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I HAVE a 2100 FT air STRIP
1 1/2 miles S of W Halsten corner
CAN you please INFORM
me HOW you COULD MISS THIS!

Dean Zumbann
218 780 7483

8302 Hwy 135 N
EMBASS MN 55732

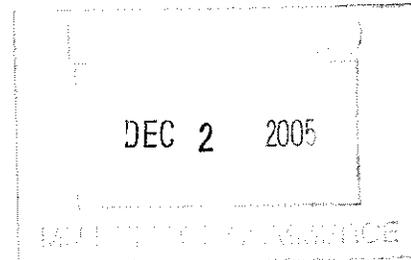
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PEYSENSKE LAKE ASSOCIATION

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Park Rapids, Minnesota 56470
Les Hagemeyer – President
(218) 732-5541



November 29, 2005

Minnesota Power and Light
30 West Superior Street
Duluth, Minnesota 55802

Robert Lindholm;

Thanks for taking my phone call on 11/28/05. The purpose of this letter is to express concern about the New Badoura-Long Lake transmission line proposal and also to provide an acceptable solution.

The concerns that the residents have are located near the Long Lake Substation where it goes north-south on County Rd #20 and then goes east-west on 178th Street. This is Lake Peysenske lakeshore property and will become completely residential in the near future. The proposed large poles will be placed so that they are located between the houses and the lakeshore. This is an unacceptable situation. Also, the mature trees that buffer County Road #20 and the lakeshore would probably be cut down. Furthermore, there isn't room between County #20 and the lakeshore in some places for this type of transmission line. The view to the lake would be ugly which would greatly diminish property values. There are also health and safety issues with this type of situation.

The best solution is to change the location away from the residential lakeshore of Lake Peysenske and to connect to Highway 34 by going north-south on 209th Avenue or 219th Avenue. The distance is just over 1 ½ miles in length and there is plenty of space on the Highway 34 right of way for power poles.

We have already expressed these ideas at the Fall Backus meeting. The person wrote it down and thought that this was a good plan. We urge you to consider this to be the best plan for placement of this transmission line instead of having it interfere with our beautiful lakeshore residential area.

Thanks for your time and consideration
Les Hagemeyer, President

Cc:Deborah Pile, MN Dept. of Commerce
David Jacobson, MN PUC
George Johnson, DOC
Enclosure: Map

