

# COMMENT ON SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Here's a form to guide you in making your Comment for the record. You can hand it in today or you can send it later to the Dept. of Commerce that's preparing the Environmental Impact Statement. Comments must be received by March 13, 2007. Comments may be sent by email to [sharon.ferguson@state.mn.us](mailto:sharon.ferguson@state.mn.us) or by mail:

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**FOR COMMENTS TO COUNT, THEY MUST BE ABOUT THE SCOPE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, WHAT THE EA MUST ADDRESS.**

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## MY COMMENT REGARDING SCOPE OF CHISAGO EA:

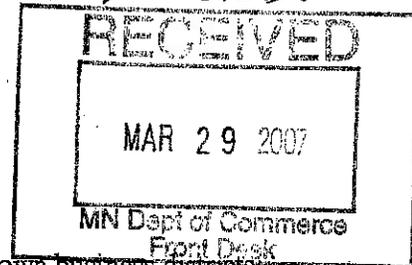
Generally, the EA should consider:

THE PROXIMITY OF THE CHISAGO LAKES MIDDLE SCHOOL TO THE PROPOSED VOLTAGE/EMF INCREASE. 800 STUDENTS AFFECTED.

The EA must address the visual impacts of line in these open/protected spaces:

The EA must address the visual impact of line through these cities at these locations:

Highway 8, Lindstrom, MN.



The EA must address the socioeconomic impact of transmission through these downtown business districts:

THE POLES FOR THE TRANSMISSION UPGRADE ARE LOCATED IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL, NEAR BUS LANES, ABOVE WALKING PATHS AND ATHLETIC FIELDS. THIS WILL NOT CONSTITUTE "PRUDENT AVOIDANCE"

The EA must address the comparative impact and costs of overhead and underground transmission line in the following locations:

### ALTERNATE ROUTES

The Dept. of Commerce should consider the following alternate routes (provide as detailed description as possible of route and why that route should be considered - attach a map if possible):

MN DEPT. OF HEALTH RECOMMENDS "PRUDENT AVOIDANCE" IN REGARD TO ADDITIONAL EMF EXPOSURE TO HUMANS. MDH CITES A POSSIBLE INCREASED CANCER RISK DUE TO EXPOSURE TO MAGNETIC FIELDS. (EMF FAQ'S - MDH WEBSITE)

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For more project info, go to [www.puc.state.mn.us](http://www.puc.state.mn.us) and search eDockets for 04-1176 and 06-1677

The EA must address the following socioeconomic impacts of transmission line on tourism:

The EA must address the following socioeconomic impact of transmission line on agriculture:

The EA must address socioeconomic issues related to eminent domain and easements for this transmission, i.e., conditions, whether upgrades are allowed, stream of payment:

★ The EA must address the following cultural impacts of the transmission line:

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS IS A "HIGH DENSITY" STUDENT AREA.

★ The EA must address the following construction impacts, and impacts of maintenance and operation:

UPGRADES MAY IMPACT ACCESS TO SCHOOL & BUSSING

The EA must address the following transmission and substation noise issues:

★ The EA must address the following safety issues:

"PRUDENT AVOIDANCE" IS RECOMMENDED REGARDING VOLTAGE UPGRADES & EMF.

The EA must address traffic routing and impact issues:

The EA must address the following wetland impact issues in the following areas:

The EA must address the following wildlife impact issues in the following areas:

The EA must address land use appropriateness and impact issues, particularly in these areas:

★ The EA must address the following health impacts of the transmission line:

800 STUDENTS & STAFF WILL SHARE PROXIMITY TO THIS UPGRADE PROJECT  
ARE WE CERTAIN NO HEALTH ISSUES WILL ARISE FROM THIS UPGRADE?

★ The EA must address the following electromagnetic field impacts of the transmission line:

WHEN OTHER ROUTES ARE AVAILABLE, WHY WOULD WE ALLOW  
ADDITIONAL EMF IMPACTS AT A SCHOOL SITE?

Other:

PLEASE CONSIDER THE SAFETY AND WELL BEING OF THE STUDENTS  
OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. THANK-YOU.

Date: 3/27/07

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]