corridors. I know we need lines somewhere, but they should be placed where it is more foreseeable that they would be built – along major county roads or state highways.

I am sure you have considered many alternatives, such as following Highway 14, a main east-west road, to 35W; or along Hwy 19 out of Lonsdale to Hwy 86, then east to 35W. It looks like the proposed line follows Hwy 86 on the east side of the freeway as the primary alternate line. It is hard to understand why Hwy 86 isn't also the transmission line route west of the freeway since Hwy 86 is the main thoroughfare and truck route. Another option would be to stay with the original alternate, B-LES.

If Minnesota can build impressive infrastructure such as light rail lines, extensive bike routes and park systems, manage water resources including run off and clean ground water, I know we certainly have the ability to build other necessary infrastructure in a fair way that won't destroy the property values of the property owners along the route. Following a main highway route is better than destroying family farms.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Gail Morrison

This public comment has been sent via the form at:
www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/publicComments.html

You are receiving it because you are listed as the contact for this project.

Project Name: Brookings County - Hampton Transmission Line Project

Docket number: ET2/TL 08-1474

User Name: Rick & Stephanie Myhre

County: Lyon County

City: Minneota

Email:

Phone:

Impact: To whom it may concern,
We strongly oppose the high voltage IP-02 line routed near our farm in Nordland Township. We moved here to raise our family on the family farm. That has been in our family for three generations and hopefully more. We are very concerned about health risks from the high voltage power lines for our family and neighbors in this area. Land and property value will decrease. Also the noise and quality of life will be disturbed. We feel it's not safe for animals and the people who live here. We do not want to raise our young children in an environment that can harm them. Please change this route so that we won't be affected by the high voltage power lines.
Thank you
Rick & Stephanie Myhre

Mitigation: Move IP-02 route back to the original plan or make a new route so that we will not be affected.
Go to areas where there are less people living.

Submission date: Mon Nov 30 15:16:55 2009

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**Energy Facility Permitting
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Name: Rick + Stephanie Myhre
Address: 1523 County Road 8
City: Minnesota State: MN ZIP: 56264

Please share your comments on the potential impacts, mitigation measures and alternative routes to be considered in the scoping document and environmental impact statement to be prepared for the proposed Brookings County, South Dakota, to Hampton, Minnesota, 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line and associated facilities.

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To whom it may concern,

We strongly oppose the high voltage IP-02 line routed near our farm in Nordland Township. We moved here to raise our family on the family farm that has been in our family for three generations. We are very concerned about health risks for our family and neighbors in this area. Land and property value will decrease. Also the noise and quality of life will be disturbed. We feel it's not safe for animals and the people who live here. We do not want to raise our young children in an environment that can harm them. Please change the route back to the original or make a new route so that we won't be affected by the high voltage power lines. Thank-you

Signature: Steph Myhre Date: 11-30-09

comment CapX2020 EIS

ANN OCCHIATO [aocchiato@wildblue.net]

Sent: Monday, November 30, 2009 4:32 PM**To:** Ek, Scott (COMM)

Dear Mr. Ek,

I am writing to voice my concern about the CapX2020 alternate routes that run along Cty Rd 86 in Dakota County (Brookings to Hampton line). All of the alternative routes run directly adjacent to Chub Lake, through Chub Creek Marsh, and border its State Wildlife Management Area. This is unacceptable. Not only is Chub Creek Marsh exceptionally beautiful and (thankfully) somewhat still rugged, but it houses rare and native habitat, and protected and threatened species including oak woodlands and marshes, Sandhill cranes, eagles, and the threatened Blanding's turtle, among many others.

The Dakota County Biological Survey highlights how special the areas around Chub Lake are and running extremely large towers through it, as CapX proposes, is irresponsible. This unique natural area is deserving of protection and there have been numerous attempts over the years to put it in a park plan or in conservation. In 2001, local residents and activists successfully initiated the purchase of the land for the WMA on Chub Creek's southern shores. In 2001, the Sierra Club listed the area as endangered and helped protect it from aggregate development. In a 2005 bonding bill, \$70,000 was approved to help fund a conservation easement to protect a forested parcel of shoreline adjacent to the Wildlife Management Area. The Met Council has also identified Chub Lake in their 2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan and Dakota County once considered the area for a future county park.

This area is a flyway for thousands of migrating water fowl and other birds and is a special, rare and unique natural area that is not compatible with large transmission towers. It is my sincere hope that all alternate routes for the CapX lines running along Cty Rd 86 in this area will be abandoned as possibilities. The precious few remaining wild places left in the metro should not be chosen for such a project when so much other land without ecological significance is available.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Ann B. Occhiato
28351 Foliage Ave
Northfield, MN 55057

Ek, Scott (COMM)

From: Bridget Pieper [mldairy@means.net]
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2009 8:26 PM
To: Ek, Scott (COMM)
Subject: CAPX2020 Power line through Rice County

Dear Mr. Ek,

This e-mail is in regards to the power line that is scheduled to go through Scott County on the north side of New Prague. An alternative route is through Rice County.

My name is Bridget Pieper. My husband, Ray and my family have lived at 6565 Kent Ave. New Prague 56071 since 1973. We own and operate a 300 cow dairy farm and are now expanding to 400 cows with our barn building in progress.

It is our understanding that an alternative route as of November 1st 2009 will pass by our farm and/or very close to it. We are well aware of the dangers and problems that it will cause. We have been in contact with other dairy farms that have had to deal with stray voltage issues and know the terrible side effects, millions of dollars in lost production due to poor cow health and performance.

Let me just say this... I know we cannot control where the power line will end up, but be prepared to pay the expenses we will incur due to this issue!

Thank you,

Bridget Pieper

Ek, Scott (COMM)

From: Apache [apache@lmic.state.mn.us]
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2009 11:58 AM
To: Ek, Scott (COMM)
Subject: R Mon Nov 23 11:57:48 2009 ET2/TL 08-1474

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Project Name: Brookings County - Hampton Transmission Line Project

Docket number: ET2/TL 08-1474

User Name: John R

County:

City: wa

Email: jr@tcicinc.com

Phone: 763-557-6648

Impact: It appears the Preferred Alternate Route 02 runs along 312th street in the Town of Nordan. I own 240 acres along that street next to the Tilleman WMA. All the acreage is in the CRP program. If the line runs across my property I'll lose the CRP monies the towers take as well as a drop in the property value. I purchased this with a retirement home in mind. Imagine the view. Please consider the Preferred route or the Alternates not the Preferred Alternate 02.

