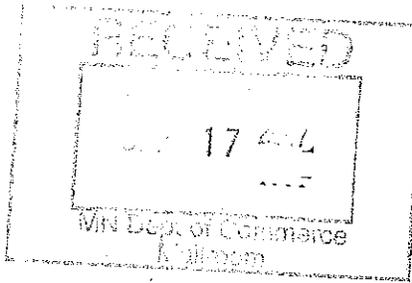


September 11, 2007

Department of Commerce  
85 7th Place East, Suite 500  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198



Attn: Sharon Ferguson/ Bill Storm/ Deborah Pile

Re: PUC Docket No. PL E280/GP-06-1481

MN Rules Part 4415.0100 Criteria For Pipeline Route Selection Subp. 3 Criteria Section A states: human settlement, existence and density of population areas, existing and planned future land use and management plans will be considered in route planning. I strongly ask the PUC to reject the SEH preferred route through my property for all the above reasons.

I own parcel 08-010-3200 in Blackberry Township where the tie-in to Great Lakes Gas would occur and cut this 35 acres diagonally. This would make it necessary to build a road across the pipeline to access all 35 acres and severely hamper human settlement. The pipeline would cut across parcel 08-010-2304 that I also own and in conjunction with parcel 08-410-0120 am trying to develop into commercial property. Presently in parcel 08-410-0120 there is a 43ft. x 72ft. Morton building and a \$15,000 mound septic system, electricity and a well. This parcel consists of just .96 acres so therefore will have to be sold with part of parcel 08-010-2304 to make it viable. There are already four pipelines soon to be six lines, owned by Enbridge, that cut through parcel 08-010-2304. If a 24" gas line is allowed to pass through this property it will make it practically worthless! I have been advertising the property for sale at \$285,000 and have started negotiations with three different customers. Negotiations have halted when I mention the possibility of the gas line. I am not a big-time speculator, I inherited the property and this is my retirement program! Blackberry Township is struggling like all Minnesota communities and would welcome the tax dollars generated by commercial or industrial development on my property.

The water table could easily become contaminated in the area and subsequent tunnel at the intersection of the Nashwauk pipeline and Enbridge pipelines. Enbridge lines are covered with 42"-48" of sugar sand. The largest Enbridge line is 36" and if you add 48"+36"=84" (gas line trench depth) this equals 168" (14 feet). The well in my Morton building is 15 feet deep and Dan Noland, who lives to the East of this intersection, has a shallow well approximately 290 feet from the intersection. There are several families close enough to have contaminated wells. The hazardous potential of this intersection has also been overlooked and is as

dangerous as it sounds. The result of a 24" gas line exploding beneath six crude oil lines would be catastrophic and this can be avoided by not allowing the preferred route to be approved!

The intersection should not be allowed within 1/2 mile of human habitation.

SEH Map Itasca County/MSI Alternative 05-ICMSI-3 (D-22) in their permit application SEH No. A-NASHU0701.00 has five red dots along the entire route (preferred route). This represents only five homes within 300 feet of the pipeline. Maps Figure 11-1 through 11-7 in SEH Partial Exemption Booklet has 32 orange dots within the corridor and a much larger number along the periphery. What happened to the 27+ homes? This is either a gross error or a deliberate misrepresentation of the facts! I would like to see the Citizens Committee or some other agency honestly evaluate the true number of households within 300 feet of this proposed route. Possibly Lake Country Power has maps with their customers that could be overlaid with this preferred route. I tracked the preferred route through Blackberry and Trout Lake Townships with the aid of the Itasca County Plat Book and recognized three names and called them to see if the pipeline would pass within 300 feet of their homes and all three said it would. There is no red dot on the latest SEH drawing at their locations! Their names are: Mitchell Bonham, 24315 County Road 10, Bovey, MN 55709-phone 218-245-1537/ Dale Sutherland, 23171 Hardwood Road, Bovey, MN 55709 phone 218-245-3604 and John Benson, 24305 County Road 10, Bovey, MN 55709, phone 218-245-2349. All three are not in favor of the route through their property but were unable to attend the meetings due to time conflict with their employment. Perhaps letters should be sent out to all persons that own property through which the pipeline would pass to give them the opportunity to respond without having to attend meetings that they are unable to attend. This is a Democracy so be democratic and let the people directly involved voice their opinions.

The reason the Partial Exemption was changed to the longer permitting process is the "preferred route"-citizens did not want this route then and still do not want it now. SEH has generated a booklet three times thicker than the original document that has "stacked the deck" to try again to push their route through the Department of Commerce and the PUC-please do not allow this to happen!

Thank you for time invested to read my comments and assistance in finding the most equitable route for this pipeline we need so the plant in Nashwauk can be built and the employment we so desperately need can happen.

Sincerely,  
*Michael Karna*  
Michael Karna  
21205 Bluebird Drive  
Grand Rapids, MN 55744  
Phone 218-326-6061

September 8, 2007

Department of Commerce  
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Attn: Sharon Ferguson/Bill Storm/Deborah Pile

Re: PUC Docket No.PL E280/GP-06-1481

ROUTE PROPOSAL

This route would splice off Great Lakes Gas in Section 13 in Blackberry Township to the East of Rice Lake. Proceeding North through Section 12 and intercept an existing HVTL right-of-way in Section 1 and would then follow the HVTL to the East and in Section 5-Feeley Township would turn in a basically Northeasterly direction up to Nashwauk. When this route reaches the Nashwauk area in Section 32, the Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission would have to "fine tune" it to be compatible with the present and future requirements.

I have attempted to find a route that avoids human settlement per Subp. 3-A and use of existing right-of-ways Subp. 3-F under MN Rules Part 4415.0100. This route also utilizes large tracts of Itasca County Tax Forfeited land which should greatly decrease the land acquisition costs. There are nine Sections of tax forfeit land through the route would pass.