Hubbard Counties, MN

MINNESOTA POWER
AN ALLETE COMPANY

GREATER RIVER
ENERGY



LAKE



Highway 34

LAKE
5th Crow
New 115 kV - 17.25 Miles

219th ave

HUBBARD

go underground to
connect to Hwy 34

Lake
Reynolds

209th ave

Long Lake
Substation

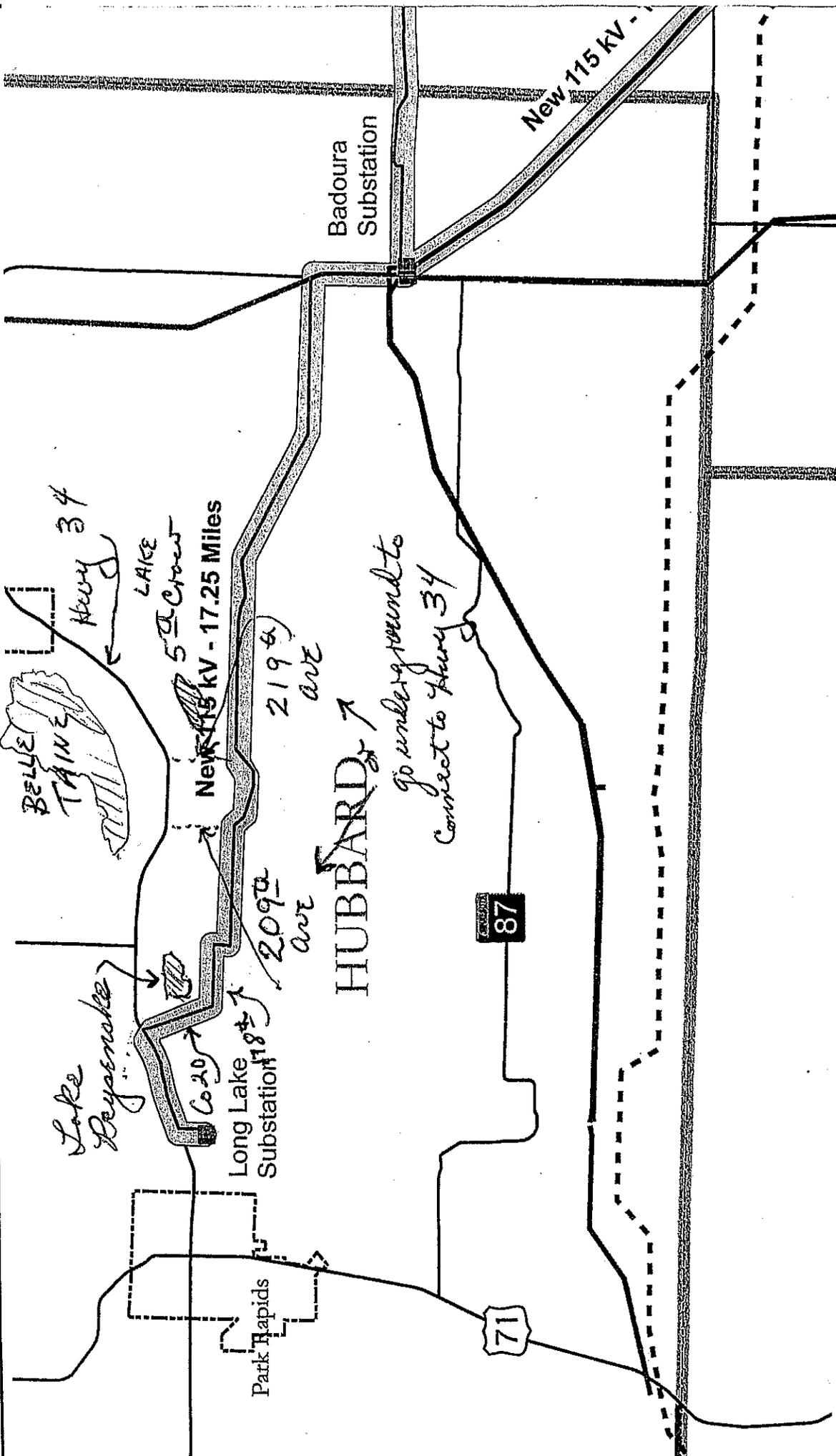
Badoura
Substation

New 115 kV

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Park Rapids



December 2, 2005

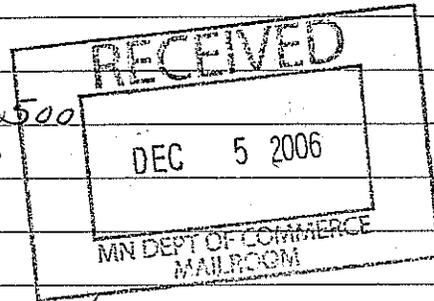
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Dear Sir:

Re: PUC Docket No. E015/TL-05-867

Tower / Embarrass Transmission Line

The map attached to the above document and informational letter received at the Emil Pyhala address at 5604 Petrell Road, Embarrass, MN, seems to indicate that the proposed transmission line will possibly pass through the eastern border of the Pyhala property. I am writing to inform you that there is no allowable 50 to 100 feet on the Eastern three-quarters (meaning more than half) of the three forty's running north and south on this private property. This place, as well as those bordering, are in active, daily use and are a necessity to the livelihood for members of our family.

Therefore, I trust you will take this situation into consideration when making decisions for the proposed transmission line.

Sincerely,
Anne S. Pyhala



P.S.

