

# bruce's contracting, inc.

2050 COUNTY 41 N.W. BACKUS, MN 56435

PHONE# (218) 947-3353 FAX# (218) 947-3978

www.brucescontracting.com

## FAX COVER SHEET

DATE: 5-01-07

TO: Bill Storm  
MN Dept. of Commerce

FROM: Bruce Kriens

FAX #: (651) 297-7891

SUBJECT: Public Comment Sheet - MP & GRE Badoura HVTL Project  
PUC Docket No. ET2, E015/TL-76-76

Original to follow by mail.

TOTAL # OF PAGES SUBMITTED INCLUDING THE COVER SHEET 2

Public Comment Sheet  
MP & GRE Badoura HVTL Project  
PUC Docket No. ET2, E015/TL-76-76

Name: BRUCE KRIENS

Representing: BRUCE'S CONTRACTING, INC.

Address: 2050 COUNTY 41 NW  
BACKUS, MN 56435

Email: rkriens@gmail.com  
brucescontracting@gmail.com  
bkriens@tds.net

Comment:

1. Current line runs through Bruce's Contracting's construction yard -  
(Shipping/Receiving), equipment loading and unloading.

2. We would like an alternate route of two options considered:

- Run line on North property line between private land owners and  
Cass County property. (All land owners have discussed this option  
and are in agreement with this alternate route.)

- Run line on South side of County Road 41 in an under-build with  
an existing Itasca-Mantrap line.

Please submit comments to meeting moderator or send to:

William Cole Storm  
MDOC  
85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East  
Suite 500  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

Email: bill.storm@state.mn.us  
Voice: 651-296-9535  
Fax: 651-297-7891



Public Comment Sheet  
MP & GRE Badoura HVTL Project  
PUC Docket No. ET2, E015/TL-76-76

Name:

Representing:

Dennis Kriens

Address: 1946 CO. 41 NW  
Backus, mn. 56435  
218-947-4012

Email: KRIENS @ MLECWB.  
NET

Comment:

This is in regard to the alternate route in the Dale Kriens, Norm Lindahl, Bruce Kriens, Dennis Kriens & Roger Pearson area. The existing ROW does not bother or interfere <sup>with</sup> me at all. The new alternate going behind me would, as it will pass thru my woods & be very close to my home. The existing line was there when we all built our homes. The alternate route would work for me if it did not pass thru my property, which means it would have to go north of me on County land. If this is to work, Roger Pearson (952-937-8815) would have to O.K. this, as it would angle thru his land.

Please submit comments to meeting moderator or send to: Looking forward to hearing

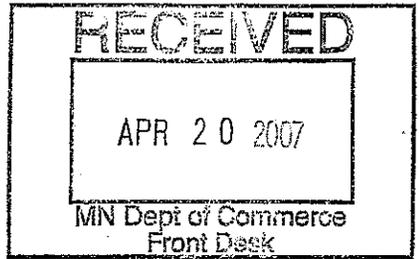
William Cole Storm  
MDOC  
85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East  
Suite 500  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

Email: bill.storm@state.mn.us  
Voice: 651-296-9535  
Fax: 651-297-7891

From you,  
Dennis Kriens



Public Comment Sheet  
MP & GRE Badoura HVTL Project  
PUC Docket No. ET2, E015/TL-76-76



Name:

Raymond Peterson  
32848 Co. 113  
Badkys, MN. 56435 2496

Representing:

Address:

Email:

Comment:

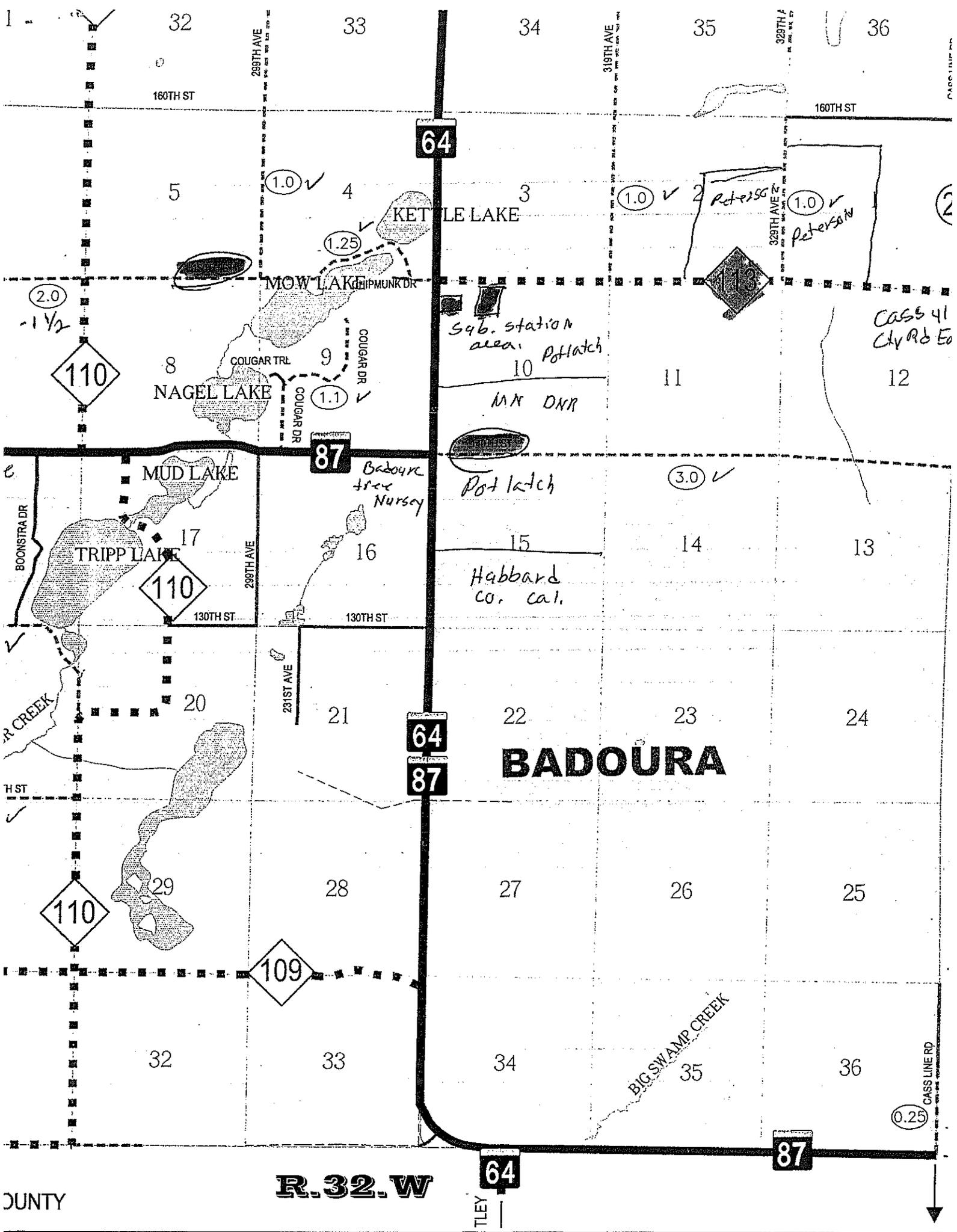
TXI Book March 2007 application For Route Permit  
Badoura 115 RV Project Docket ET2 E015/TL-07-76  
Page 8.2 segment 3. line is close to 150 street Hubbard  
Co. 16<sup>th</sup> street Cass Co. that area is 1 mile south of existing  
MP 507, 34th. at the meetings IN 2005 we have try  
to correct location <sup>with</sup> MPL & GRE Reps. will inc. Maps  
Hubbard Co. 22 changed to 113. Co. Rd were same in 911 system  
twp Rd. W of MN64 = 150<sup>th</sup> st. Badoura sub corner of MN64  
& Co. 113. P.S. Don't see how approved application with wrong Description.  
ON FSA Map. in Red ink is the way the old Line runs  
the way old Line follows the land ~~it doesn't~~ it works fine.  
But north of Build site the Line is only 20ft North of tree  
Line, the I would like to stay because of N wind in MN  
winter. The Line width was clear out when Line was first put in.