Mitigation: I think the line should run next to a highway, such as HWY 19, that may have exiting power lines and possibly combine them on the same tower.

Submission date: Mon Nov 23 11:57:48 2009

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Ek, Scott (COMM)

From: Rezac, Ken [ken.rezac@chart-ind.com]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2009 8:22 AM
To: Ek, Scott (COMM)
Subject: comments on the high voltage line routing

Dear Mr. Scott Ek,

My name is Ken Rezac, and I am writing on behalf of myself and my wife Colleen who live at 5015 Elmore Ave, at the intersection of Elmore and 50th street in Webster Township in Rice County.

The Elmore and 50th intersection is a Tee intersection and is located on the variation to the alternate route (5A-04). If you take a close look at the map you will see that there is a pinch-point of homes at this intersection. My wife and I are located to the south east of this Tee intersection. Our home is located 110 feet from the center of the road, and less than 100 feet from our northern property line; in fact our out-buildings are only 15 feet from the property line which is lined up directly with the centerline of 50th street. There is no road to the north of our property, so that means that there is no already existing Right of Way in this area. At the meeting, you stated that they prefer to follow existing Right-Of-Ways if possible. Keep in mind that there is none along the east/west leg of this variation to the alternate route. There are also a total of eighteen residences located along this variation.

Directly to the north of our building sight is the farmstead of Ben and Tammy Erickson. To the west of them, and on the west side of Elmore Ave is the home of Jan and Liz Selvig. You will note that there is only one corner of this intersection at 50th and Elmore that does not have buildings on it. If the power line was routed along this variation to the alternate, a four legged tower would need to be constructed to make the 90 degree turn and it would have to be on that unused quadrant of the intersection. This would run the power lined directly over our house.

All three families that live at this intersection sincerely ask you to drop this variation to the alternate as a possible routing for the high voltage power line.

Sincerely,

Ken and Colleen Rezac
5015 Elmore Ave,
Webster, MN, 55088

952-652-2240

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Project Name: Brookings County - Hampton Transmission Line Project

Docket number: ET2/TL 08-1474

User Name: Cheryl Rude

County: Yellow Medicine County

City: Granite Falls

Email: crude@mvtvwireless.com

Phone: 320-564-4013

Impact: I attended several meetings last winter and spring regarding the placement of the transmission lines for this project. At the end of the meetings, it seemed that the lines were going to be going through farm land and away from the homes. It wasn't until I read the articles in the Marshall Independent and the Granite Falls Advocate Tribune, that I see that the route may again be changing and following Highway 23 into Granite Falls, placing the power very near my home in the country. I did not attend the recent meetings, because I was not aware that alternate routing was being considered. I would like to voice my displeasure at this proposed alternate line being placed so close to my home and my neighbor's recreational pond as well as in line with the airport in Granite Falls. People do not like to live next to power lines and I can understand not wanting to have them through your field, but I think that placing them away from the homes and people is a much preferred option. Even placing them on the other side of the road (Hwy 23) and nearer the railroad line, would be better than on the east side of Hwy 23. My home is located at 5475 254th Ave, Granite Falls, MN. Please take this into consideration and please send me more information about this and what the process will be for the upcoming hearing in Granite Falls and/or Marshall. Thank you.

Cheryl Rude

5475 254th Ave.

Granite Falls, MN 56241

Mitigation: I think that the two sites that were proposed and discussed at length this past winter and spring are better options than running the line along Hwy 23. I don't want a power line that close to my home and most people don't. I think it is better to put them where the people and homes are not. If this line gets placed on the newly proposed alternate route, it will be right in my back yard. With it that close, I would be concerned about interference with my TV reception, my internet reception, my phone reception, and any potential health hazards associated with being that close to that high voltage of a line. Even placing on the west side of Hwy 23 by the railroad line, would be better than on the east side of the road by my house.

Submission date: Thu Nov 19 23:34:13 2009

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Brookings-Hampton 345 kV Project

Name: Steven Schuler
Address: 3238 260th Ave
City: Marshall State: MN ZIP: 56258

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I Am Against the Alternate route of P-LYN-001 It looks like that route was packed just to appease complainants from the preferred route. Just as many homes and farmstead will be disrupted on that route as on the preferred route plus more Acres of wet lands will be involved 84 to 42 AC. There are also power lines and radio towers along this route And it will bring it closer to two small towns Grant and Green Valley

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Signature: [Signature]

Date: 11/30/09

Ek, Scott (COMM)

From: Randy Schroeder [rschroeder@frandsenbank.com]
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2009 9:23 AM
To: Ek, Scott (COMM)
Subject: RE: Brookings-Hampton 345 kV Scoping Decision

Hello Scott,

Thank you for your email, and for the map showing possible alternate routes in Section of Five of Eden Township. I don't know if my objection to the proposed power line on my property is typical, or if I feel more strongly than other landowners. But I **DO NOT WANT THIS POWER LINE ON MY PROPERTY!** Some of the alternatives that I see on the map of alternate routes (to avoid a route directly in front of Steve Prah's building site) would put the line on **TWO SIDES** of my property, rather than just one as initially proposed. Another alternative proposal puts it right over my driveway, and I have a short driveway. So I certainly don't like those alternate proposals any more than the original.

Why can't the power line head north in **REDWOOD COUNTY** (or possibly on the Redwood/Brown County line) rather than cross into Brown County before heading north across the river. It would sure seem that you could better avoid building sites by doing that.

Regardless of the various alternatives, **WE DON'T WANT THIS POWER LINE ON OUR PROPERTY!** It may seem to you like a power line pole here and there should not be a big deal, but to farm around these poles and to have to look at them on our horizon for the rest of our lives is a burden that I don't believe you fully understand or appreciate. My expectation is that you will offer some modest compensation that won't even begin to truly reflect the damage to our property.

