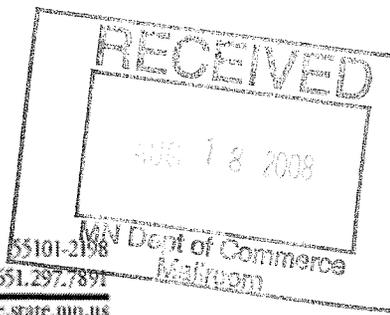


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Bemidji – Grand Rapids 230 kV Transmission Line Project

PUC Docket Numbers: TL-07-1327 (Route Permit), CN-07-1222 (Certificate of Need)

Name:

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DARRELL & MARGO MAGNUSSEN

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50193 279TH AVE BEMIDJI, MN 56601

Comments:

WHEN WE PURCHASED OUR 40 ACRES WE PLANNED TO BUILD A NEW HOME, THEN PLOT THE PARCEL INTO 5-ACRE LOTS FOR EXCLUSIVE HOMES. THE 40 IS COVERED WITH BEAUTIFUL HARDWOODS AND BUILDING SITES. THE LAND IS AN "INSIDE 40" SO THERE IS NO TRAFFIC PAST IT. IT IS QUIET & SERENE AND WE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP IT THAT WAY. IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR PROPOSED LINE WOULD CUT RIGHT THROUGH THIS BEAUTIFUL PROPERTY & RUIN OUR DREAMS. WE ARE NOW COMPLETING OUR HOME. WE ARE HOPING YOU WILL CHOOSE A DIFFERENT ROUTE FOR THE LINE.

Please submit comments by August 29, 2008 to:

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Name:

Representing:

Danell & Denise Magoon Self

Address:

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50334 279th Ave Bemidji MN 56601

Comments:

The proposed first choice runs through our property. This property is already containing two major pipelines, Endbridge has 3 lines and Great Lakes has four. The township road also dividing this property. We feel this section has more than necessary paid its dues to advancement to society. It also would cross our only marketable parcels of hardwood/and/or saleable land.

Please submit comments by **August 29, 2008** to:

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From: mangjc@comcast.net
To: Suzanne.Steinhauer@state.mn.us; Raymond.Kirsch@state.mn.us;
[US](#);
Subject: thny Period Transmission Line
Date: Sunday, September 28, 2008 7:06:33 PM

Dear Madame & Sir - In reference to the letter referencing the Bemidji - Grand Rapids 230 kilovolt transmission line:

I am a property and home owner at 6893 East View Dr. NW in Walker, Minnesota (Whipolt area) and take exception to the proposed location of the South Macrocorridor. Nearly 90% of the corridor traverses State Highway 200 which is an often traveled highway by residents and visitors to North Central Minnesota and in my opinion this is one of the most scenic stretches of highway in the Country. Installing any towers, stations or other transmission equipment would be an eyesore and detriment to our Community.

Why not move the corridor to the south by about 10-miles?

John Mang
mangjc@comcast.net
942 Kendall Ct
Crown Point, Indiana 46307

From: [Tim and Jan Marr](#)
To: Suzanne.Steinbauer@state.mn.us; Raymond.Kirsch@state.mn.us; Bret.Eknes@state.mn.us; barbara.britton@wdc.usda.gov;
Subject: Proposed Bemidji-Grand Rapids 230 volt Transmission Line
Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2008 11:00:36 AM

Greetings: We are writing to express our support for one of the routes which will follow the central macrocorridor as shown on the map which you supplied. It makes sense to construct this project along the most direct route possible both to minimize the cost of construction (which is ultimately passed on to the consumer) and to minimize impacts both during and after construction. We believe that a route should be chosen which follows, as closely as possible, the existing transportation corridor between these two cities which already contain a railroad and a major trunk highway. To choose any other route really makes no sense. Thanks for the opportunity to comment, Tim and Jan Marr, 2705 4th Ave NW, Longville, MN 56655

Ms. Kathy Thompson
Chippewa National Forest Office
200 Ash Avenue
Cass Lake, MN 56633

Dear Ms. Thompson:

I am writing to express my concern about the possible selection of the northern corridor for the CAPX2020 230 kilovolt transmission line. The proposed route would follow an existing line that is clearly visible from my house and yard.

After reviewing the materials for the project and talking with staff at Ottertail Power, Beltrami Electric, and the Chippewa National Forest, it appears to me that the best route is the central corridor. It is the shortest route and will be the most cost effective to build and operate. Because the central corridor already has existing lines and a pipeline as well as a major highway a new high voltage transmission line built there will have less of a visual and environmental impact than it would if it were built in the northern corridor.