Please submit comments to meeting moderator or send to:

William Cole Storm  
MDOC  
85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East  
Suite 500  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

Email: bill.storm@state.mn.us  
Voice: 651-296-9535  
Fax: 651-297-7891





COUNTY

R. 32. W

TLEY

64

87

CASS LINE RD

0.25

BIG SWAMP CREEK

BADOURA

Habbard  
co. cal.

Pot latch

Badourea  
tree  
Nursery

Sub. station  
area

CASS 41  
City Rd Eo

Petersen

Petersen

MOW LAKE

KETTLE LAKE

NAGEL LAKE

MUD LAKE

TRIPP LAKE

R CREEK

H ST

160TH ST

160TH ST

130TH ST

130TH ST

H ST

32

33

34

35

36

5

4

3

2

2

8

9

10

11

12

17

16

15

14

13

20

21

22

23

24

29

28

27

26

25

1

32

33

34

35

36

29TH AVE

319TH AVE

329TH AVE

BOONSTRA DR

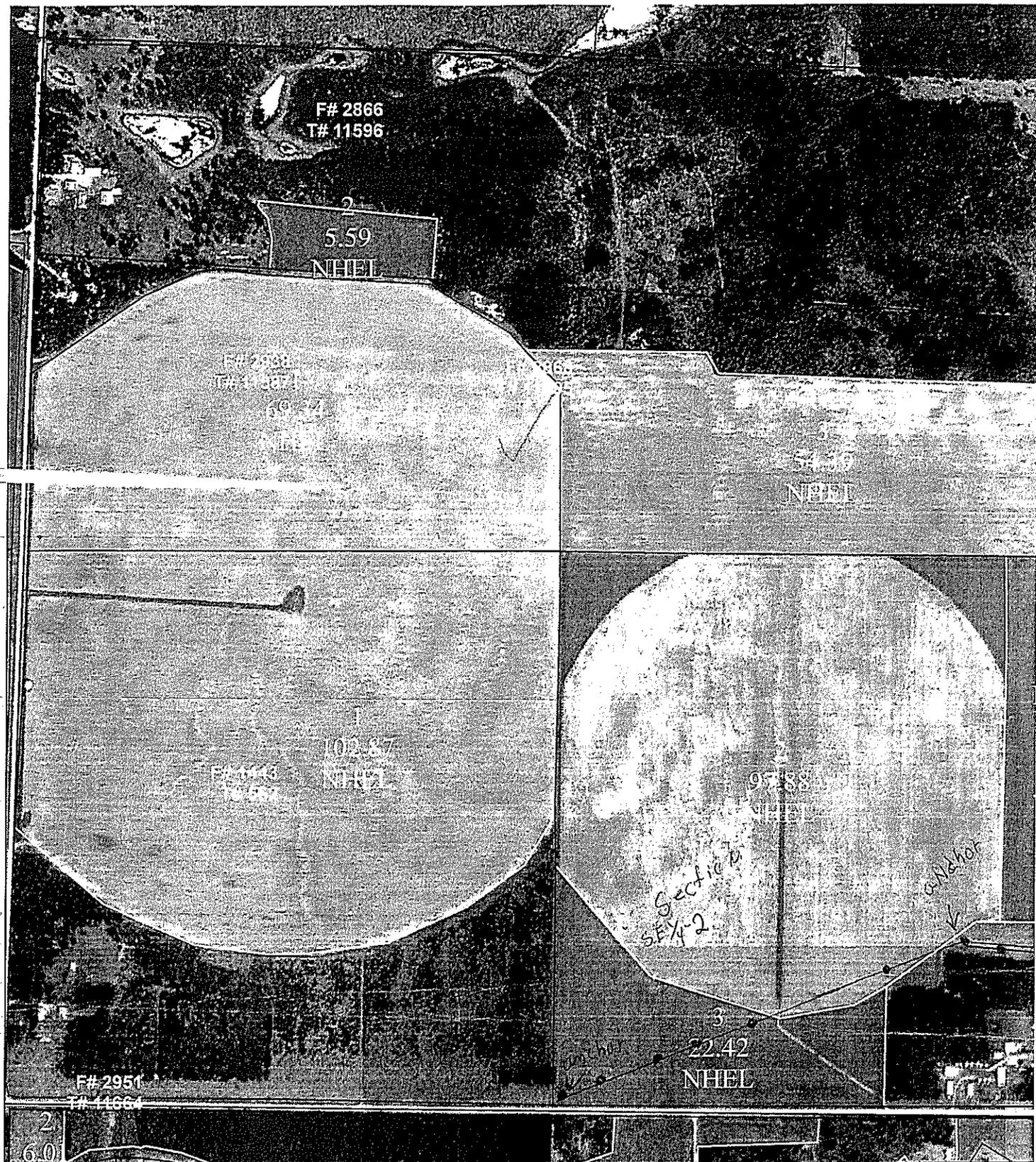
29TH AVE

231ST AVE

CASS LINE RD

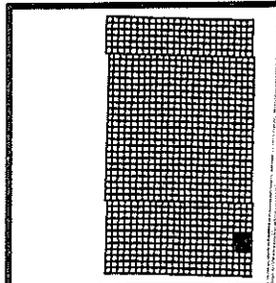
CASS LINE RD

4111



United States Department of Agriculture  
Farm Service Agency

Red Dots  
are  
poles



Section 2-139-32

**Hubbard County, MN**

1:7,812

February 14, 2007

F# 2127  
T# 10579

13.6

2

25.4

# 1983  
# 10490

1  
2.51  
NHIEL

5

155.73

NHIEL

SECTION  
SEYU 4/1

3470  
LINE IN LINE WITH  
FENCE

1  
39.49

NHIEL

F# 1992  
T# 566

4

42.42

NHIEL

2

5.22

NHIEL

F# 2500  
T# 1255

FIELD  
ROAD

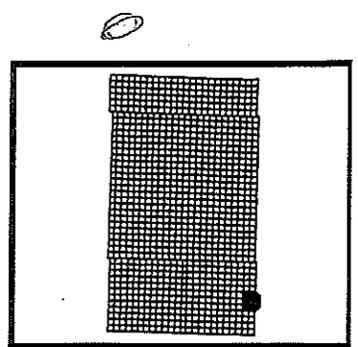


United States Department of Agriculture  
Farm Service Agency

Section 1-139-32

**Hubbard County, MN**

1:7,886



February 14, 2007

Badoura

Public Comment Sheet  
MP & GRE Badoura HVTL Project  
PUC Docket No. ET2, E015/TL-76-76

Name: Allen Knutson

Representing:

Address: 2709 Co 1 SW  
Pine River, MN 56474

Email: allen4rachel@tds.net

Comment:

I prefer to see you use Figure 5-18

with the new substation located closest to the  
old existing station then head west to the  
back 40 line. Then south till you can cross  
back to the west straight across from Co rd  
#171

Please submit comments to meeting moderator or send to:

William Cole Storm  
MDOC  
85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East  
Suite 500  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

Email: bill.storm@state.mn.us  
Voice: 651-296-9535  
Fax: 651-297-7891



April 24, 2007

William C. Storm  
State Planning Director  
Energy Facility Permitting  
85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 500  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

Re: Public comment  
MP & GRE Badoura HVTL Project  
PUC Docket No. ET2, F015/TL-76-76

Dear Mr Storm,

It was nice meeting you at the April 17, 2007 meeting in Backus regarding the proposed transmission line. At that meeting and also at the previous meeting I attended, I was informed by MP and GRE representatives, that if the powerline project was to go along County Road 171 it would be where the existing powerline is or farther south behind the houses. I attended the meetings because I live on County Road 171 (29<sup>th</sup> St SW in Pine River) and will be affected by the proposed power line and the corridor that is currently centered on County Rd 171 west from Cass County Highway 1. Our legal description of our property is:

Walden Township  
Sec:12 Twp:137.0 Rg 30 Lot: Blk: Acres 20.29  
E1/2 of NW NE

Since installing powerlines usually follows where the old powerlines are, they would be installed on the south side of the road. I would like to see the corridor moved completely to the south side of County Road 171. There are only 4 residences that would be affected on the south side compared to the north side having 9 residences that would be affected. If the corridor was moved totally to the south of County Road 171, then the power line could either go along the south side of the road or to the south of the 4 residences. We have heard that some of those owners would like to see it south of their property. Moving the corridor to the south of County Road 171 would give them more footage to the south of their homes.

