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Please share your comments on or propose route alternative(s) to Great River Energy's proposed Mud Lake to Wilson Lake transmission line project. Your comments will be considered in developing the scope of the Environmental Assessment that will be conducted on the proposed project.

Attention: ADAM (Use back of page for additional comments.)

Attached is a petition formed by State Highway 18 Land Owners in response to the Great River Energy Wilson Lake Project. Please note: None of us are trying to create conflict. However, we are all concerned with the proposed route of GRE's Power Line. Please review the petition which has been signed by Highway 18 Landowners. We have all agreed that an alternate route should be considered. Many of these people were not aware of the magnitude of this project and are very concerned. In addition, please notify us of any future meetings to be held.

Thank you for your time -
Highway 18 Landowners

William Bentley, Thomas Kahlo, Kermit Ellickson,
Shane Villnow, Rob DeRosier and Larry DeRosier.

Comments must be received by October 6, 2006. Turn in this form tonight or mail to:

Adam Sokolski, Project Manager
Minnesota Department of Commerce - Energy Facility Permitting
85 7th Place East, Ste. 500
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2198
651-296-2096 phone 651-297-7891 fax

or email comments to: adam.sokolski@state.mn.us

If you have any questions, please contact William Bentley
at 712/764-3376 or cell # 218/839-3376

WILSON LAKE PROJECT**NOTICE OF PETITION****RECEIVED**

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I do understand and support that there is a public need for higher voltage power lines. However, I strongly oppose the proposed plan for installation of the power lines and demand that they be rerouted.

We the Petitioners/Landowners on State Highway 18, in Crow Wing County, Minnesota, submit the following petition to reroute the Wilson Lake 115kv transmission line to the existing 69kv transmission line currently existing and in use.

We are opposed for the following reasons:

- 1) Right of way issues. Approximately 35 feet of the home owners land will be terminated.
- 2) Valuable trees and scenery will be destroyed.
- 3) Privacy of land owners will be invaded by loss of tree coverage.
- 4) Noise from the proposed line will be present.
- 5) The scenic view of the highway will become non-rural/metropolitan.
- 6) Decrease the potential resale value of properties.
- 7) Proposes an increased safety hazard to pedestrians, landowners, children, and emergency personnel when dealing with downed power lines.

We demand that the 115kv Wilson Lake transmission line be rerouted to the existing 69kv transmission line currently in use.

This would be a much more logical, cost effective route considering the existing 69kv line is already constructed and maintained.

This would eliminate all above issues and would need no further consideration.

Thank you,
The Petitioners

Name	Address	Signature	Date
Kathryn Haberele	20180 State Hwy 18	K. Haberele	9-29-06
William Bentley	18324 Hwy 18	William Bentley	9/29/06
William Bentley	19079 Hwy 18	William Bentley	9/29/06
Amber Bentley	18324 State Hwy 18	Amber Bentley	9/29/06
Amber Bentley	19079 State Hwy 18	Amber Bentley	9/29/06
William Haberele	20180 STATE Hwy 18	Wm Haberele	9-29-06
Niedell Hardware	19124 Books Corner		
Margaret Hillman	18893 Mill Rd	Margaret Hillman	9-30-06
Wayne Hillman	18893 Mill Rd	Wayne Hillman	9-30-06
Brian Britton	21995 State Highway 18		9-30-06
BENNIE R. BRITTON	22270 St Hwy 18		9-30-06
BEVERLY BRITTON	22270 ST HWY 18	DEERWOOD	9-30-06
Marla Britton	13658 Co Rd 159	Marla Britton	9-30-06
Carrollina	21649 Dilson Rd	Carrollina	9-30-06
Glarence Aune	20836 Hwy 18	Glarence Aune	9/30/06
Reid Muscus	17698 State Hwy 18		
CHERI J MORGAN	20465 STATE Hwy 18	C Morgan	10/1/06
Kelley J Holbrook	2752 State Hwy 18	Kelley J Holbrook	10-1-06
SUSAN LEIBOLD	13639 THORSON RD	Susan Leibold	
Sandra Muscus	17698 State Hwy 18	Sandra R Muscus	
Leslie Muscus	17698 State Hwy 18	Leslie Muscus	
Gaylon Swartout	19593 Mill Rd	Gaylon Swartout	
Sheila Swartout	19593 Mill Rd	Sheila Swartout	
Ed Mink	13184 Co Rd 8 Rd	Ed Mink	
Thomas Rahto	18826 Hwy 18	Thomas Rahto	
Stanley Frazier	13068 Maguan Rd	Stanley Frazier	
Brad LeDoux	1893 St. Hwy. 18	Brad LeDoux	10/6/06
Richard Ledemacher	17649 Hwy 18	Richard Ledemacher	
THIS OLD FARM		Richard Ledemacher	10/6/06