There is an established transmission line through the northern corridor but it is small and unobtrusive. With the size of the towers and cross pieces as well as the width of the cleared area the 230 kilovolt line will have a major impact on the way this area looks. I chose to buy this lake property three years ago because my surroundings are in the woods and relatively undeveloped and quiet. In this area the existing line crosses roads five times within a five mile area where I walk, bike, and drive. If the new, large transmission line is built here it will resemble an industrial area. If I choose to sell my property I would have to disclose that the transmission line is nearby and therefore the property value would be adversely affected.

I am also concerned about health effects on my family and myself by living so near a high voltage line. There are studies that show a correlation between those living near a high voltage transmission line and cancer, Alzheimer's disease, and other illnesses. I would not have chosen to live here if the high voltage line had been in place when I purchased the property.

I understand the need to have a safe and reliable energy system. As a small business owner I look for ways to keep my costs low. As an energy consumer I will be paying for the costs of building and maintaining any new transmission line. I hope that the power companies and government regulating agencies involved in the transmission line decision will look at the costs involved and make a decision based on economics as well as visual and environmental impacts.

Those of us living outside the central corridor were informed of this alternative two weeks ago. The public comment period has been extended until September 30 giving us only two weeks to study the information and make written comments about something that will have a major impact on our lives. Also there has been no opportunity to take part in a public meeting since receiving this notice. I am requesting that we have a longer period of time to comment and an opportunity to meet with officials from the companies and agencies involved in this project.

Sincerely,

Margaret Maxwell
11347 Lupine Way NE
Bemidji, MN 56601

From: [Kathy & Bob McKeown](#)
To: Suzanne.Steinbauer@state.mn.us; Raymond.Kirsch@state.mn.us
[US](#);
Subject: Bemidji-Grand Rapids 230 kV transmission line comments
Date: Monday, September 15, 2008 12:38:33 PM

Dear Project Manager, and Public Advisor,

My name is Kathy McKeown. My husband and I recently received notice of an extended comment period regarding the Bemidji-Grand Rapids 230 kV transmission line. I attempted to go online to look at information but the "web page could not be found." So, I am writing to comment just in case this line may be passing over our home.

Please, do NOT put this near our home. My family of five has lived at 1622 Yellowhead Rd SW in Bemidji for 21 years. It is the Carr Lake Riverview Property, Block 3, Lot 3. It is very close to the Mississippi River bridge that crosses Yellowhead Rd and is parallel to Hwy 2. Our home has been struck by lightning several times. These weren't just a little jolt, but enough to entirely melt the circuit board on the back of our TV's! The electronics repair shop had never seen anything this bad. Needless to say, we had to replace a household full of electronic equipment several times! I do not know what exactly makes us a target for this. Perhaps living by water, perhaps being a bit elevated, perhaps power lines near us....

At any rate, please note our strong request to locate this power line AWAY from us. We are also concerned for health reasons. I know, you folks have explained how little this would affect us, but I am very skeptical and would rather not have this near us. We have high nitrates in our water. Our home has been burglarized 3 times. We have had enough adversity on our little acre. Please, let us be, if at all possible.

Thank you for hearing us and please sincerely consider our comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy and Bob McKeown
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218-759-2856

From: [BeLinda McPhee](#)
To: Suzanne.Steinhauer@state.mn.us; Raymond.Kirsch@state.mn.us;
Subject: Frank & Belinda McPhee -- Bemidji - Grand Rapids 230 Kilovolt Transmission Line
Date: Thursday, September 25, 2008 10:05:07 AM

September 25, 2008

Raymond Kirsch, Public Advisor
Department of Commerce
Office of Energy Security
85 7th Place East, Suite 500
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

Ref: PUC Docket Number: TL-07-1327 (Route Permit)
Ref: PUC Docket Number: CN-07-1222 (Certificate of Need)

Dear Raymond:

We are writing with great concern in regards to the proposed 230 Kilovolt Transmission Line that would run on, or in close proximity, to our property located at 3111 Monroe Avenue SW, in Bemidji, Minnesota.

Currently, we have a transmission power line that runs along the back of our property. This line has been a major issue of concern with potential home buyers, as we have tried to sell our house several times over the past 10 years (listed with a realtor each time) and we always receive comment back that the home buyers were scared away because of the transmission line that is on our property. The pipeline, which includes an odor additive station, runs approximately 1000 feet to the north of our property which has also caused buyers to shy away from purchasing our home.