The north side of County Road 171 currently has 9 residences that would be affected. This part is also heavily wooded along 3 miles as compared to the south side that is not. Please see photo attachments regarding each side of the road.

I would appreciate your help in this matter as you make your final decisions where the corridor will be going.

Sincerely,  
Gordy Kramer







Wayne E. Anderson  
2665-36<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW  
Pine River, MN 56474  
218-587-3993

Land owner

Dated April 24, 2007

Section 4, Walden Township

Presently I own 226 acres of land with 170 acres in CRP. The existing power lines diagonals this land. The proposed new 115K line will parallel this line on the East side. It will require and additional 85 feet of right-of-way or three plus acres of CRP. This acreage in planted in Norway pines 6 feet apart for approximately 1,463 feet and are 30 years old.

The removal of these trees creates three concerns for the landowner:

- #1. Loss of CRP land is financially refundable to the State Agricultural Department from the inception of the contract (10 years).
- #2. Loss of approximately 1,500 trees for potential lumber and pulp, even at a declining wood product time will be substantial.
- #3. Rehabilitation to the land will create costly labor and material expense.

This loss can be greatly reduced by consideration of one or more of the following options:

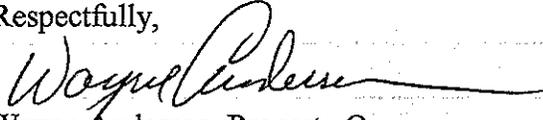
- A. Use a single pole construction rather than a double pole construction.
- B. Move the easement line to the west of the existing power line corridor.
- C. Do not follow the existing power line but coordinate with MDOT down Hwy. 371 where the Tripp Lake substation intersects the Hwy. on the east. Then down to the Pine River Substation.
- D. Begin by placing all new power lines under ground.

Should the line easement go as presently proposed the following concerns need to be addressed:

- A. The only access to install the new line is across my present property. Can I charge an access fee? Who pays for land repairs caused by heavy trucks and equipment crossing my personal roads?
- B. Who pays for the additional use of land needed for the new power lines?
- C. Who pays for the trees and CRP land and timber loss?
- D. Who pays for the rehabilitation of stump removal and brush or limbs disposal and grass reseeding?
- E. What is the process and time lines for the above questions.

I have requested Jim Atkinson to meet with me regarding the above questions on May 30, 2007.

Respectfully,

  
Wayne Anderson, Property Owner

1/2

Public Comment Sheet  
MP & GRE Badoura HVTL Project  
PUC Docket No. ET2, E015/TL-76-76



Name: Ray & Nicole Simpson

Representing:

Address: 18781 State 34  
Park Rapids, MN 56470

Email:

Comment:

We are opposed to putting the new power lines along the south side of highway 34. Our house is hidden from the highway now and we do not want to lose our trees that will expose us and our children to the road and those that travel on it. We feel safe letting our small children play in the yard now, but would not feel safe if we were not hidden as much to those going by. We wanted to be away from the highway for many reasons and we feel this new route for the lines would take that away from us. Highway 34 is a very heavily

Please submit comments to meeting moderator or send to:

William Cole Storm  
MDOC  
85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East  
Suite 500  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

Email: bill.storm@state.mn.us  
Voice: 651-296-9535  
Fax: 651-297-7891



Comments Continued:

driven road and a scenic bypass that is used by many travelers to come to Park Rapids and the lakes area. We need these people to travel to the area to keep the businesses going and more power lines would not be something they would want to see, especially when the lines already exist on roads that are not as travelled. The updating of the existing lines makes the most sense and has to be the most cost effective for these companies. We do not want to lose our privacy and the safe feeling we have living behind our trees.