In SEH No. A-NASHU0701.00 application page E-26 they outline the disadvantages of pipelines in close proximity to HVTL. This alleged problem can be easily overcome by adjusting my proposed routing away from HVTL in Sections 13,12,1,6 & 18 (see large drawing). These are entire Sections of land (640 acres each)! Any possible harmful effects can be offset by modern technology and costs will be offset by utilizing tax forfeit lands. Enbridge has a pumping station in Blackberry Township adjacent to 24293 US Hwy 2 that is practically under the HVTL and is not encountering any problems. In a phone conversation with Micah Harris (Enbridge Sr.Land&Right-of-Way Specialist) Tel 715-394-1420, Cell 218-591-3370, I asked him about electro-motive forces and he pointed out that they have hundreds of miles of pipeline in Wisconsin that run under HVTL with no problems. Expert information on this topic can be obtained by contacting John Bissell- Cathodic Expert phone 715-394-1417.

I have enclosed SEH map D-23 with my proposed route outlined in red with a red circle at the Great Lakes Gas splice. Also enclosed is a map I generated using Itasca County Plat maps. The map that I generated is not to scale and may contain some inconsistencies that can easily be corrected by SEH and was designed to generate general information about the route not precise technical data. I am not an engineer, just a concerned citizen attempting to propose the most viable route for the pipeline. Adjustments to this route will have to be made but I believe this general routing to be vastly superior to any of the other alternative (and preferred route) outlined by SEH.

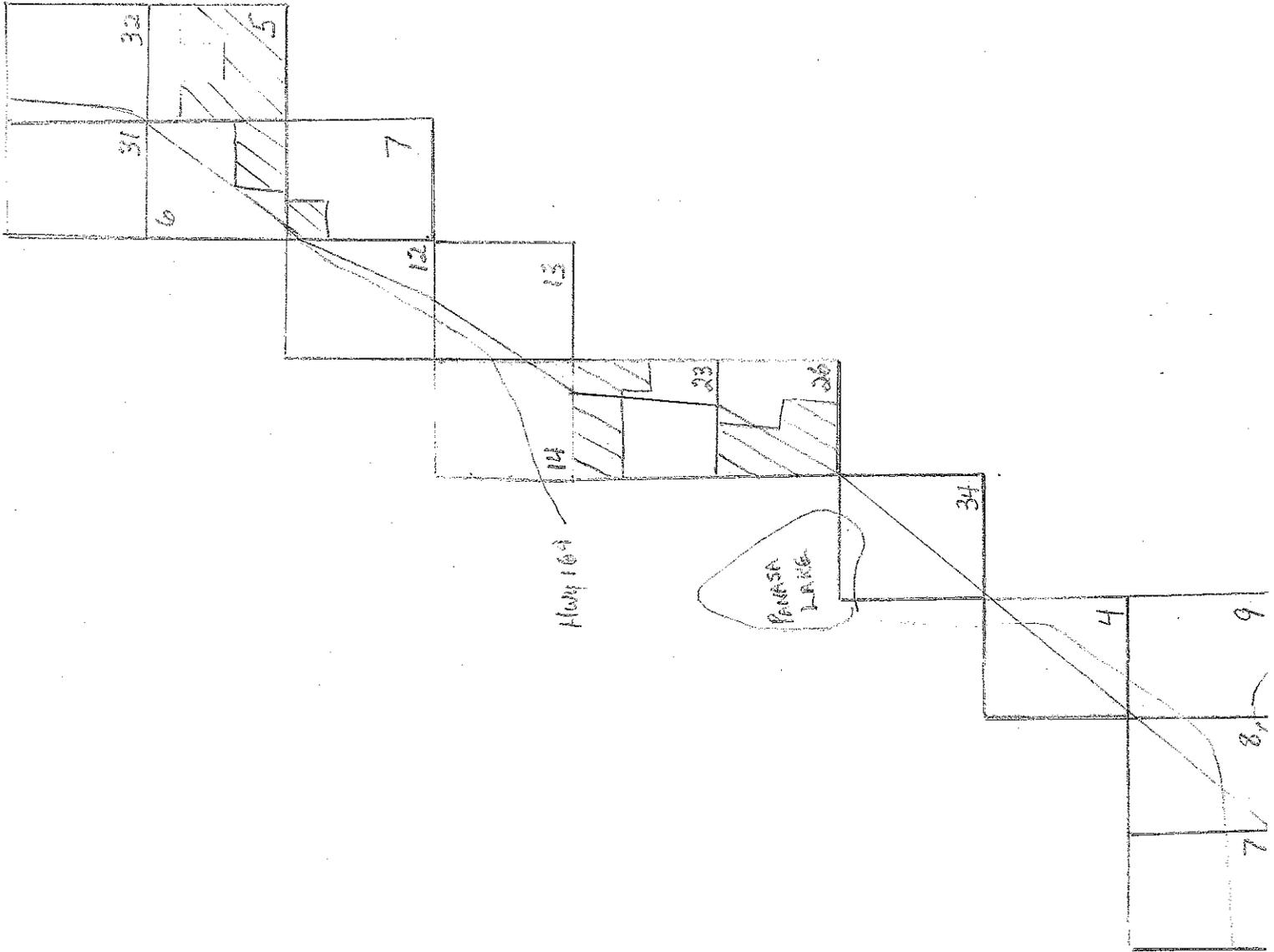
If I understand the procedure-the next step in the process is to pass this proposal on to the Citizens Committee for discussion and hopefully, their approval. Thank you for your time invested in examining this proposal and hopefully your approval as well.

Sincerely.