Randy Schroeder
 33763 327th Ave.
 Morgan, MN 56266

From: Ek, Scott (COMM) [mailto:Scott.Ek@state.mn.us]
Sent: Wednesday, November 04, 2009 1:32 PM
To: Randy Schroeder
Subject: RE: Brookings-Hampton 345 kV Scoping Decision

Mr. Schroeder:

The Brookings-Hampton 345 kV transmission project and the Big Stone Power Plant project are two separate and exclusive projects, they are not related.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Brookings-Hampton project was issued on October 20, 2009, and can be viewed online at: <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/resource.html?id=25589>. The Draft EIS evaluated the issues and concerns associated with each proposed and alternative route, as identified in the Scoping Decision Document. I have attached a map from the Draft EIS showing the alternatives that have been suggested by citizens for the area in question. A route has yet to be selected, there will be round of Draft EIS Public Meetings followed by Public Hearings that will allow for more public comment. The Public Utilities Commission will take all this information and make a decision on a route in March or April of 2010.

More information on meeting and hearing dates is available at: <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?id=19860>

Please feel free to contact me with any other questions.

Thank you,

SCOTT EK

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Sent: Wednesday, November 04, 2009 1:09 PM
To: Ek, Scott (COMM)
Subject: RE: Brookings-Hampton 345 kV Scoping Decision

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Does the cancellation of the Big Stone Coal Power Plant project change the proposed Brookings-Hampton power line in any way? If not, what is the latest proposal for the line as it passes through Northern Brown County, particularly in the area of Section 5, T111, R33 (Eden Township)? I know there had been some alternate proposals to avoid passing so close to Steve Prah's building site, but the alternatives that I have seen put it just as close to other building sites.

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From: Randy Schroeder [rschroeder@frandsenbank.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2009 1:04 PM
To: Ek, Scott (COMM); Capx.Oah@state.mn.us
Subject: Proposed Brookings to Hampton power line

I am a landowner in northern Eden township of Brown County, and the preferred route is along the north border of my farm. In order to avoid passing directly next to my neighbor's house, I see there are now five alternate paths in that area of Section 5 of Eden township, all of which impact my property.

I wish the line would follow the "alternate route" north of Highway 19 rather than the "preferred route" south of Highway 19 in my area. I really don't want the power lines in my area or on my land for three reasons:

1. I don't wish to lose any of my land, or have the use of my land restricted by easements. The land has been owned by my family for nearly 100 years.
2. I don't want the nuisance of having power lines in my fields.
3. I don't like the aesthetics of the power line near my house (including possible health effects).

Of these three reason, #3 is the most important to me. For that reason, if the power line does indeed pass through or near my property, I would prefer either the original path, or alternate paths labeled 3P-01 or 3P-05. While those paths would likely still put the line on my property, the aesthetics, I believe would be better for me than the alternatives. I specifically do not want 3P-02 or 3P-04 or 3P-03, which would put the line too close to my house.

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Ek, Scott (COMM)

From: Carol Schroeder [carsch2@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2009 12:01 PM
To: Ek, Scott (COMM); Capx.Oah@state.mn.us
Subject: Fw: Brookings to Hampton Power Line Proposal

It has come to our attention that the Proposed Brookings to Hampton power line with its “preferred route”, borders the north side of our farm which in Section 5 of Eden Township Brown County. I would rather have the line follow the “alternate route” which runs north of Highway 19 and avoids our property entirely rather than the “preferred route” south of Highway 19.

The “preferred route” happens to run directly overhead of our neighbor's farm house and because of this, there are now five alternate directions of the line proposed for Section 5. All of these alternate lines directly affect our property! We definitely don't want the lines labeled 3P-02 or 3P-04 or 3P-03!! These paths are TOO close to our house, our family and pets. The power lines are an eye sore, a pain for farming around and could pose potential health risks to us!!! Our farm is special to us and was started by my husband's grandfather almost 90 years ago! It wasn't our dream to look at and hear the power lines for the rest of our lives!

However, if the power line can not follow the “alternate route” north of Highway 19 and has to pass near our property, I prefer you use the original “preferred path” south of Highway 19 which runs the path on the north side of our property or use the alternative paths labeled 3P-01 or 3P-05.

Carol Schroeder

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Name: Peter Schweiss
Address: 46584 660th Ave
City: FAIRFAX State: MN ZIP: 55332

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We don't need this line here.

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Signature: Peter Schweiss Date: Nov 24 2009

Ek, Scott (COMM)

From: Pat Simon [pats@olympiatech.net]
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2009 4:29 PM
To: Ek, Scott (COMM)
Subject: ET2/TL-081474

Scott,

My comment has to do with a alternative to the alternate route, It started out as A-les-001[Schmidt] and A-ric-001[ATF] in the original docket, but now has changed to A-Ric-001 and A-les-001. As the alternative route is described by Schmidt, he claims that this would only effect 1 home instead of 6, by looking at the map you can clearly see that when you cross the middle of section 13 in Lanesburgh township crossing west to east and then continuing south on Le Sueur Ave to county road 28, you in fact pass by 11 homes compared to the 1 mentioned by Schmidt. I was at the November 12th meeting in Lonsdale when you explained how some of the alternative comments were rejected for one reason or another, the one you used as an example was just because it passes close to a resident's was not enough of a reason for an alterative, therefore the rejection. Mr. Schmidt just happens to live on the alternate route if you go forward with the alternative A-Ric-001 he will be bypassed, What concerns me is that he has not stated the true facts in his comment to the EIS.

This is also true for the original A-ric-001ATF now named A-LES-001 on the revised map, by looking at the map you can see that more homes would be effected if you use this alternative to the alternate route.

From the environment side, if you were to use one or the other of the two alternatives, not only would you be effecting more homes but you would also be leaving the roadside right-of-ways to cross miles of private land where you would disturb many acres of agricultural land disrupting many farmers, many acres of woods and wetlands disrupting our natural resources.