Thank You!

Ray & Nicole  
Simpson

RECEIVED

MAY - 2 2007

MIN Dept of Commerce  
Front Desk

Public Comment Sheet  
MP & GRE Badoura HVTL Project  
PUC Docket No. ET2, E015/TL-76-76

Name:

Representing:

John Parks

John & Sue Parks

Address:

18841 Eaglewing Dr  
Park Rapids

Email:

J.P.Repair@unitelec.com

Comment:

Why put in a New Line when there is already an  
existing Line

Please submit comments to meeting moderator or send to:

William Cole Storm  
MDOC  
85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East  
Suite 500  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

Email: bill.storm@state.mn.us  
Voice: 651-296-9535  
Fax: 651-297-7891



Public Comment Sheet  
MP & GRE Badoura HVTL Project  
PUC Docket No. ET2, E015/TL-76-76

Name:

Representing:

MELVIN + MARY ANN YHINIEMI

Address:

Email:

18934 EVENING DR. PARK RAPIDS MN 56470 218 732 9643

Comment:

MY UNDERSTANDING IS THIS PROJECT IS AN UPGRADE TO AN EXISTING TRANSMISSION LINE. IF SO IT MAKES NO SENSE TO MOVE THE POWER LINE FROM ITS EXISTING CORRIDOR FOR MANY REASONS THAT WE ALL ARE AWARE OF.

Thank You

Melvin B Yhineemi

04/27/07

Please submit comments to meeting moderator or send to:

William Cole Storm  
MDOC  
85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East  
Suite 500  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

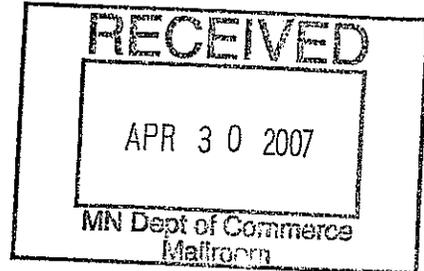
Email: bill.storm@state.mn.us  
Voice: 651-296-9535  
Fax: 651-297-7891



1/3

April 26, 2007

William C. Storm  
State Planning Director  
Minnesota Department of Commerce  
85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 500  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198



RE: New 115 kV Badoura  
UEI Project No.106.0895

Dear Mr. Storm,

I recently attended the open meeting on this power line proposal in Backus on April 17, 2007,

I will start by expressing my concerns over the alternative route of this proposed line along 209th Ave and State Hwy 34.

I currently own property along State Highway 34 and am 1 property owner that would be greatly affected by the alternative route being considered.

My property is a 15-acre tract with 660 feet of frontage on State Hwy 34. My acreage is almost totally wooded with many trees ranging in age from 30 to 100 years old. The 300+ feet between my home and the proposed alternative route is 100% wooded with the tree cover I have described.

To come onto this timber acreage and clear cut anywhere from 50 to 100 feet of these existing trees for a easement between my home and the road would not only eliminate the buffer and privacy I purchased this piece of land for, but it would have a devastating affect on my property value. My property would lose a substantial amount of appeal and major property value should this alternative route be approved.

As I drive up this proposed alternative route, I find that there are numerous properties with similar tree covers and aesthetic appeal as my property along this alternative route.

I would ask that the existing route or another alternative route be chosen rather than the 209<sup>th</sup> Ave and State Hwy 34.

The owners along the existing route have purchased their properties with the power line and easements already in place. Any devaluing of property as a result of the power line has already been taken into consideration in the process of establishing price and the sale or purchase of these properties.

To try to establish what affect this power line easement may have on property where there was no easement when the properties were purchased is difficult to determine, however, I am certain it would be substantial taking into account the soft real estate market and the leveling off and in some cases the decreasing of values in our local market.

As I review this proposal and the alternative route, I look at three different issues. These issues not only affect my property personally, but also will have long lasting affect on the future cost of power, preservation of the environment and aesthetic beauty for all who travel along State Hwy 34.

Economically: Certainly the cost of changing the existing line from a 34K line to a 115K line and leaving the line where it is would be less costly for the power companies involved. They would have much less right of way to purchase, and much less expense in tree cutting, removal and maintenance. If I understand it correctly the additional expense would consist of some additional right of way purchase, new poles and of course new line if the route were kept where it is currently. The total cost would be no comparison to what it would cost to change this line to a totally new route. If cost is not a factor in determining where this line should be than lets bury the entire line and then there would be few objections to location. Furthermore, the alternative proposal would affect 2 to 3 times as many property owners as the existing line does. From an economic standpoint to leave the line where it is makes the most sense.

Environmental: Most things that change now require an evaluation of environmental impact and this situation certainly requires a strong environmental evaluation. I am not as familiar with the existing power line route from an environmental standpoint, but believe that the environmental issues and results to the environment have already been addressed when the line was established and other concerns regarding the environment have been dealt with along the way as necessary. Certainly additional environmental impact on the existing line will happen, as additional right of way would be purchased and additional tree removal would have some environmental impact, however again there would be no comparison to the environmental impact that would happen with the alternative route. Much of both sides of State Hwy 34 along the proposed alternative route are heavily tree covered and to clear cut 50 to 100 feet of trees ranging from new growth to 100+ years old could have a serious impact on wildlife, erosion and other environmental issues. Surly, anyone could see that clear cutting even a 50 foot wide path of

trees over the entire 6+ miles of alternative route along State Hwy 34 would have a serious affect on the environment.

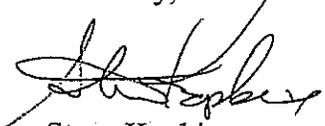
Last but not least, consideration must be given to the aesthetics, view, and beauty of the alternative route. State Hwy 34 have been designated a scenic highway by the State of Minnesota and as I drive along the nature and beauty of the area is certainly not as appealing in the areas where there power poles running adjacent to the highway right of way. We really do not need an additional 6+ miles of power poles interrupting the scenic beauty and nature of the beautiful area.

It most certainly appears that there is some division set between the property owners on the existing line and the property owners on the alternative line. The truth of the matter is, that if possible, nobody probably wants a power line running next to or over his or her property.

Reality shows that it is necessary to expand this power line because of need. I have attempted to approach this from an economic, environment and aesthetic point of view and also have tried to approach it logically even though I know I have a biased opinion because I own a property along the alternative route.

The results of my approach to this issue certainly shows that the best alternative for this increased load line is on the same path as the existing line and that it does not fit, economically, environmental or aesthetically on State Hwy 34.