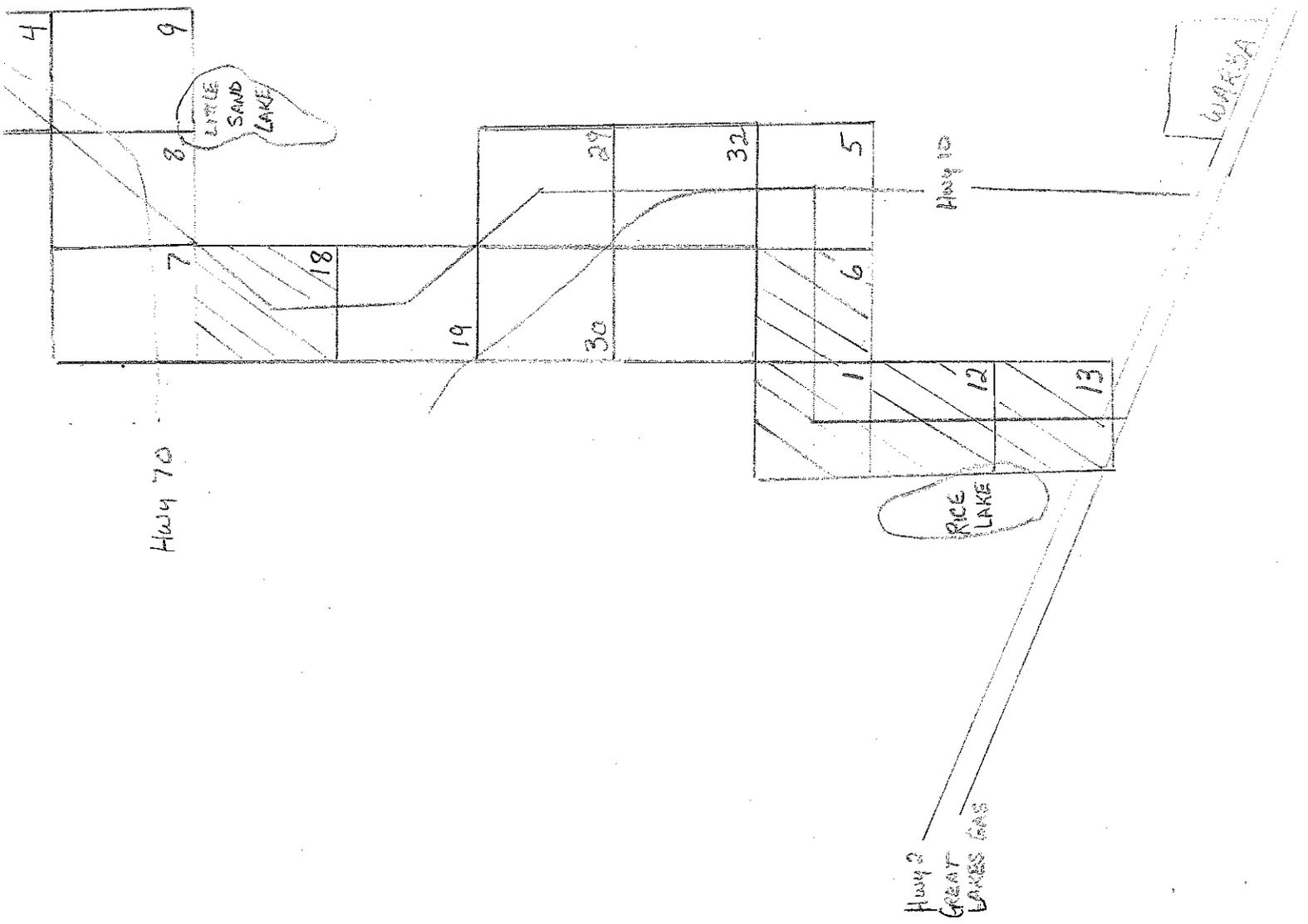
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NASHDAWK (E) SECTION 32

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GREENWAY TOWNSHIP SECTIONS 34, 26, 23, 14, 15 & 12

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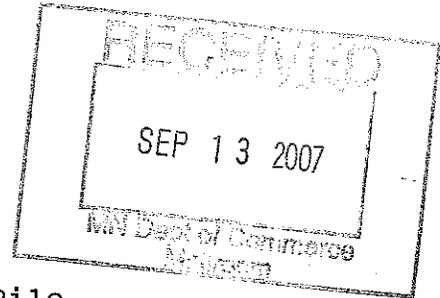
BLACKBERRY TOWNSHIP SECTIONS 13, 12 & 1

— PROPOSED ROUTE FALLS ON NVTL FROM CENTER OF SECTION 1 TO THE EAST THEN NORTHERLY TO APPROX. SECTION 32.

▨ ITASCA COUNTY TAX FORFEITED

September 10, 2007

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Attn: Sharon Ferguson/ Bill Storm/ Deborah Pile

Re; PUC Docket No.PL E280/GP-06-1481

ROUTE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL

I do not agree that the SEH preferred route is best corridor but in the event that is chosen by the PUC-I am asking for a slight modification. I own parcel 08-010-3200. where the tie-in for the Nashwauk to Great Lakes Gas will occur in Blackberry Township. Recently I have sold on Contract for Deed 16 acres of the original 35 acres and 6 acres of the original 20 acres in parcel 08-010-2304 to Kathy Shuster. Kathy, her daughter and two sons plan on building homes on the two parcels that would be cut diagonally by the SEH preferred route. I ask that the route be changed to run straight North 200 feet from the East property line of parcel 08-010-3200 from the tie-in to Hwy 2. This will put the pipeline crossing Hwy 2 at the same point as the preferred route but will greatly reduce the impact on the developmental plans of Kathy Shuster and her family. I have proposed this change to Clarence Kdrmas and he verbally approved. I also proposed a possible road to be built to access the tie-in from the Happy Hollow Road which Clarence also agreed to. I have not seen any modification to the preferred route on maps generated by SEH since that first meeting in Taconite.

I am asking for a documented route change and also locked gates across the Happy Hollow access and Hwy 2 access to the Nashwauk pipeline to which only Nashwauk Public Utilities, Great Lakes Gas, and I would have keys. This documentation is needed ASAP so that Kathy and her family can proceed with placement of their homes.

Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated and I will pass the documentation on to Kathy Shuster as soon as I get it. I made a verbal condition of sale of this property that I either get the route changed entirely or at least get it modified so the Shusters can use the property they are buying not just watch the pipeline carve it up. I have sent a Route Change Proposal separately so that it could be evaluated independently from the modification proposal.