In closing, if this is truly an environmental study I think both of the alternatives [A-ric-001 and A-les-001] should have been rejected because they do more harm to the environment than the original alternate route. The same holds true for the preferred over the alternate. The preferred route travels a shorter distance, and many more miles on roadside right-of ways meaning less of an impact on our environment.

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Mitigation: see above.

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November 27, 2009

Scott Ek, Project Manager, Docket 08 1474, Ref. A-RIC-001
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Dear Friend,

Our names are Joe and Eileen Skluzacek. We own property on both sides of Leaf Trail. When you turn onto Leaf Trail off of County Road 29. There are twelve homes involved on Leaf Trail.

The power line coming down Leaf Trail would cross a century Farm, that is being farmed by a 4th Generation Skluzacek. We are a 3rd generation Skluzacek on our farm.

The power line would cross a 16" Natural Gas Line that runs through our farm. This gas line was installed in 1941.

Along the route there is about a 20 acre "Old Growth Woods. My Grandfather was a horse breeder and my Dad said that the mares had their little ones in the woods. There are also Many deer, turkeys, squirrels and other wild anamials that make their home in the woods.

Remember also, that Leaf Trail is a township road.
My rcomendation is to use the North Route.

Sincerely,

Joe Skluzacek, Eileen Skluzacek

Joe and Eileen Skluzacek

Scott Ek
Minnesota Office of Energy Security
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November 27, 2009

We are writing this letter in reference to the 34kV power line project from Brookings, South Dakota to Hampton, Minnesota.

We are concerned about the option IP-02 route which includes 310th Street, in section 16 of Grandview Township, since the power lines would be erected on the southern edge of our farmland.

Our concerns include loss of usable farmland, the reduction of land value and the health concerns posed by high voltage transmission lines.

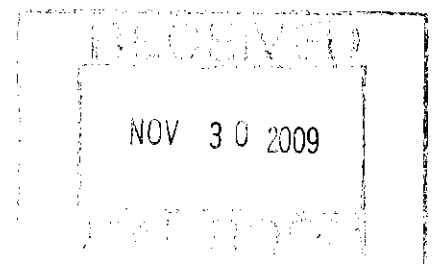
On our land there is also an Instrument Landing System (ILS) beacon erected by the Marshall Municipal airport. This is directly in line for aviation traffic taking off and landing at the airport. This beacon appears to lie in the same area where the power lines would be built. Also along the proposed route is rural water pumping station.

We are not in favor of the Option-02 for the above reasons.

We thank you for your consideration of our concerns and hope that it would not be the option chosen.

Sincerely,

Mary Standaert
Joseph Standaert
Bernadette Obert
Kathy Matton





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We live in section 12 of Limestone township, Lincoln County, we also own this land. I totally disagree with having the transmission line on our property. We paid good money for our land having the line on our land will devalue the price for what it is worth, we have four young children and there has been no solid case of health problems with this line but they are not conclusive, it is my feeling they are a health hazard + I must keep my children's health first + keep them out of harm's way. We have cattle on our property. We live in a rural setting away from hustle + bustle we don't appreciate the noise the lines give off. We have a new grave we have spent lots of money on to help with wind effects + I don't appreciate a company coming in and doing anything they please to our property. I guess the big guys get anything they want. ~~the~~ I think this line should go by a major highway with wider right ways + roads that are open in the winter. We will fight this line for our children's health even if we need to hire a lawyer!

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Signature: Paula Sterzinger Date: 11-30-09

Ek, Scott (COMM)

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Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2009 8:03 PM
To: Ek, Scott (COMM)
Subject: Proposed Power Line Docket # 08-1474

Mr. Scott Ek
 Project Manager
 Minnesota Office of Energy Security
 85 Seventh Place East
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Docket #
 08-1474
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November

Dear Mr. Ek,

I am writing to voice my concerns with the alternative path for the proposed power line. One of the proposed alternative routes would pass directly on my parent's (Edwin and Marian Topic's) farm. They have written with some of the details of the impact not only on the farm but also the impact that would be felt by others. I would just like to add my support to their concerns.

My parent's farm has been in the family for over 100 years passing directly from father to son through four generations. I have had the privilege of living there for most of my life and the plan is for me to be the fifth generation in charge.

Running a farm is a serious commitment and one that I don't take lightly. I also don't take lightly the commitment that my father and grandfather have had and that is to provide the best possible product with the least impact on the environment. Time and again decisions had to be made as to whether to sacrifice wetlands, woods or wildlife for production. Time and again my ancestors decided to preserve the natural resources at their own expense. If the power line should be placed through my family's woods and wetlands it would essentially destroy an area that is unique and irreplaceable.

My intention is to continue this commitment to preserving the environment. Presently, I have gardened on this land organically for the past 10 years and intend to continue this practice over the entire farm. Additionally my years in education as a Special Education teacher have shown me the power of the environment for therapy. I also intend to attempt to provide an area that could be used for school children and others to experience.

My ancestors worked to preserve this area and I would hope that it could continue to be available for future generations.

Sincerely,

Mary Topic
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St. Louis Park, MN 55416
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Ek, Scott (COMM)

From: Mary Topic [twosistersroses@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2009 4:20 PM
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Dear Mr. Ek,

The Edwin F. and Marian Topic farm, on the S.E. ¼ of Section 13 in Lanesburgh Township in Le Sueur County, is a farm with considerable history. A Century Farm since 1976, the first year of the Century Farm program, it has been in the Topic family since Edwin's great grandparents, Jan and Barbora Topic, settled on it in 1861. It has been farmed continuously since then, and throughout the years the focus of the owners has always been on conservation and environmental preservation.

Along with being a Century Farm it has been organically farmed by four generations and there are plans for the fifth generation to take over and continue the vision.

Approximately 15 acres of the Northwest Corner is a woods, never logged out, a remnant of the Big Woods that covered part of Minnesota. Adjoining the woods is a pond and wetland area that has served as a refuge for wildlife. This area is the only such place in the entire square mile section. The proposed power line would cross directly over this area.