Sincerely,



Steve Kopkie

Public Comment Sheet  
MP & GRE Badoura HVTL Project  
PUC Docket No. ET2, E015/TL-76-76

TL-07-70

RECEIVED

APR 27 2007

MIN Dept of Commerce  
Front Desk

Name:

Representing:

Ron and Rachel Schirmers

Address: 19486 State 34  
Park Rapids, MN  
56470

Email: ra59@unite1c.com

Comment:

We are requesting that MP and GRE use the existing transmission line route for the Badoura HVTL Project. This existing route has already been cleared, and is ~~is~~ already in use for such. This route affects fewer property owners than the alternate St Hwy 34 route.

The negative impact to property owners along the alternate State Hwy 34 route would be much greater. It is our understanding that 47 acres +/- would need to be cleared, and several existing homes would be directly impacted. State Highway 34 is also a designated scenic highway. We would like to keep it that way!

Thank you for your consideration.

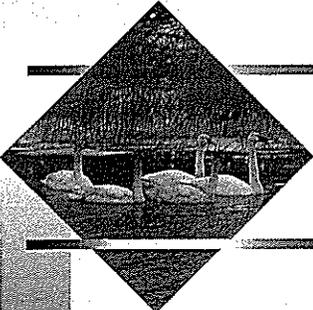
Please submit comments to meeting moderator or send to:

William Cole Storm  
MDOC  
85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East  
Suite 500  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

Email: bill.storm@state.mn.us  
Voice: 651-296-9535  
Fax: 651-297-7891

Ron Schirmers





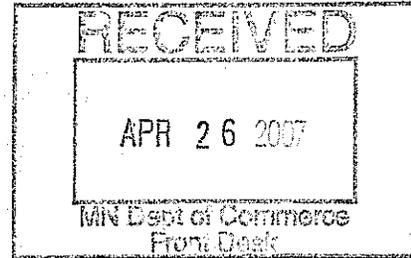
# Peysenske Lake Association



19050 178th Street  
Park Rapids, MN 56470  
218-732-5541

April 25, 2007

Bill Storm  
State Planning Director  
85-7<sup>th</sup> Place East Ste 500  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2198



This letter is in response to the 4/17/07 meeting in Backus. I came away from that meeting with the impression that no one wants the 115 KV power line near them. The overriding issue however, is still its proximity to Lake Peysenske and the negative effect it will have on property values for its residents. The 33 KV line has presented some problems that would be magnified by the 115 KV line to a level that is unacceptable (as shown by our petition) and would have the effect of changing the concept of our environmental lake. The value of living on an environmental lake such as Lake Peysenske is in the beauty and serenity as well as the fact, that there is no public access or outside intrusions. We do not want this to change.

The trees along the west shoreline of Lake Peysenske provided beauty as well as a noise barrier. The present 33 KV line has already presented some tree problems, which would be magnified by the proposed 115 KV line. Also, the present 33 KV doesn't follow County Rd. 20 to the corner of 178<sup>th</sup> Street, but instead cuts diagonally across private property to 178<sup>th</sup> Street.

The persons selecting the route for the 115 KV line must take into consideration the fact that the property north of 178<sup>th</sup> Street and along County Rd. 20 is prime for high quality development.

Our priorities for route selection for the 115 KV line are as follows:

1. Get to Highway 34 other than County 20 to totally avoid Lake Peysenske.
2. Go underground. This technology is well established.
3. Instead of ¼ mile jog north on County 11 to 178<sup>th</sup> Street, go straight across farmland and Potlach, then go north on the west side of County 20.
4. The proposed route along 178<sup>th</sup> Street and along the east side of County 20 is not an alternate route and is not acceptable to Peysenske residents.

Of special note: The Power Companies must except responsibility for the feelings raised by this issue. The Peysenske residents do not want to be blamed for the alternate route suggested. We are simply trying to help you to get the job done.

Thank You,

*Les Hagemeyer*

Les Hagemeyer, President  
Peysenske Lake Association

Page 1 of 2

Public Comment Sheet  
MP & GRE Badoura HVTL Project  
PUC Docket No. ET2, E015/TL-76-76

Name:

Perry &amp; Laurie Melbo

Representing:

Address:

19304 State St  
Park Rapids, MN  
56470

Email:

plmelbo@wcta.net

Comment:

Regarding the above project, we do not see the need to change the present location of the transmission line. We feel it would have a negative environmental impact on the proposed alternate route. We do not want to lose the trees that were planted by my dad. Also, there is already a distribution power line on the north side of highway 31 belonging to ItascaMantrap. It goes through our property for 1/2 mile and is only 175 feet from our home.

Please submit comments to meeting moderator or send to:

William Cole Storm  
MDOC  
85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East  
Suite 500  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

Email: bill.storm@state.mn.us  
Voice: 651-296-9535  
Fax: 651-297-7891



**Comments Continued:**

As per the Minnesota Power and Great River Energy application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for a route permit, 4.1.9. States that the alternate route was rejected for several reasons:

1) Whenever possible, the Applicants use existing power line corridors so that new corridors are not created.

2) If you went on the south side of highway 34, you would have a new right of way of about 4 miles long, 100 feet wide, with about 48 acres of trees to clear. The proposed (existing) route on County road 20, has a right of way existing already and would require minimal clearing.

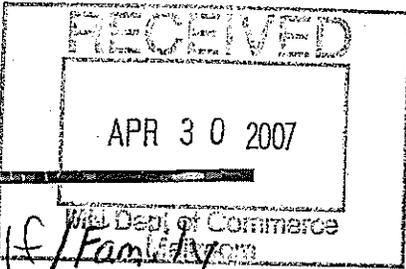
3) There would be power lines on both sides of Highway 34, which is a State-designated Lake Country Scenic Byway.

The existing transmission line was built in the early 1950's. The 16 homes near this line were built or purchased after that time. The home owners knew the line was there when they purchased or built their homes. We don't feel it is right to negatively affect 37 home owners by using the alternate route.