Sincerely,  
*Michael Karna*  
Michael Karna  
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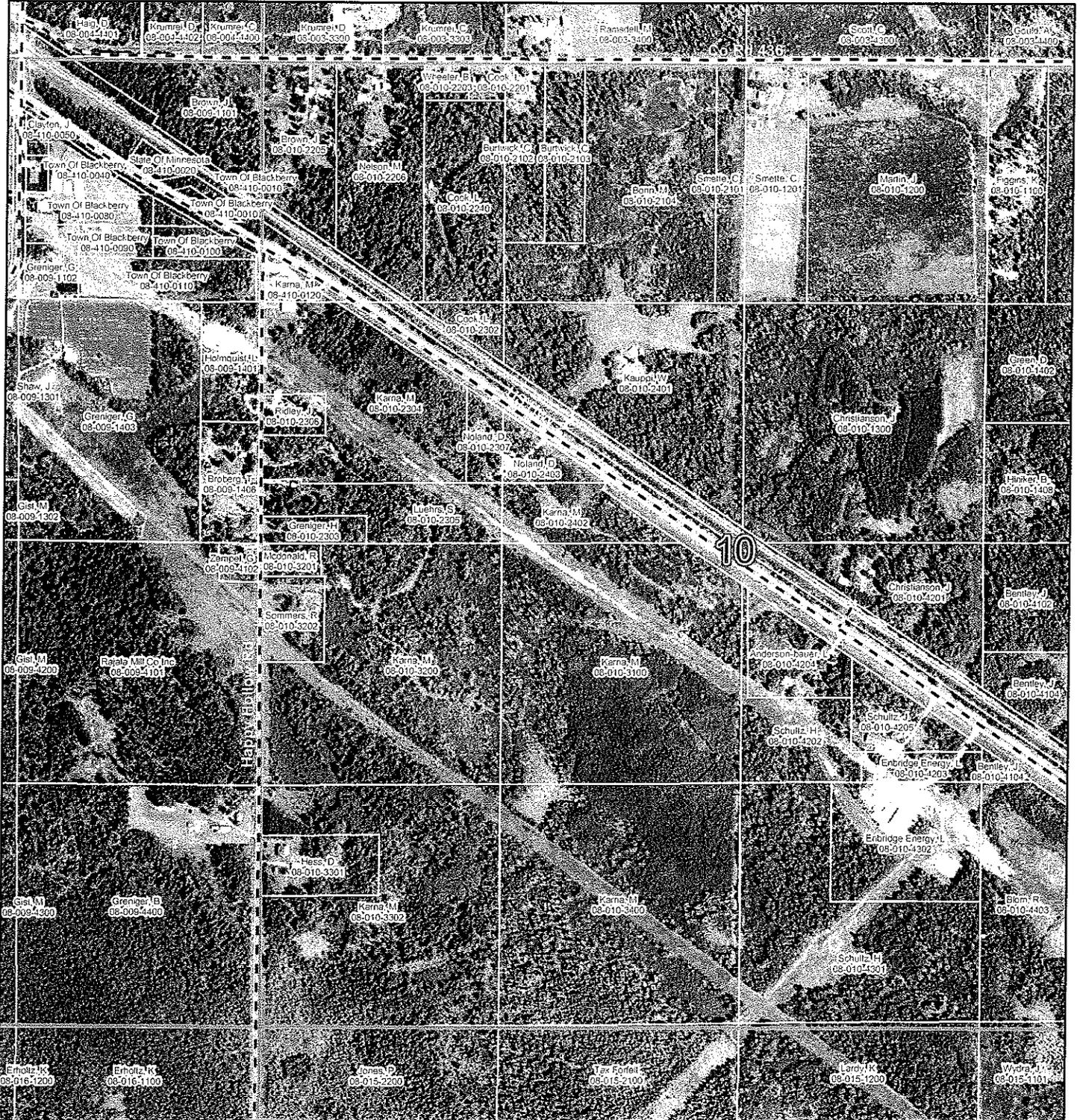
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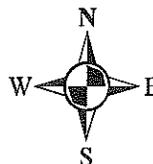
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# Blackberry

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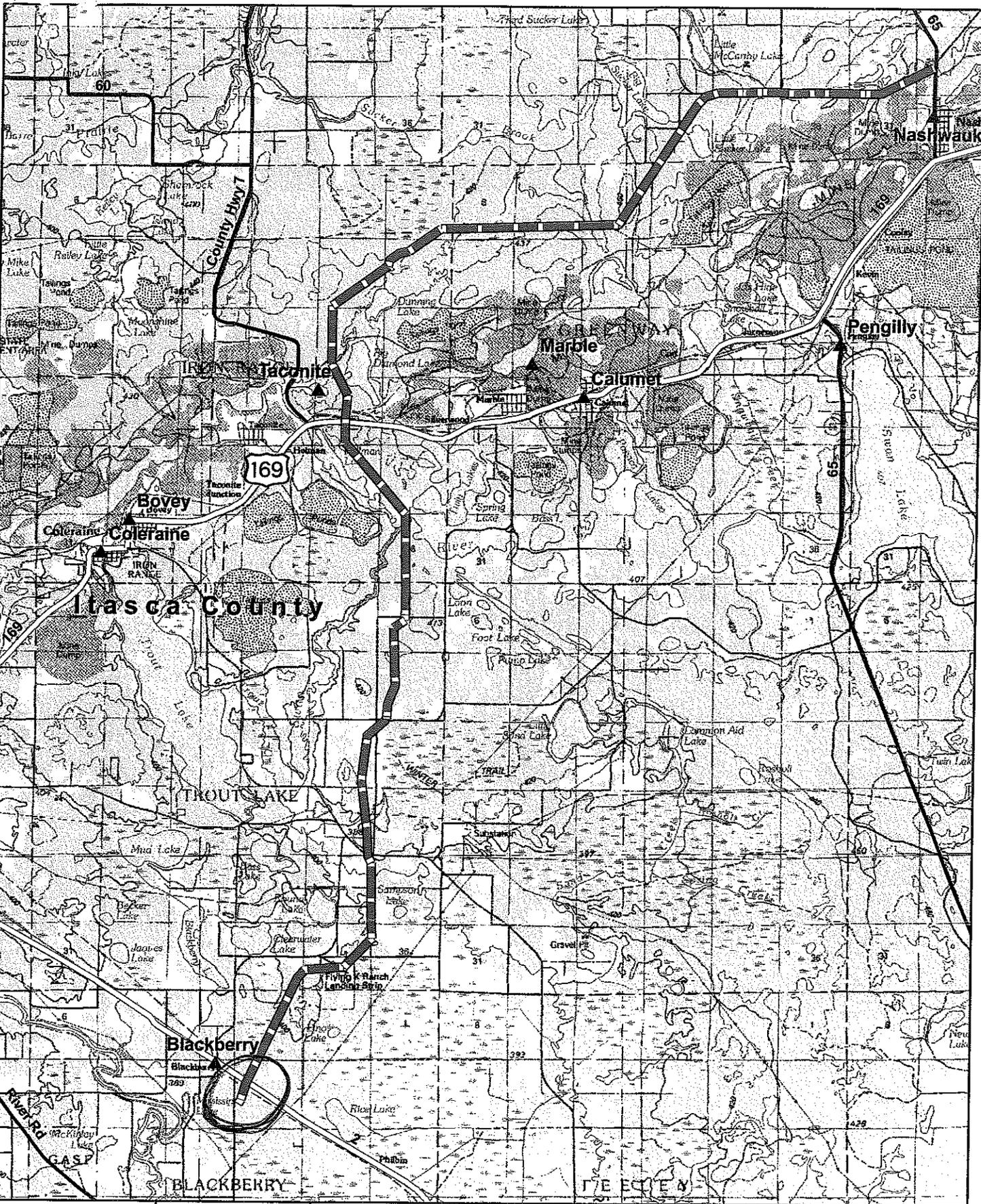
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**City of Nashwak  
 Public Utilities  
 Commission**