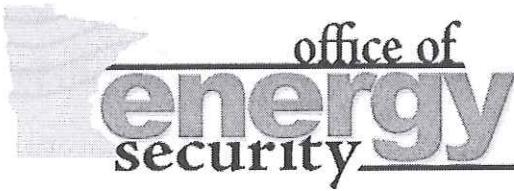
Additionally, part of our farm, located in the S.W. ¼ and S.E. ¼ of the S.W. ¼ of Section 18 in Rice County, are woods and wetlands that would also be impacted as they would be very close to the same proposed power line path..

The environmental impact of the proposed power line on this area would be unknown at this time but is something that could potentially be irreparable. The historical heritage that would be lost could definitely never be replaced.

Sincerely,

Edwin F. and Marian Topic
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Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Comment Form Brookings-Hampton 345 kV Project

Name: Ed Townsend
 Address: PO Box 7
 City: Belle Plaine State: MN ZIP: 56011

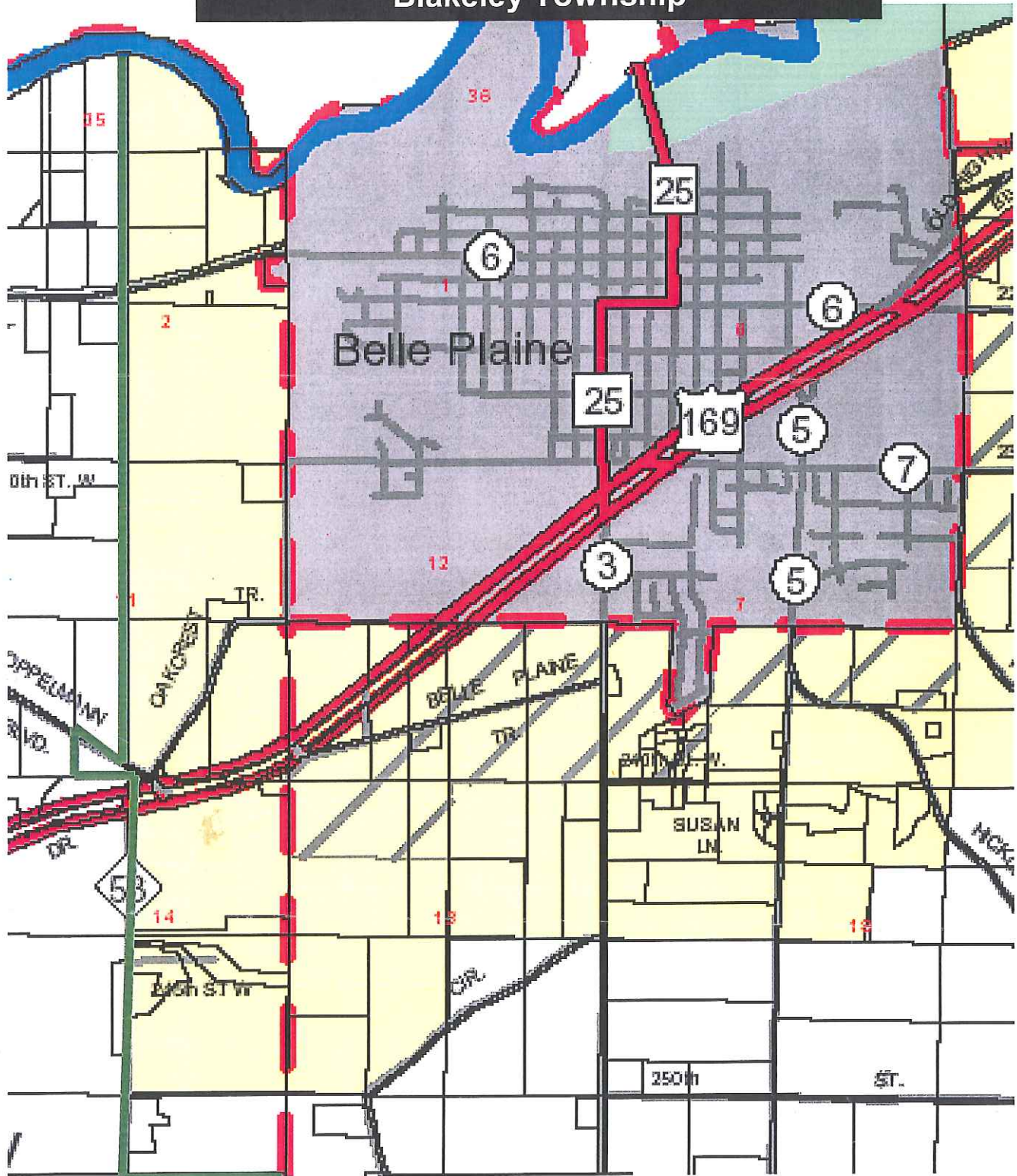
Share your comments on the accuracy and completeness of the Draft EIS prepared on the proposed Brookings County, South Dakota, to Hampton, Minnesota, 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line and associated facilities.
Comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, November 30, 2009.




The alternate route comes too close to the western boundary of Belle Plaine. It would sit on a road that is next to the orderly area for annexation to the city of Belle Plaine and homes already built on the bluff overlooking Stoppage Blvd near Belle Plaine.

Please turn this form in tonight or mail to the address provided on the back (use additional sheets as necessary).
 You may also email comments to Scott Ek, Project Manager at: scott.ek@state.mn.us with ET2/TL-08-1474 in the subject line or submit comments online at: <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/publicComments.html>.

Signature: Ed Townsend Date: Nov 24-09

Proposed Orderly Annexation Area Blakeley Township



-  Area in 2020 Comp Plan
-  Proposed Orderly Annexation Area
-  Existing Boundaries – City Limits, Township Borders



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Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Comment Form Brookings-Hampton 345 kV Project

Name: Robert Tietbar
 Address: 69651, 380th St
 City: Franklin State: Mn. ZIP: 55333

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I don't want the power line dividing my farm. We don't want to farm under the lines or around the poles and put up with compaction from installation and further maintenance on the line. Put the line along a main road for easier access installation and maintenance.