Thank you

1/2

Public Comment Sheet  
MP & GRE Badoura HVTL Project  
PUC Docket No. ET2, E015/TL-76-76



Name: Todd Sanguist

Representing: Self/Family

Address: 18008 209th Ave  
Park Rapids Mn  
56470

Email: Sanguist@arrvig.net

Comment:

I am opposed to the alternative Route along 209th Ave. and Hwy 34 in Hubbard Co, Mn. I built a new home on 209th ave in 2005. There is a buffer of trees and shrubs between my house and 209th Ave. If the power line was to go on my side of the Road (east) I would lose every tree in my yard. If it were to go on the west side of 209th Ave, then it would reduce a buffer between my house and a gravel pit. Just north of my house is Hellkamp Creek, a trout stream, which would be difficult to cross. Hwy 34 is then a Scenic Byway and there would be significant tree loss along the Hwy. Even the person that spoke at the April 17th meeting, →

Please submit comments to meeting moderator or send to:

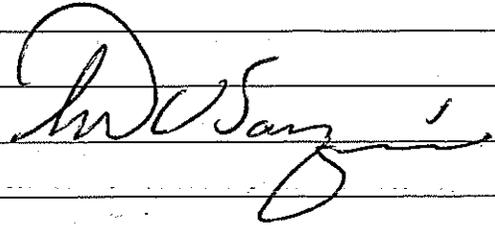
William Cole Storm  
MDOC  
85 7th Place East  
Suite 500  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

Email: bill.storm@state.mn.us  
Voice: 651-296-9535  
Fax: 651-297-7891



Comments Continued:

that lives on Peysenke Lake ~~he~~ said that 209th Ave. and Hwy 34 would ~~not work~~ as an alternative route. Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns and I would like for you to recommend against the Alternative Segment 9.



Todd V. Sangvist  
18008 209th Ave.  
Pank Rapids Mn 56470  
218-732-7460 Hm  
218-820-8984 cell

P.S. I am the one that initiated the petition against the alternative route.

RECEIVED

APR 26 2007

MN Dept of Commerce  
Forest Park

Charles N Andres  
15570 2997A AVE  
Akeley MN, 56433

To William C. Storm

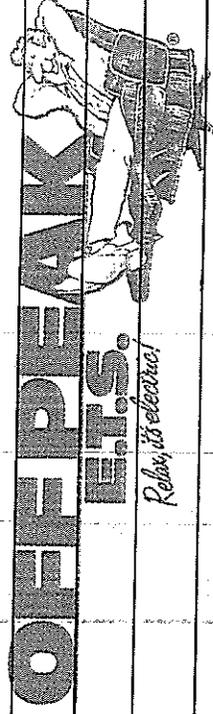
State Planning Director  
Energy Facility Permitting

I own land in White Oak township  
32-140-32 I am concerned  
with the poles that run East and West  
across the North part of the South East  
on South West 1/4 of Section 32-140-32

IF the New ORE Transmission project  
runs on South side Existing Distribution  
line I will have to move or shorten  
Irrigation Systems. ~~that~~ I would  
lose Fringeable ACRES. By putting  
New transmission line on North  
Side of Existing Distribution Line  
and moving poles away from the  
middle of the **OFFPEAK**  
that I would ~~lose~~ <sup>lose</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~fringeable~~ <sup>fringeable</sup> ~~acres~~ <sup>acres</sup> or  
shorten Irrigation Systems.  
Relax, it's electric!

I would like it if the Engineer  
and Surveyors would work with  
me to eliminate this problem.

Charles N Andres





United States Department of Agriculture  
Farm Service Agency

32-140-32  
White Oak twp  
February 13, 2004

# Hubbard County



2003 Digital Orthophotography - Not To Scale

Public Comment Sheet  
MP & GRE Badoura HVTL Project  
PUC Docket No. ET2, E015/TL-76-76

Name: GARRY & Robin LAWREY

Representing:

Address: 18829 Evening Dr  
Park Rapids  
56470

Email: 218-732-1900  
FAX 218-737-5145

Comment:

Our concerns are if power poles are placed on the south side of Hwy 34 on our property where, how many, how much trees & vegetation would be lost. Besides beauty the trees & vegetation also provide a noise barrier from the Hwy. There is also a proposed turn lane for that side of our property, so how much more property would we lose.

Mary Lawrey  
*[Signature]*  
4-29-07

Please submit comments to meeting moderator or send to:

William Cole Storm  
MDOC  
85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East  
Suite 500  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

Email: bill.storm@state.mn.us  
Voice: 651-296-9535  
Fax: 651-297-7891



Public Comment Sheet  
MP & GRE Badoura HVTL Project  
PUC Docket No. ET2, E015/TL-76-76

Name:

Representing:

Perry & Laurie Melbo

Address:

Email:

19304 State St  
Park Rapids, MN  
56470

plmelbo@wcta.net

Comment:

Regarding the above project, we do not see the need to change the present location of the transmission line. We feel it would have a negative environmental impact on the proposed alternate route.

We do not want to lose the trees that were planted by my dad. Also, there is already a distribution power line on the north side of highway 31 belonging to Itasca Anthracite. It goes through our property for 1/2 mile and is only 175 feet from our home.

Please submit comments to meeting moderator or send to:

William Cole Storm  
MDOC  
85 7th Place East  
Suite 500  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

Email: bill.storm@state.mn.us  
Voice: 651-296-9535  
Fax: 651-297-7891



## Comments Continued:

As per the Minnesota Power and Great River Energy application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for a route permit, 4.1.9. States that the alternate route was rejected for several reasons:

1) Whenever possible, the Applicants use existing power line corridors so that new corridors are not created.

2) If you went on the south side of highway 34, you would have a new right of way of about 4 miles long, 100 feet wide, with about 48 acres of trees to clear. The proposed (existing) route on County road 20, has a right of way existing already and would require minimal clearing.

3) There would be power lines on both sides of Highway 34, which is a State-designated Lake Country Scenic Byway.

The existing transmission line was built in the early 1950's. The 16 homes near this line were built or purchased after that time. The home owners knew the line was there when they purchased or built their homes. We don't feel it is right to negatively affect 37 home owners by using the alternate route.

Thank you

Oct 31, 2006

To Great River and Minnesota Power:

Enclosed are signatures of people who have a vested interest in property which would be negatively affected by the transmission power line if it were placed along Hubbard County Road #20 in Hendricka Township.

Thanks for your consideration.

Les Nagemeyer  
19050 - 178<sup>th</sup> St

Park Rapids, Mn. 56470

Please send all future mailings to the signers of this petition.

October, 2005

TO: GREAT RIVER ENERGY AND MINNESOTA POWER

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, ARE OPPOSED TO THE 115 KVOLT TRANSMISSION LINE BEING PLACED ON HUBBARD COUNTY RD #20. YOU NEED TO FIND A DIFFERENT ROUTE.