We are now VERY concerned that with a high voltage power line coming through, either on our property or in close proximity, is going to make our property VERY difficult to sell and will definitely affect the value (as we have spoken with several area realtors). We have worked very hard for what we have and this news is very devastating to us as

property owners.

From the information we have gathered, and from the information you have shared, the proposed route would more than likely take the three houses to the north of our property, the closest of which is only 30 ft from our property line. We would be the only house left within view of the transmission line and in the closest proximity. This would further decimate the value and appearance of our property. The proposed high voltage line would be VERY visible and a major concern to any potential home buyers. The land owner to the south of our property is quite a distance from our home and the proposed high voltage line would not be visible from their home. Therefore, if the proposed high voltage line is constructed, we would like to propose that our home is also purchased for fair market value.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our concerns. We hope that when decisions are made, they are made with the upmost consideration to public comment.

Frank and Belinda McPhee
3111 Monroe Avenue SW
Bemidji, MN 56601

Please e-mail any project information to me at: bmcphee@charter.net

From: [Christine Michaletz](mailto:Christine.Michaletz)
To: Suzanne.Steinhauer@state.mn.us;
cc: cmichaletz@myclearwave.net; joem@disciplineadvisors.com;
Subject: Comments on proposed Bemidji - Grand Rapids 230 kV transmission project
Date: Thursday, August 28, 2008 9:03:40 PM

Hi Suzanne,

I am responding with my comments regarding the transmission line project. As I mentioned in our telephone conversation earlier I am strongly opposed to this transmission line, Route 1, going through my property for a variety of important reasons.

First of all I own and control, as Chief Manager of Michaletz Land Management LLC, two miles of property on both sides of the gas pipeline in sections 29 and 30 in Pike Bay township. There is already over a mile of an existing power line running through my property. Since I have three miles of existing gas line and transmission line easements of over 100 feet wide, the value of my property is already negatively impacted by the fact that all that timber mixture has been altered to prairie. As an avid outdoorsman, and due to the fact that I have invested hundreds of thousands of dollars to manage this property for wildlife, I certainly don't want to lose another two miles of timber.

Secondly, all of this property that would be negatively altered is currently enrolled in the State of Minnesota Sustainable Forest Incentive Program (SFI). I enrolled all of my property in this program so it couldn't be developed for a minimum of eight years and also for sustainable timber management. Chris Brokl with Northern Forestry in Bemidji is my appointed forestry consultant. He said that if this transmission line cut through my property it would be very detrimental to a variety of forest wildlife including the goshawks, ruffed grouse and a variety of songbirds to name a few.

I would highly recommend that the Alternate A route be considered. Perhaps then the overall impact on all SFI land in the area would be lessened.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Joe Michaletz
(507)382-3932

From: Suzanne Steinhauer [mailto:Suzanne.Steinhauer@state.mn.us]
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2008 2:57 PM
To: Joe Michaletz
Subject: Comments on proposed Bemidji - Grand Rapids 230 kV transmission project

Joe –

You should be able to just reply to this e-mail to submit comments on the proposed project.

Regards,
Suzanne

Suzanne Lamb Steinhauer

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From: [claude and jeanette](#)
To: Suzanne.Steinhauer@state.mn.us;
Subject: proposed bemidji-grand rapids transmission line.
Date: Tuesday, September 30, 2008 11:51:46 AM

SUZANNE:

OF ALL THE PROPOSED LINES ON THE CHART WE RECEIVED, THE CENTRAL MACROCORRIDOR IS THE MOST DIRECT AND COST EFFECTIVE.

TO RECAP OUR TELECON YESTERDAY, WE ARE OPPOSED TO THE NON-CNF MACROCORRIDOR FOR A COUPLE REASONS. FIRST AND FOREMOST, IT APPEARS TO GO THROUGH OUR PROPERTY, POSSIBLY TAKING OUR HOME WITH IT. WE ALREADY HAVE ELECTRICITY AND ARE HAPPY WITH IT, AND LASTLY, BUT IMPORTANT, IT IS NOT COST EFFECTIVE TO MAKE SUCH A LARGE BY-PASS. THE GOVERNMENT MUST LEARN TO BE COST EFFECTIVE, AND REMEMBER THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS "WE THE PEOPLE".