Please turn this form in tonight or mail to the address provided on the back (use additional sheets as necessary).
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Signature: Robert M. Tietbar Date: 11-25-09

Ek, Scott (COMM)

From: Ken Van Keulen [kennyvk62@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, November 21, 2009 12:24 PM
To: Ek, Scott (COMM)
Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement Brookings-Hampton 345kV Project

Scott,

I just wanted to put in a couple of comments regarding the above noted project particularly in the area Northwest of Marshall and directly north of Ghent MN, in the section from Brookings to Lyon County MN. Subsection SL14

CapX2020 notes in section 6.0 of the application of trying to avoid displacement. It appears to me that if they are given permission to use the preferred route there will need to be some displacement going through this area.

My address is 2081 340th St, Minneota MN. Which is located two miles north of Ghent. This has been designated as a "narrow area". The description shown in the current Impact statement is very incomplete and does not accurately portray what is involved as far as buildings and proximities. I am referring to section 7.1.4.1-1. of Capx2020's route application.

There are farm sites located on the north and south side of 340th St, directly across from each other. Both have structures, groves(wind breaks) etc... very close to the road.

My home is located on the south side and have 4 structures as well as groves on both the east and west sides of this site, all of which I think would fall within the ROW.

Both groves are right up to the ditch and the other buildings are located as follows. House is 111' from the center of the road. Garage/storage shed is 105', grain bin 107', and one other bin is 120'. All of these measurements are from the center of the road. Likewise on the north side (2080 340th St) there are multiple structures as well as wind breaks that fall into ROW consideration. There are two silos and a barn that are easily inside as well as the home. As an alternative to displacement on the south side of the road which is where that proposed line currently runs, it has been mentioned at some of the meetings that they could try to run the line between the two sites. I think given the close proximity this would cause problems, either with removal of windbreaks or running to close existing buildings including homes.

Another alternative brought up at these meetings has been to go around my site. The southernmost structure on my property is close to 500 feet from the center of the road. I don't think this would allow for the 75' ROW required to avoid displacement. According to the shown shaded area. Future use of my property would also be affected, expansion of my farming operation as an example.

Given the other alternatives living with this last option would be the only option I see as being acceptable, even with the potential for future hardship because of the limitations of having a powerline on three sides of my farm site. Having a line run that close to homes or their displacement would be more of a hardship.

I still think the southern route known as the alternate is still the better option, first because it is a more direct line. I also don't think you have situations like this one where there would need to be displacement.

It concerns me that the description given in a known "narrow area" that has been recognized by CapX, has such a poor and incomplete assessment regarding the details, and makes me wonder how much actual research has gone into identifying the best possible route. When we are told to come up with alternate's ourselves it's kind of like being told to do the job that should have been done by those who are supposed to be the experts. There is a built in deterrent to local residents to do this since we have to suggest that our neighbors' properties be affected.

I would appreciate a response to my comments, and I do intend to attend the December 1st Evidentiary meeting as well as presenting my comments to the Judge Luis.

Thank you for your time and consideration

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**Energy Facility Permitting
Public Meeting Comment Form**

Name: Pat Van Keulen
Address: 2260 Co. Rd. 8
City: Ghent State: MN ZIP: 56239

Please share your comments on the potential impacts, mitigation measures and alternative routes to be considered in the scoping document and environmental impact statement to be prepared for the proposed Brookings County, South Dakota, to Hampton, Minnesota, 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line and associated facilities.

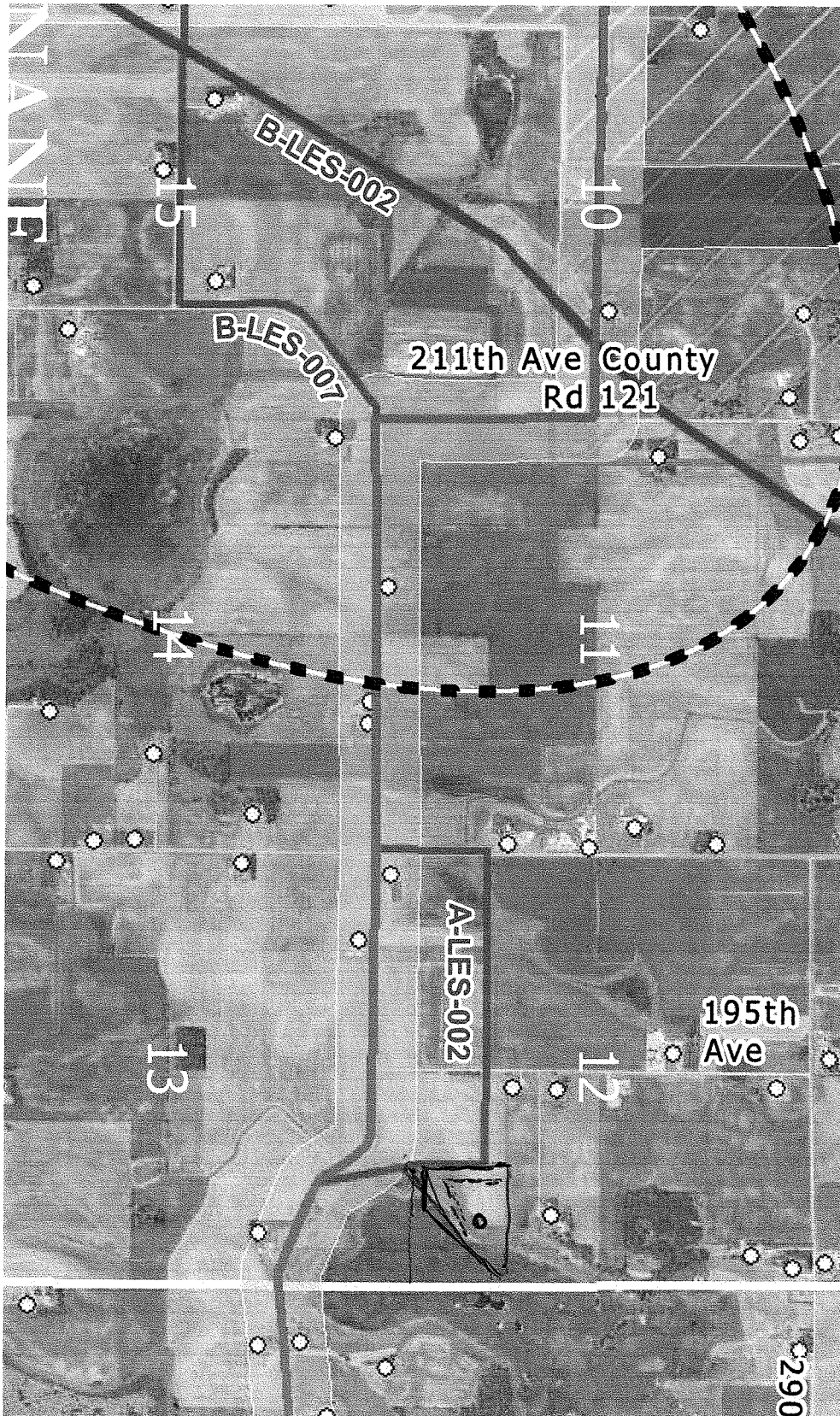
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I am apposed to the alternate route that has been suggested which will follow County Road 8. There are a number of homes and farm sites that will be adversely affected by this newly proposed route.