Name	Address, incl. Zip Code	Phone #
Bob Hansen	18831 Eagle View Dr Park Rapids, MN 56470	732-0856
Vari Juller PR	18831 Eagle View Dr Park Rapids MN 56470	732 7840
Sharon Hansen	18831 Eagle View Dr Park Rapids MN 56470	732-0856
Robert W. Fullman	18867 Eastview Dr Park Rapids MN 56470	732-2096
Jeff Seivers	18991 Eagle View Dr Park Rapids MN	
x Kate Hopper	18887 Eagle View Dr Park Rapids, MN	
Don Gramenz	18887 Eagle View Dr Park Rapids, MN	
Lessa Anderson	18567 Emma Drive Park Rapids, MN	
Darren Anderson	18567 Emma Drive Park Rapids, MN	
Dawn Schmelle	18554 County 20 Park Rapids, MN	
Leith Freeman	18374 County 20 Park Rapids, MN	
Steve Glee	18374 County 20 Park Rapids, MN	
Jim [unclear]	18632 County 20 Park Rapids, MN	732 9274
Dale Westby	18319 County 20 Park Rapids MN	56470
Rode Thayer	18632 County 20 Park Rapids MN	56470

October, 2005

**TO: GREAT RIVER ENERGY AND MINNESOTA POWER**

**WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, ARE OPPOSED TO THE 115 KVOLT TRANSMISSION LINE BEING PLACED ON HUBBARD COUNTY RD #20. YOU NEED TO FIND A DIFFERENT ROUTE.**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address, incl. Zip Code</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
<u>Viona Henderson</u>	<u>18668 DEER DRIVE, PARK RAPIDS, MN.</u>	
<u>Joan Hagemeyer</u>	<u>19050 178<sup>th</sup> St - Park Rapids, MN.</u>	<u>218-732-5541</u>
<u>Lee Hagemeyer</u>	<u>19050-178<sup>th</sup> St Park Rapids MN 56470</u>	<u>218-732-5541</u>
<u>Dennie Zingraf</u>	<u>18073 Co. RD 11 PARK RAPIDS 56470</u>	<u>218-732-3900</u>
<u>Donna Zingraf</u>	<u>18073 Co. 11 Park Rapids, MN 56470</u>	<u>218-732-3900</u>
<u>Julie Bonstra</u>	<u>7333 75<sup>th</sup> Ave SW Raymond, MN</u>	<u>320-235-3710</u>
<u>Jesse Harren</u>	<u>6644 TELE LANE Lino Lakes, MN 55038</u>	<u>612-867-1146</u>
<u>Lee Hagemeyer</u>	<u>14075 40<sup>th</sup> ST SE Clara City, MN 56222</u>	<u>320-847-331</u>
<u>Carin Hagemeyer</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>Clifton Hagemeyer (D.H)</u>	<u>9060 40<sup>th</sup> St SE Clara City, MN</u>	<u>320-847-2200</u>
<u>Delores Hagemeyer</u>	<u>9060 40<sup>th</sup> St SE Clara City, MN</u>	<u>320-847-2200</u>
<u>Jacki Harren</u>	<u>6644 Tele Lane Lino Lakes MN</u>	<u>651-470-1182</u>
<u>Don Bonstra</u>	<u>7333 75<sup>th</sup> Ave SW Raymond, MN</u>	<u>320-235-3710</u>

October, 2005

**TO: GREAT RIVER ENERGY AND MINNESOTA POWER**

**WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, ARE OPPOSED TO THE 115 KVOLT TRANSMISSION LINE BEING PLACED ON HUBBARD COUNTY RD #20. YOU NEED TO FIND A DIFFERENT ROUTE.**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address, incl. Zip Code</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
Elizabeth Stevens	19815 Envoy Dr., Park Rapids, MN 56470	218-732-5671
Robert R. Stevens	19815 Envoy Dr., Park Rapids, Minn. 56470	218-732-5671
Ann Evans	19711 Envoy Dr. Park Rapids, MN 56470	218-732-1322
<del>Steve</del> <sup>Norlin</sup> Mike	19889 Envoy Dr. Park Rapids, MN 56470	218-732-4190
John Libbs	19603 Evening Ln., Park Rapids, MN 56470	218-732-9633
Bussell Boone	19655 Evening Lane Park Rapids	732-9633
<del>Al</del> Helgeson	18506 Evening Dr 56470	218-732-5242
Eileen L. Helgeson	18506 Evening Dr. 56470	218-732-5242
Debra Anderson	18706 Eagle wing dr.	732-4522
Janis Henderson	18706 Eagle Wing dr	732-4522
Nancy Libbs	19603 Evening Ln. Park Rapids	732-9633
Bett, Norlin	<del>19889</del> 19889 Envoy Dr. Park Rapids	732-4190

October, 2005

4/5

TO: GREAT RIVER ENERGY AND MINNESOTA POWER

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, ARE OPPOSED TO THE 115 KVOLT TRANSMISSION LINE BEING PLACED ON HUBBARD COUNTY RD #20. YOU NEED TO FIND A DIFFERENT ROUTE.

Name	Address, incl. Zip Code	Phone #
Stephen G. Henry	1771 Co Rd 120 NE, Alexandria, MN 56308	1-320-846-8171
Diane M. Henry	1771 Co Rd 120 NE, Alexandria, MN 56308	1-320-846-8171

October, 2005

TO: GREAT RIVER ENERGY AND MINNESOTA POWER

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, ARE OPPOSED TO THE 115 KVOLT TRANSMISSION LINE BEING PLACED ON HUBBARD COUNTY RD #20. YOU NEED TO FIND A DIFFERENT ROUTE.

Name	Address, incl. Zip Code	Phone #
Andrea Theisen	4592 Co. Rd 146 South Haven MN 55382	253-6281
Jim Theisen	4592 County Road 146 South Haven	253-6281

October, 2005

TO: GREAT RIVER ENERGY AND MINNESOTA POWER

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, ARE OPPOSED TO THE 115 KVOLT TRANSMISSION LINE BEING PLACED ON HUBBARD COUNTY RD #20. YOU NEED TO FIND A DIFFERENT ROUTE.

Name	Address, incl. Zip Code	Phone #
Mark D. Olson	18887 Eagle View Drive	56470
Nancy A. Olson	"	218-732-3466

October, 2005

5/5

TO: GREAT RIVER ENERGY AND MINNESOTA POWER

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, ARE OPPOSED TO THE 115 KVOLT TRANSMISSION LINE BEING PLACED ON HUBBARD COUNTY RD #20. YOU NEED TO FIND A DIFFERENT ROUTE.

Name	Address, incl. Zip Code	Phone #
<i>Tamm Gull</i>	<i>Park Rapids</i> 18657 Eastview Dr.	218-732-9218

TO: GREAT RIVER ENERGY AND MINNESOTA POWER

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, ARE OPPOSED TO THE 115 KVOLT TRANSMISSION LINE BEING PLACED ON HUBBARD COUNTY RD #20. YOU NEED TO FIND A DIFFERENT ROUTE.

Name	Address, incl. Zip Code	Phone #
<i>John A. Claus</i>	18600 Eagle Wing Dr	732-1051
<i>Ruth E. Claus</i>	18600 Eagle Wing Dr	732-1051 / 757-726-2218

*in winter in Virginia 757-726-2218*

*Ruth E Claus*

October, 2005

TO: GREAT RIVER ENERGY AND MINNESOTA POWER

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, ARE OPPOSED TO THE 115 KVOLT TRANSMISSION LINE BEING PLACED ON HUBBARD COUNTY RD #20. YOU NEED TO FIND A DIFFERENT ROUTE.