February 2007

**Legend**

- ▲ Cities
- █ Nashwak-Blackberry Pipeline
- Counties
- == U.S. Highways
- Other Highways

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**Figure 2**  
**Project Vicinity Map**



Itasca County - South  
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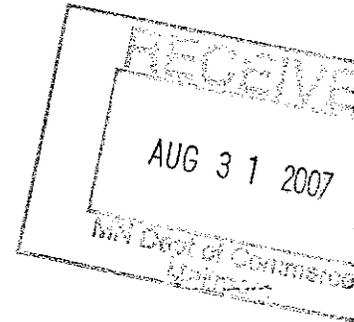
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August 29, 2007

Mr. William Cole Storm  
Minnesota Department of Commerce  
Energy Facility Permitting  
85 Seventh Place East, Suite 500  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2198



Dear Mr. Storm:

This is in response to your request for comments on the revised filing of the pipeline routing permit application for the Nashwauk to Blackberry Natural Gas Pipeline Project, PUC Docket No. PL, E-280/GP-06-1481. Item 8.1.5 on page E-76 of the Environmental Analysis Supplement indicates that the proposed route does not cross any Wellhead Protection Areas (WHPAs). While this statement was true at the time the permit application was compiled, it does not reflect the current situation. It now appears that the easternmost 2,000 feet (approximately) of Segment 7, shown in Figure 11-7 on page D-18, will cross a portion of the WHPA for the city of Nashwauk. That WHPA was approved by the Minnesota Department of Health on August 28, 2007.

Special care should be taken to minimize the possibility of leaks or spills of potential groundwater contaminants in the area identified above. The Nashwauk city wells are considered relatively vulnerable to contamination because of the local geologic setting. They draw their water from the Biwabik Iron Formation bedrock aquifer, which is exposed in nearby mine pits and may be found at or near the land surface in the area of the proposed pipeline crossing.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James F. Walsh".

James F. Walsh  
Source Water Protection Unit  
Environmental Health Division  
P.O. Box 64975  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0975

JFW:kmc

cc: Larisa Vishkovetsky, MDH, Principal Planner, Metro Office  
Beth Kluthe, MDH, Principal Planner, Bemidji District Office



## Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

500 Lafayette Road  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-40\_\_

October 15, 2007

Sharon Ferguson  
Department of Commerce  
85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 500  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

RE: Nashwauk-Blackberry Pipeline Routing Permit Application  
Docket #PL E-280/GP-06-1481

Dear Ms. Ferguson:

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has reviewed the Nashwauk-Blackberry Pipeline Routing Permit Application. With respect to potential impacts to natural resources, the DNR offers the following comments.

The proposed route appears to cross – and therefore, will encumber – State-owned magnetic taconite and other ferrous resources. The permanent encumbrance of these state mineral lands will require compensation for the various trusts involved.

Additionally, the proximity of the route to future mining activities, such as blasting, must be considered. The DNR recently received a request to lease state-owned minerals that are less than one-quarter mile from the proposed pipeline route. Should the route preclude the mining of state mineral lands, the trusts involved must be compensated.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this document. Please contact me with any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Matt Langan  
Environmental Review Unit  
Division of Ecological Resources  
(651) 259-5115

c: Steve Colvin, Craig Engwall, Dave Holmbeck, Joe Rokala, Tim Pastika, Bill Storm – DOC

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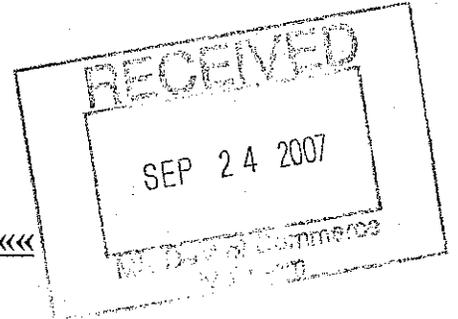
Comments:

R.E. Air pollution in Noshovok

With the increase of allergies + bronchial illnesses I am very concerned with the addition of more pollution in the air and water. I have never thought of myself as being a negative person, but I find myself becoming that way. When the Minn Health Commissioner kept information about mesothelioma from the public I knew the honesty of government had a big question mark over it. Renew my faith in local, state + federal gov by voting down the exemption for Mercury, CO2 and other pollutants asked by MSH.

Please submit comments to meeting moderator or send to:

Sharon Ferguson  
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St. Paul, MN 55101-2198.  
Tel: 651-297-3652.



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Ms. Sharon Ferguson  
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RE: Nashwauk-Blackberry Natural Gas Pipeline Project  
MPUC Docket No. PL E280/GP-06-1481

Dear Ms. Ferguson:

We need good jobs up here.

Please support the preferred route from Blackberry Township to Nashwauk for the proposed natural gas pipeline.

Thanks.

*Richard W. Mitchell*

Ms. Sharon Ferguson  
Minnesota Department of Commerce  
85 Seventh Place East, Suite 500  
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2198

RE: Nashwauk-Blackberry Natural Gas Pipeline Project  
MPUC Docket No. PL E280/GP-06-1481

Dear Ms. Ferguson:

I live in Nashwauk. I have seen the proposed routes for the gas pipeline to serve the steel mill in Nashwauk. I know the area where these routes will travel and it looks to me like the best one is the preferred route from Blackberry Township to Nashwauk.

I hope that is the route the Department recommends and the PUC chooses.

Thanks.