Signature: Pat Van Keulen Date: 11/30/09

LOUIE WAGNER + STEVENA DIETZ
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BUILDING SITE APPROVED
• PROPOSED HOUSING SITE
--- PROPOSED LANDING STRIP



Wagner Mon Nov 30 11:50:50 2009 ET2/TL 08-1474

Apache [apache@lmic.state.mn.us]

Sent: Monday, November 30, 2009 11:50 AM

To: Ek, Scott (COMM)

This public comment has been sent via the form at:
www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/publicComments.html

You are receiving it because you are listed as the contact for this project.

Project Name: Brookings County - Hampton Transmission Line Project

Docket number: ET2/TL 08-1474

User Name: Lance Wagner

County: Rice County

City: Veseli

Email:

Phone: 6125549171

Impact: In regards to the A-LES-002 deviation, it appears that this route encroaches on many more wetlands and affects more housing than the original proposed alternate route. I own land on the rural, ag and wetlands underneath the eastern portion of this proposed alternate scope route. I have planted the raw land back into forest and have a significant amount of pine, oak, maple, spuce and poplar trees that are planted directly below the eastern line. Not too mention the money to purchase these trees. I am also applying for a housing permit to build on the land as it is going to be my residence in the coming year. The A-LES-002 route change will make this impossible to build there and affects six more property owners than using the road right of way on the alternate route. My residence will include a bed and breakfast, dog training facility, shooting preserve, game farm and a private use landing strip for light airplanes. This of course does not mix too well for that particular use.

Mitigation: At a minimum keeping the alternate route south of the 300th street, in the right of way, would be helpful even though that still will encumber the aircraft operation and endanger people and migratory birds. I would suggest running the alternate, if it is chosen, through Derrynane Township just north of hiway 28 in sections 22,23,24. Turning northeast in Lanesboro Township in section 19, and continue up to section 17 to meet us with the rest of the alternate route. All the houses are along the road on HWY 28, you can by pass Heidelberg, avoid wetlands and the route is shorter accoring to my calculations. The A-LES-002 route is affecting 5 different types of wetlands and more landowners.

Submission date: Mon Nov 30 11:50:50 2009

This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

Andrew Koebrick
andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us

Ek, Scott (COMM)

From: Jean Z [jakzimanske@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, November 28, 2009 11:36 PM
To: Ek, Scott (COMM)
Subject: ET2/TL-08-1474

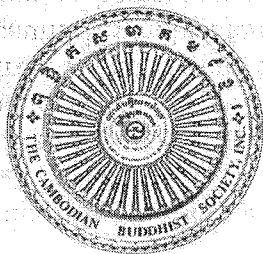
A comment regarding an "alternate route" to the alternate route:

My family lives at 4991 Jeffers Ct., Lonsdale, MN 55046. We chose this particular location to build our home because of the vast expanse of rural nature. We live on the edge of the village of Veseli. Our front windows face south, looking at farm fields and woods. We see a variety of wildlife here, including wild turkeys, deer, ducks, geese and many other birds. I missed the public hearing at Lonsdale in November, and finally looked on the internet to see if anything had changed with the routing. I now see that there is an alternate route to the alternate, which has the power line running exactly one mile to the south of our home. While the lines are not "close", the visual is not what I want to see out my windows, or from my front yard. The power lines will track over one of the highest points and will stick out like a sore thumb in a land of tranquility. These lines will also pass through our neighbors (yes, out here, people who live a mile away are considered neighbors) property. One of these neighbors has a bee/honey business. I worry what the power lines could potentially do to his bee business. Another neighbor has a greenhouse business and grows vegetables that they sell....will the power lines have an effect for them or the food ?? I also wonder what my radio and television reception will be like having the lines so close. In all of this, I always look for a win/win situation...in this whole process of what I have seen conducted regarding this whole route, it seems the power company is the only one who wins. I do not like any of the routes, as I don't want this project to happen within my backyard, my neighbor's backyards or my communities of New Prague, Veseli or Lonsdale. The power company is changing our lives forever, without our consent. This is America, where the people's voices (and there are hundreds of our voices) who should be heard and considered. Please do not choose the alternate route of going west to east on 60th Street (one mile south of 50th near Veseli...north/south cross road would be Jackson Ave). Mr Eck, and the judges ruling on this matter...would you want this power line anywhere near you ??? I bet the answer is NO; I don't want it either.

Sincerely,

Jean Zimanske
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Department Of Commerce
Mr. Scott Ek
State Planning Director
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November 16, 2009

Dear Mr. Ek :

The Minnesota Cambodian Buddhist Society, Inc located at 2925 220th Street East, Hampton, MN 55031 is thankful to the state of Minnesota for the opportunity given to us to express our opinion on the proposal to construct the transmission line across Hampton City.