Name	Address, incl. Zip Code	Phone #
<i>John Wilhelm</i>	<del>19109</del> Eagle View Dr. Park Rapids, MN 56470	612-816-9699
<i>Leida Wilhelm</i>	19109 Eagle View Dr. Park Rapids, MN 56470	952-836-9827

*Comb*  
*Ruth J. B...*

*7710 Valley View Rd  
Common to B...*

*55009*

Dec 26, 06

112

Mr. Bill Storm:

I, Viona Henderson, on Co. Rd 20  
and on Paysencke Lake, Henrietta town,  
am very much opposed to the high  
powered line project, by Great River  
Energy and Minnesota Power and Light.

We gave the easement to M.P.L. at  
their existing voltage. They want  
100 feet now, that will be a big loss  
for me. I expect to be reimbursed  
for the devaluation of my property.

There will be a loss of trees also.  
The county raised the valuation, last  
spring \$47,200.00. Now they will  
take that away, what about the  
treated posts polluting the lake?

as it stands now Peyeske  
Lake is Beautiful, after the ugly  
line goes in it will not be so.  
I am for the alternate route.

Summer address:  
Viona Henderson  
18668 Deer Drive  
Park Rapids, Minn.  
56470

Summer #  
218-732-3636

Am also concerned about the  
electromagnetic radiation from  
high-voltage power lines,  
which causes cancer.

winter phone: 956-687-1334

We the undersigned, residents of Hubbard County, and land owners along the alternative route of the Badoura Area 115KV Transmission Project, are against the Alternative Route, in Hubbard County along 209<sup>th</sup> Ave. and TH 34. We feel that the alternative route would be more of an enviromental impact than the proposed route, due to the number of trees to be removed and crossing over Hellkamp Creek. There would also be considerably more easements to be obtained over approximately 4 miles than 1 mile that Minnesota Power and Great River Energy has proposed and the line is already existing there. The 3 miles along TH 34 is also a Scenic Byway. Therefore we would like the Minnesota Department of Commerce to vote in favor of Minnesota Power's and Great River Energy's *proposed* route along Hubbard County Rd #20, for the Badoura Area 115KV transmission Project.

Name	Address	Signature
Todd Sargeist	18078 209 <sup>th</sup> Ave Park Rapids MN	Todd Sargeist
PERRY MELBY	19304 st 34 PARK RAPIDS MN	Perry Melby
Linda A Smith	22744 G. 80, Nova, MN 56467	Linda A. Smith
John P. Smith	22744 G. 80 Nova MN 56467	John P. Smith
Chris Williams	20850 side rd Park Rapids MN 56460	Chris Williams
Jeff Blecker	17356 209 <sup>th</sup> Ave P.R. MN	Jeff Scott Blecker
WALTER PLUMMER	18515 209 AVE PARK RAPIDS, MN 56470	Walter Plummer
Barbara Plummer	18515 209 <sup>th</sup> Ave Park Rapids MN	Barbara Plummer
Kay Hellkamp	18888 209 <sup>th</sup> Ave Park Rapids MN	Kay Hellkamp
Kay Simon	18781 STATE 34 PARK RAPIDS MN	Kay Simon
Nicole Simpson	18781 State 34 Park Rapids MN	Nicole Simpson
Beverly Kaphie	19253 State 34 Park Rapids MN	Beverly Kaphie
Stephen R. Kaphie	19253 State 34, Park Rapids MN	Stephen R. Kaphie
John Parks	18841 Eagle wing Dr P.R. MN	John Parks
Bonnie Kolore	18870 185 <sup>th</sup> Ave. P.R. MN	Bonnie Kolore
Jim Kohl	18646 Hwy 34 East	Jim Kohl
Malcolm Yliviemi	18934 Evening Dr P.R.	Malcolm Yliviemi
Mary Ann Yliviemi	18934 Evening Dr P.R.	Mary Ann Yliviemi
Kevin Lawley	18889 Evening Dr. P.R.	Kevin Lawley

We the undersigned, residents of Hubbard County, and land owners along the alternative route of the Badoura Area 115KV Transmission Project, are against the Alternative Route, in Hubbard County along 209<sup>th</sup> Ave. and TH 34. We feel that the alternative route would be more of an enviromental impact than the proposed route, due to the number of trees to be removed and crossing over Hellkamp Creek. There would also be considerably more easements to be obtained over approximately 4 miles than 1 mile that Minnesota Power and Great River Energy has proposed and the line is already existing there. The 3 miles along TH 34 is also a Scenic Byway. Therefore we would like the Minnesota Department of Commerce to vote in favor of Minnesota Power's and Great River Energy's *proposed* route along Hubbard County Rd #20, for the Badoura Area 115KV transmission Project.

Name	Address	Signature
GARRY LAURA	18889 Evaming DR	Garry Laura
Ron Schirmers	19486 Hwy 34 Park Rapids	Ron Schirmers
Rachel Creager	19466 ST 34; Park Rapids	Rachel Creager
Lesli Eda Zimmerman	19603 State 34, Park Rapids	Lesli Eda Zimmerman
Geek Blumens	19637 State 34, Park Rapids	Geek Blumens
Kelli B. Jensen	21016 County Rd 80 Nevis	Kelli B. Jensen
Jennifer Boege	20753 Edgemont, R.D. Nevis	Jennifer Boege
Lynne Kamm	20705 Edgemont Rd Park Rapids	Lynne Kamm
Melissa Kramer	20705 Edgemont Rd Park Rapids	Melissa Kramer
Kobin Monroe	20767 St. Hwy 34 Park Rapids	Kobin Monroe
Jessie Libelus	20182 St. Hwy 34 Park Rapids	Jessie Libelus
Cl M H	20182 St. Hwy 34 Park Rapids	Cl M H
MARVIN HEIDE	19730 ST 34 Park Rapids	Marvin Heide
Jean Swaggert	19604 State 34 Park Rapids, MN	Jean Swaggert
Harold Swaggert	19604 State 34 Park Rapids	Harold Swaggert
Chris Niemeyer	18846 Eagle Bend Rd <sup>PR</sup> MN	Chris Niemeyer
LYNN A. NIEMEYER	18846 EAGLE BEND RD <sup>PR</sup> MN	LYNN A. NIEMEYER
Nick Stogren	19678 State Hwy 34 Park Rapids	Nick Stogren
Ralph Sanquist	25809 Hazel Nut Co. Nevis	Ralph Sanquist