Edward O. Boly

Ms. Sharon Ferguson  
Minnesota Department of Commerce  
85 Seventh Place East, Suite 500  
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2198

RE: Nashwauk-Blackberry Natural Gas Pipeline Project  
MPUC Docket No. PL E280/GP-06-1481

Dear Ms. Ferguson:

I live near Swan Lake. I understand that there are several proposed routes to run gas pipelines to the new steel mill in Nashwauk that will run right next to Swan Lake.

Both of these routes seem to go through a no blast zone – so I am unsure how these routes would work. It seems to me that there are some real safety issues and I would urge the Department and the PUC to not recommend these routes.

Thank you.

Cara Helmbrecht  
14486 City Rd 12 Pennington Mn 55775

Real safety



Ms. Sharon Ferguson  
Minnesota Department of Commerce  
85 Seventh Place East, Suite 500  
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2198

RE: Nashwauk-Blackberry Natural Gas Pipeline Project  
MPUC Docket No. PL E280/GP-06-1481

Dear Ms. Ferguson:

I write in support of the preferred route of the natural gas pipeline from Blackberry Township to Nashwauk that the Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission has submitted for approval.

I live in the City/Township of Lone Pine

Amy Sundquist  
14618 City Rd 12 Pengilly Mn 55775



Ms. Sharon Ferguson  
Minnesota Department of Commerce  
85 Seventh Place East, Suite 500  
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2198

RE: Nashwauk-Blackberry Natural Gas Pipeline Project  
MPUC Docket No. PL E280/GP-06-1481

Dear Ms. Ferguson:

I live in Nashwauk and I am very excited about the proposed steel mill.

I am writing to support the proposed route that Nashwauk has submitted. I understand that it is the least impactfull of all of the proposed routes.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Bernie Latvala*

*614 270 st*

*Nashwauk MN 55169*

Ms. Sharon Ferguson  
Minnesota Department of Commerce  
85 Seventh Place East, Suite 500  
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2198

RE: Nashwauk-Blackberry Natural Gas Pipeline Project  
MPUC Docket No. PL E280/GP-06-1481

Dear Ms. Ferguson:

I/my wife and I have lived in City for over 80 years. In that time, never have we been so excited about a development that might occur on the Range, than we are right now. The jobs and economic development that a new steel mill in Nashwauk would bring are nearly unimaginable.

We/I am writing to strongly urge you to support the preferred route that has been submitted for the construction of a gas pipeline from Blackberry Township to Nashwauk. Without this pipeline the jobs and the economic development that we are hoping for will not occur.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Robert N. Latvala*

P.O. Box 87

NASHWAUK, MN 55769

**Bill Storm**

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**From:** W4A3H [taconite43@jetemail.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 04, 2007 2:52 AM  
**To:** Bill Storm; Charlie Peterson; Suzanne Steinhauer  
**Subject:** Request for input on CAC sessions

Hi,

I opted to not put input in at the end of the meeting so I could be both honest and blunt without creating negative feelings with anyone.

Would I do it again? Yes, but not because it is enjoyable.

I think they do serve a purpose. I have attended two, one for Mesaba Energy re selecting a site, one for Nashwauk pipeline.

My observations are the following:

The method of choosing participants was much better at the Nashwauk one vs. the Mesaba one. Opening it to self appointments allows too many people with an agenda to become involved.

Meeting length. A meeting beyond 3 hours seems to be a negative for a number of reasons. It became obvious in the second meeting that the four hours had us repeating tasks or going beyond the scope of our charge. In the third meeting, it became very obvious and as you noticed a number left the meeting before it was completed.

Both meetings however, ferreted out those with an agenda. This resulted in a positive outcome for all.

It is obvious that the charge for the committee has to be front and center and the committee needs to be kept on task by the facilitator.

I think both were well facilitated, however as I mentioned, being reminded of the charge and its limitations needs to be kept front and center.

The format seems to be a good one, well planned etc.

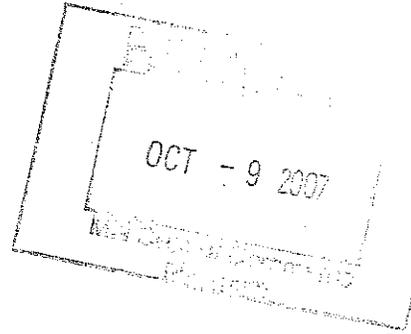
There are limitations on how far any citizen group can go and should be allowed to go, identifying the things to be evaluated worked well, working on actual routes did not.

My suggestion is to keep doing what you are doing, I have seen definite improvement between my first CAC and second CAC group meetings.

William A. Hanson

10/23/2007

October 4, 2007



Ms. Sharon Ferguson  
MN Department of Commerce  
85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East Ste. 500  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

Ms. Ferguson;

I am a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Nashwauk-Blackberry natural gas pipe line. I have read the proposal and independently reviewed the options 1,2,3, p-1, and p-2. At the final meeting, which was held on October 3, 2007, I could only stay for part of the meeting , but I did attend the first two meetings in their entirety.

I am the president of a local bank, and business concerns cut my presence short. At the point of my departure from the meeting, we were discussing options p-1 and p-2. A previous presentation for the alteration to p-2 was voted as fatally flawed and would not go forward.

Since I was not at the meeting until it's conclusion, I would like my vote to be counted as allowing routes 1, 2, and 3 to move forward, routes p-1 and p-2, being fatally flawed, Not to move forward.

Dwight Randall  
Lone Pine Township  
Committee Member

**Bill Storm**

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**From:** leeannn [leeannn@localnet.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 14, 2007 9:42 AM  
**To:** Steve.Mihalchick@state.mn.us  
**Cc:** Bill.Storm@state.mn.us; charlie.peterson@state.mn.us; Suzanne Steinhauer  
**Subject:** Fw: Citizen's Advisory Committe, MPUC Docket #PLE-280/GP-06-1481

----- Original Message -----

The Honorable Steve Mihalchick  
Administrative Law Judge

As a member of the Citizen's Advisory Committee for the Nashwauk-Blackberry Natural Gas pipeline, I believe an error in judgment was made by the committee in regards to ignoring the route proposed by Michael Karna, 21205 Blue Drive, Grand Rapids, MN. Michael's proposed route has a lot of merit when considering impact on humans, impact on landowners, and following an existing corridor. I feel that this route was unfairly presented to the committee at end of the last meeting design when everyone was tired, and instead of presenting it to us, the Committee, it was first presented to Clarence Kadrmas, Project Manager for the Nashwauk P.U.C. Clarence, who should not have even been included in the meeting, discredited the route for various reasons, and the committee didn't override Clarence's evaluation. A picture of wetlands was put up on the computer screen, and the Committee capitulated to Charlie Peterson's "Do we even want to look at this one this late in the game?"