We wish to remain on the mailing list



LAKE



Highway 34

LAKE
59 Acres
New 115 kV - 17.25 Miles

Lake
Reynolds

209th ave
219th ave
Long Lake Substation

HUBBARD

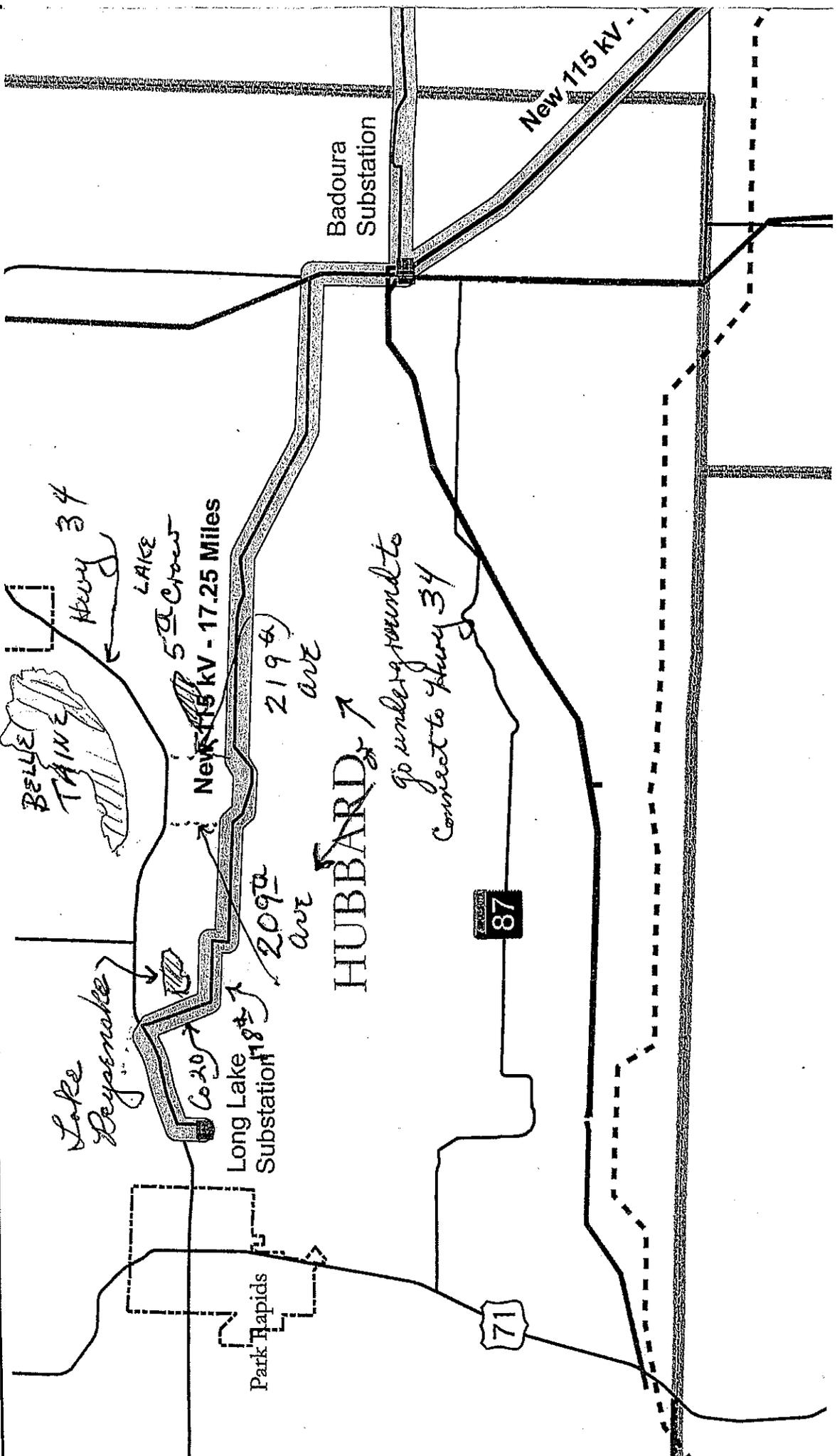
go underground to
connect to Hwy 34

Badoura Substation

New 115 kV

87

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December 15, 2005

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Dear Sir:

Re: PUC Docket No. E 05/TL-05-864
Tower / Embarrass Transmission Line

Although, I have originally sent you a letter
December 2, 2005, plus the "Comments page" which
you issued at the meeting held on December 8, 2005
at the Embarrass Town Hall (mailed on Dec 9th, 2005);
Public comments are allowed until January 9, 2006.
Therefore, I repeat, once more, that there is
NO allowable 50 to 100 feet along the Eastern
border into three quarters westerly (meaning
more than half East to West) of any of the
three forties that run North and South on the
private property belonging to the Emil Pyhala
families. I speak, not only for myself, but
also, for future generations since there are
others involved in this matter.

I trust you will take this into consideration
when drawing up your Environmental Report.

Thank You,
Anne S. Pyhala

P.S. Keep us posted, please!

PyHALA
5604 Parrell Rd.
Embarrass, MN 55732

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12/26/05

HENRY & MARY BUEKLEY
POWER LINE SEGMENT M
83034 EIDELWEISS ST. NW
ST. FRANCIS, MN 55070

MIN. DEPT. OF COMMERCE;

DEAR MR. JOHNSON,

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENTS.

SINCERELY,

HENRY & MARY BUEKLEY

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12-26-05

Henry & Mary Buerkley

MN Dept. of Commerce;
Mr. G. Johnson,

- Power line segment M, between Park Rapids and Badoura.
(Please see enclosed map)
- Existing line covers a lot of low land, rivers and lakes.
- We have extensive wild / natural life habitat. Big and small game, waterfowl, plants, and river. Low / marshlands, wild rice beds, and the state flower: lady slipper that we feel would be disturbed. Some to the point of no return.
- An upgraded line would encroach more onto our buildings, which are now about 100' from center of existing line.
After the 12/7/05 meeting at Backus, MN, we learned this section has to be completely redone to accommodate this upgrade.
- We would like to suggest rerouting the line along state hwy 34 to state hwy 64 or 34 to csa 33 to 64, using existing road right-of-ways so as to not infringe more on the various habitats by creating more right-of-way.
- We believe service to the line would be more accessible, also reducing any future habitat damage.

Thank You,

Henry and Mary