After an extended consultation with our members, The Minnesota Cambodian Buddhist Society, Inc feels that the preferred route to locate the transmission line across Hampton City along 220th Street would directly tarnish our effort to embellish our property and Hampton City with beautiful Buddhist temple and shrines, and create potential danger and health risk to many people who come to visit our place on a regular basis and to thousands of our members, especially to their children, who come to participate in various Buddhist religious celebrations.

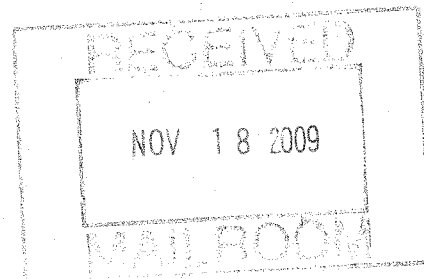
The Minnesota Cambodian Buddhist Society, Inc. would support the alternate route that would place the transmission line about one mile to the north of 220th Street.

We are also concerned about the location of one of the substations in Hampton City. We hope that the proposed location for that substation is not too close to people homes and places where people come to gather.

Thank you for your consideration of our opinion on the issue.

Best regards,

Venerable Moeng Sang
President, and Abbot of Watt Munisotaram



CapX2020 - Comments on Draft EIS Lake Marion to Hampton Route Alternatives

Jeff Otto [ottojs@frontiernet.net]

Sent: Monday, November 30, 2009 2:37 PM**To:** Ek, Scott (COMM)

Dear Mr. Ek:

Following are comments supplementing those already submitted by Eureka Township to date via Resolution, public meetings, and testimony regarding routing options and concerns. As a framework for comments, I will indicate a preference ranking of those alternatives that impact Eureka Township.

1. 6P-08 (Proposed Southern Lake Marion Substation)

This route is clearly superior strategically as well as tactically. It places a new substation closer to planned and potential sources of wind energy in Greenvale Township and southward to feed the grid. It has lower impact on existing homes than both the Preferred and Alternate routes, which is the most important impact consideration since it involves humans, especially children. It involves fewer corners and "wiggles" in line placement to minimize line construction cost.

2. 6P-01 and 6P-05 (southern Lakeville industrial area)

Minimizes direct impact to Eureka Township residents, property values, and future development. More aesthetic compatibility than open ag land.

3. 6P-04 (southern Lakeville industrial area)

More ag land impact that also adversely affects future residential development potential by locating further from a more natural commercial corridor (near Denmark) than Preference 2.

4. Alternate (Route 86)

Avoids bisecting Eureka Township. (see comments for Preferred route below)

5. 6A-04

Same benefit to Eureka as 4 but understand more home impact than Preference 4.

6. 6P-07

Slightly less home impact than Preferred route but still all the major adverse impacts. (see comments for Preferred route below)

Consider a combination of east on Preferred route to Scott-Dakota county line, then north to 245th St., then east to Dodd. This would miss more homes on both sides of the county line.

7. Preferred

This has the most aesthetic and long term adverse impacts to Eureka Township of all alternatives. It also reflects the tragic irony of accessing the open fields of eastern Eureka by plowing through the densest population and most heavily travelled portion of the Township along 240th St. (Eureka Estates subdivision) and Dodd Blvd.

The issue of bisecting the Township is also one that is taken seriously as a potential addition to annexation risk. The majority of this route in Eureka is across flat, open land, making the high towers and lines highly visible. Future development potential for residential purposes will clearly be reduced, making the corridor more attractive for commercial or industrial development. Although Eureka has indicated its preference to remain predominantly agricultural in its Comprehensive Plan to 2030, this is not the case for its fast-growing neighbors. Lakeville in particular expects to be fully built out well before 2030, both commercially and residentially. In 2008 it annexed 98 acres of Eureka Township and another property owner has already made more than one request to be annexed. The presence of the power line could motivate current owners or future owners to seek more profitable development, increasing the revenue appeal for one or more cities to annex to it. Such a long term strategy would shrink the size of the Township so

that it would be unviable financially, not to mention the adverse impact to residents not desiring to be caught in a sweep of annexations. State annexation laws clearly favor city annexations at the expense of townships.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Otto, Chair
Eureka Township Board of Supervisors

CITY OF HAMPTON
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION

Number: **2009 - 076**

Motion By Knetter

Second By Otto

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CAPX2020 BROOKINGS TO HAMPTON 345 kV
TRANSMISSION PROPOSAL**

WHEREAS, the proposed CapX2020 345 kV transmission line between Brookings, S.D. and Hampton, Minn. may adversely affect the market value for property near the transmission line, may result in the utilities using eminent domain to acquire property for less than market value, and may result in reduced tax receipts for local and regional governments, and

WHEREAS, the proposed CapX2020 Brookings transmission line project would have a substantial impact on the human and natural environment, including adverse impacts on homes, families, businesses and places of worship, aesthetic impacts of the large structures, conductors and substation, and the effect of electromagnetic fields (EMF) on television, radio and communication signals, and

WHEREAS, the level of EMF at the edge of the proposed CapX2020 Brookings high voltage transmission line right-of-way raises questions of potential health risks to residents living in proximity to the proposed high voltage transmission line, particularly to small children, and

WHEREAS, the routing of the proposed CapX2020 Brookings transmission line may require changes to the City of Hampton's Comprehensive Plan and the State of Minnesota's US 52 Corridor Plan for placement of frontage and backage roads, and

WHEREAS, routing and construction of the CapX2020 Brookings transmission line should be conducted in such a way as to avoid to the fullest extent possible any harmful effects to the City of Hampton.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that if it is determined that the CapX2020 Brookings 345 kV transmission line must be extended to the City of Hampton, then it should be located as far as possible outside the City of Hampton to mitigate the impacts of the substation and 345 kV transmission line on the City of Hampton, its residents, and business community.

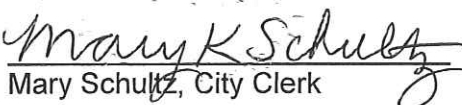
Adopted this 14th day of April, 2009, by the City Council of the City of Hampton.

CITY OF HAMPTON

By: 

(Paye Flomo, Mayor)

Attest:


Mary Schultz, City Clerk