I have a few objections in regards to the Citizen's Committee and how the meetings were run. Minn.-Rule 4415.0060 stipulates "no officer, agent, or employee of the applicant shall serve on the citizen's advisory committee". I attended all of the Nashwauk P.U.C. meetings and the Nashwauk City Council meetings, so I know that the Nashwauk P.U.C. is made up of a member of the Nashwauk City Council, the Nashwauk City Clerk, and a member of the Nashwauk Planning Committee. The gas pipeline project managers submit their invoices to the City Council who vote to accept them contingent on ratification by the P.U.C. The bills then move on to the county, DEED, etc. The mayor of Nashwauk serves as chair of the city council. The citizen's committee included Bill Hendricks, Mayor of Nashwauk, Karen Calaguire, an EMT employed by the City of Nashwauk, and Dwight Randall, president of a bank in Nashwauk. All these Nashwauk people did their best to steer the pipeline away from Nashwauk and towards the "Preferred Route".

Two SEH employees were allowed to sit at the table (George Johnson and one other) and were allowed to have much input. The SEH people took up the first hour of the first meeting "giving us background". Clarence Kadrmas, project manager, was in the audience along with a pipeline consultant. Both were allowed to discredit committee comments and ideas that didn't go along with the preferred route. It was a very intimidating setting. It wasn't until the third and final meeting that these non-committee members stayed in the background.

I feel that this Citizen's Advisory Committee was a "stacked deck" for the Nashwauk PUC preferred route.

Bob Norgord  
Citizen's Committee Member

10/23/2007

**Bill Storm**

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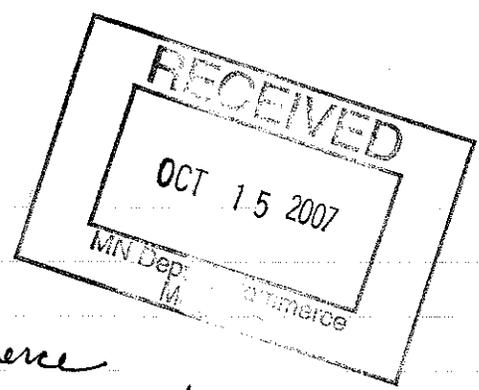
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**Subject:** Citizen's Advisor Committee, MPUC #PLE-280/GP-06-1481

During deliberations by the Citizen's Advisory Committee on the Nashwauk/Blackberry Natural Gas Pipeline, the committee voted to not consider a citizen's route from Swan River as being a viable route. This was based on information provided by the Honorable William Hendricks, Mayor of Nashwauk. He stated that mining plans for the LaRue pit near the southeasterly part of town would prevent coming in that way. The route would have followed an existing corridor of old railroad grades and snowmobile trails. Much of it would cross county lands. I felt, as did others, that the route had a lot of merit. Based on Mr. Hendrick's information, this route was rejected.

At the October 16 Nashwauk PUC meeting. A man from the Minnesota Dept. of Health discussed Nashwauk's Wellhead Protection Program. He stated that the water in the LaRue pit was important to Nashwauk's drinking water supply, and that it should be protected at all cost. I asked if mining operations in the LaRue pit would change things and, of course, his answer was that it would. At that point, PUC member Ed Bolfe stated that there are no plans for mining in that area.

I submit that this type of deception may have been used throughout the proceedings, not only by Mr. Hendricks, but possibly by other "experts" who want the "preferred route".