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Ray Segler 19116 Bochs Corner Ray Segler 10-4-06
 Jean Segler " " " Jean Segler 10-4-06
 Cindy D. Wanta 19058 ST. Hwy 18 (W) 10-4-06
 James K Wanta " James Wanta 10-4-06
 Steve Farn 19160 Bochs corner 10-4-06
 Al Rademacher 17554 Timberlane Brainerd 10-4-06
 Georgia Simey 13254 Esden RD 56444 10-5-06
 Dick Bradford 21159 State Hwy 18 Dick Bradford 10-5-06
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 John Smude Larry Smude 15750 Kingswald Rd. Brainerd, MN 10-5-06
 Jeff Olsen 15590 Hwy 18 BRAINERD MN 10-5-06
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Rob DeRosier 18743 St. Hwy 18 Rob DeRosier 9-4-06
 LARRY DEPOSIER 18723 ST Hwy 18 Larry DeRosier
 GARY Lee Beck 16278 State Hwy 18 Gary Lee Beck 10-1-06
 JOYCE SUTTON 18609 State Hwy 18 Bill Joyce Sutton
 MELVIN JOHNSON 17588 State Hwy 18 Melvin Johnson 10-04-06
 Shane Villanov 16704 State Hwy 18 Shane Villanov
 Neida J. Pezark 16548 St. Hwy 18 Brainerd
 Fred J. Pezark 16548 St. Hwy 18 Brainerd
 Butch Segle 16597 St. Hwy 18 Brainerd
 Rosemary Guerson 17112 St Hwy 18 Brainerd
 Jayn Villanov 13783 Burgwald Rd Brainerd
 JAMES TERRY PATRICK 116470 STATE HWY 18 BRAINERD, MN 10-5-06
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 DENISE HELM 13213 CR 8 BURGWARD Denise Helm 10/4/06

Adam Sokolski

TL - 06-980

From: Sandra Museus [lrsmuseus@brainerd.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2006 11:23 AM
To: Adam.Sokolski@state.mn.us
Subject: Great River Energy's proposed Mud Lake to Wilson Lake transmission line project

Adam Sokolski, Project Manager,

We have lived along State Highway 18 for 30 years. We moved here to an agricultural area to raise a family and a few cows in a very rural setting. We own forty acres along the highway and our adult son owns the thirty acres to the east of our farm. About seven years ago we have stopped pasturing the cows adjacent to the highway (about a fourth of the land bordering the highway was pasture and the rest of the land adjacent to the highway already has mature white pines along the highway frontage) thus allowing brush and small tree seedlings to flourish where pasture once was. We planted many pine seedlings in that pasture area and behind the seedlings we hired a tree spade to transplant several rows of 15-20 foot pine trees to create a screen from the highway. Taking down mature trees and brush cover will cause more highway noise and lack of privacy provided by this beautiful natural screen of trees and vegetation. The majestic white pines are one of the few stands left in the area and should be allowed to stand not be destroyed for a transmission line. Taking down 35 feet of trees and vegetation on either side of the proposed power line will also decrease property values along the proposed route, because the rural look and feel of our homes and farms will be turned into a more urban area and the rural appeal will be lost.

We own and operate a greenhouse/nursery business along the highway where we live, Country Roots Nursery. We believe in the most organic means possible to produce a quality product for our customers. The power line proposed will be maintained in the future years with harsh pesticides. We do not want harsh pesticides on our ag land or by our greenhouse/nursery business. Pesticides have been proven to be harmful, and we are strongly opposed to their use near our home and also our business. Adjacent to our highway frontage on the eastern side is low and grows cattails both on our property and our sons. Applying these pesticides will harm these wetland areas and expose the groundwater to pesticides. Our water table is extremely high and we are concerned about the pesticide affects to us and to wildlife.

Please, consider rerouting the Wilson Lake 115kv transmission line to the existing 69kv transmission line currently existing and in use. I do understand the need for transmission lines but this higher voltage line could be routed to the existing line without unnecessary loss of trees and vegetation, the right of way issues, the pesticides concerns, the loss of land owners privacy and decrease in property values and the loss of more rural land to urbanization. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Les and Sandra Museus (218-764-3297)
17698 State Hwy 18
Brainerd, MN 56401