Bob Norgord  
Citizen's Advisory Committee member

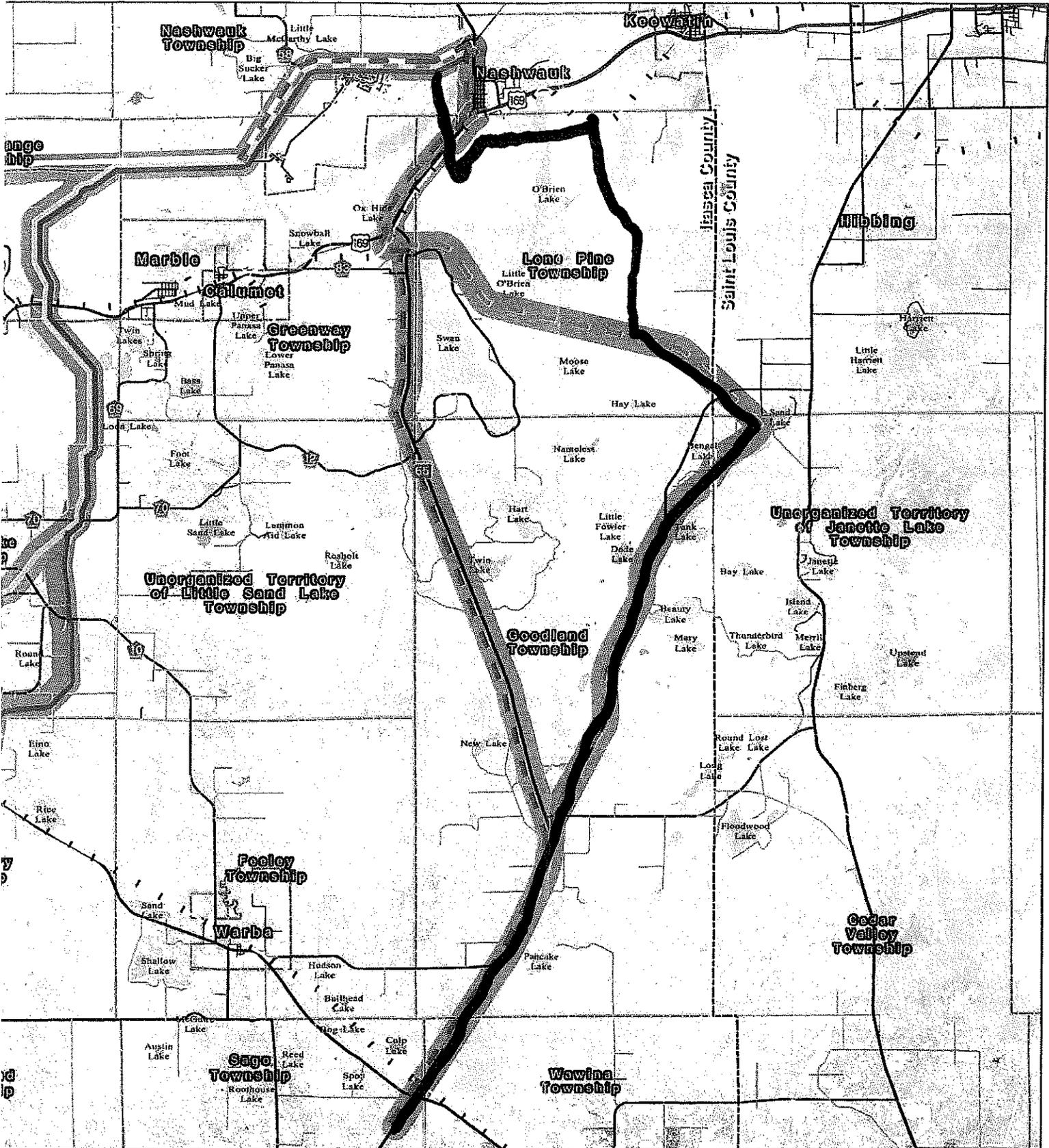


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New segment of route proposed is along abandoned railroad track on east side of US Highway 65. Follow marked snowmobile trail to southside of US Highway 169, travel west along highway past city of Nashwauc on west side of mine dumps to cross under 169 and then to MSI plant.

They should have equipment now to dig into railroad bed. I have an existing pipeline built in the 1960<sup>'s</sup> and they had equipment then to remove huge boulders and large tree stumps.

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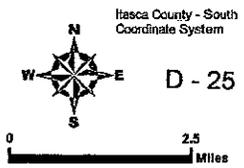


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**Nashwak-Blackberry Pipeline Project**

**Route Corridor Existing vs. Greenfield Classification**



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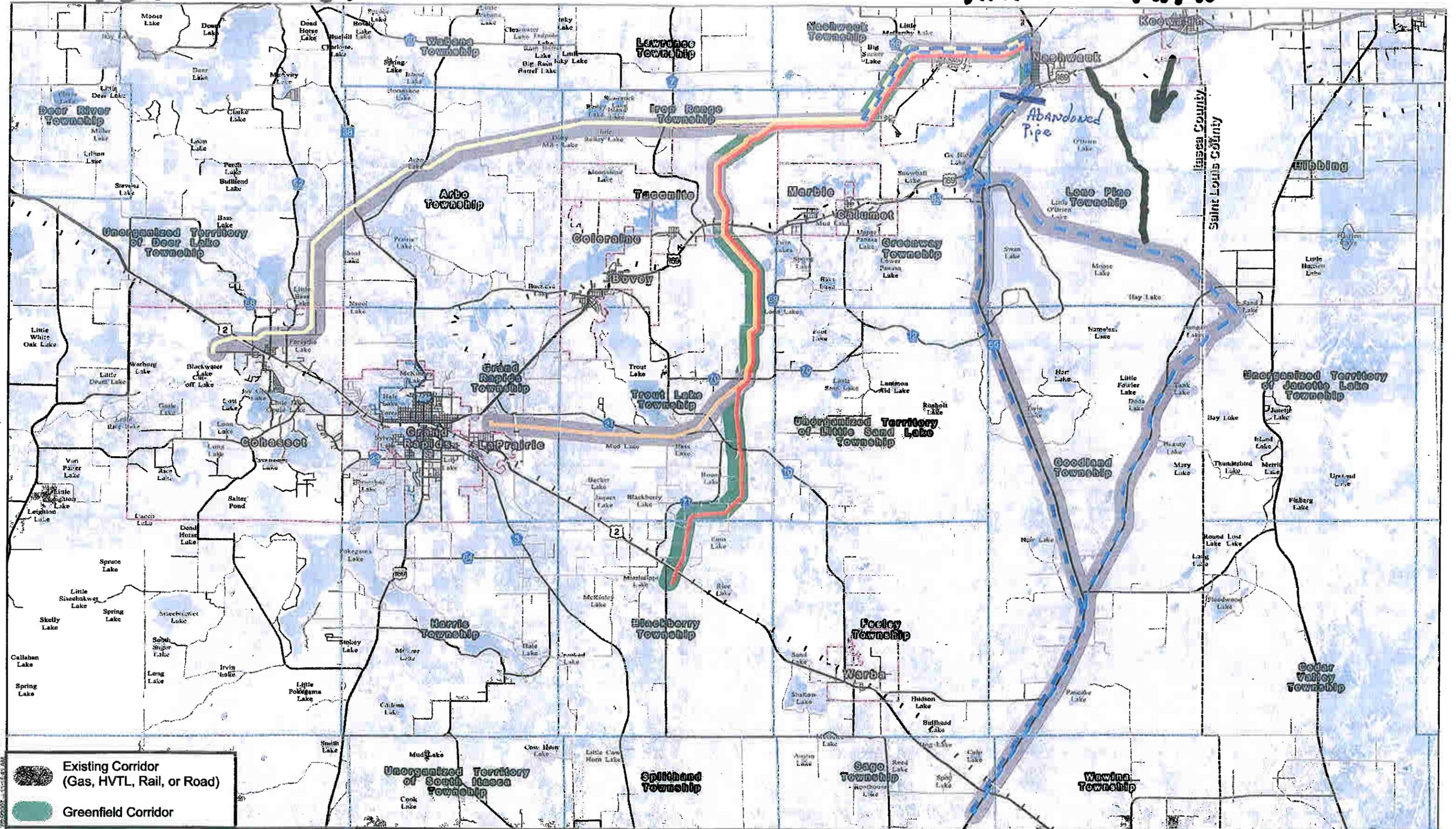
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**Legend**

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-  2005 Itasca County/MSI - Alternative 2 (05-ICMSI-2)
-  2005 Itasca County/MSI - Alternative 3 (05-ICMSI-3)
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Itasca County - South  
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