IF WE MAY OPINE FOR A MOMENT, WE THINK THAT BY DELIBERATELY NOT INCLUDING THE PLATS THAT EFFECT US, THE INFORMATION IS NOT COMPLETE. YES, WE COULD TRY TO GET TO A LIBRARY, BUT THE CLOSEST ONE IS 20 MILES RT, AND CLOSED MON. WHICH IS THE CONVENIENT TIME FOR US. THE NEXT CLOSEST IS ALMOST 50 MILES RT. THIS IS DEFINITELY NOT A CUSTOMER FRIENDLY APPROACH. AGAIN, THE GOVERNMENT IS "WE THE PEOPLE".

CLAUDE AND JEANETTE MIKA

From: [Judy Nelson](#)
To: Suzanne.Steinhauer@state.mn.us;
Date: Friday, September 05, 2008 11:04:12 PM

Suzanne, I am writing in regard to recent information I have rec'd regarding a new proposed "hiline" which appears to be affecting my property. I live on Carr Lake Rd Sw of Bemidji, Mn, I had 50 acres in 1978 when I purchased it. I now have about 30 left of which one parcel I sold, the rest has been "squeezed" away from , but I still pay full taxes on the "right of ways". The pipeline has crossed my property 3 times since I purchased the land, the highway, County Rd 11, has raped the front of my property, and has destroyed the view and the quality of the river water and flowage,, however I am not allowed to cut but a few shore line weeds..This would be destruction!!!, and now the hiline appears to be raping my small little resort once again. This is family operated and have much love and pride for my property. It is also a game refuge which offers, snapping turtles, bear, osprey , eagles, deer, and mutiple other small wildlife. I have even had lynx..So what quality of life will these creatures have, not to mention my disappointment. It is hard to know where your proposal is, I have heard several different plans. I propose that this line does not come any closer to my daughters cabin and my resort. She has a small building on the south edge of the pipeline. The easement that your line is currently on is on the northern edge of my property and this is where it needs to remain. I have also neem told of the damaging effects the line has on DNA of humans and animals. I would be intersted to hear from you regarding this matter. 218-751-1147 or218-556-2544.. I hope you can understand what is it like as a landowner and will take my concerns as well as all of the neighbors under advisement..My property is called Whispering Pines resort /retreat, and how can you retreat with the fear of DNA damage? Sincerely, Judy Nelson, 2609 OI Whispering Pines SW Bemidji, Mn 56601

From: [Judy Nelson](#)
To: Suzanne.Steinbauer@state.mn.us;
Date: Tuesday, September 30, 2008 12:23:05 PM

Suzanne, I sent you a letter last week regarding this proposed new electric system which appears to be crossing my property. The existing hiline is already crossing for several years. I do hope and pray this is the path you will choose, as my property is a historical landsite, with my home being built in 1890, it was the 1st school in this area also. The 2nd thing is that this is an enviromental area, with 2 lakes and the Schoolcraft/Mississippi River, which is on the west side of my property. I have every wild animal on the property and I feel they should have some impact on the descisions made, for so called "PROGRESS". This property has also been a resort since 1930 and is still in operation which provides lodging for 5 families and I have one couple living in a yeart in my woods..So should this property be destroyed, along with 100+ yr old trees and a 40 year old plantation of Norway Pines. I,myself, have built up this business, and have paid many tax dollars to keep this property intact. This property as well, will be passed on for generations as my daughter and her family live on this property with my 10 month old grandson.. It would be wonderful if we all could keep our DNA intact. I didn't see a note in the recent letter you sent that included my feelings so perhaps none of this matters to "Big Brother"...please RSVP with the direction this project is going...Judy Nelson, owner operator of Whispering Pines Resort Retreat...

From: [Allen Nohner](mailto:Allen.Nohner)
To: Suzanne.Steinhauer@state.mn.us;
cc: Raymond.Kirsch@state.mn.us;
Subject: Bemidji-Grand Rapids Power Line
Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2008 7:42:51 AM

Hello:

My name is Al Nohner, and I have a home and property within one of the areas for the proposed Bemidji-Grand Rapids 230 Kilovolt Transmission Line. I also have a couple of questions regarding the most recent letter I received regarding macrocorridor alternatives.

I don't know what a macrocorridor is, so to see if I could get a definition, I tried accessing the web site listed in the letter:

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis>.

This web site came up as not able to be found, so I'm writing you to ask the questions.

First, what is a macrocorridor and what is it used for? Why are they coming up now?

Second: It appears to me that the central macrocorridor is the same as what used to be the first choice for placing the transmission line, namely the right-of-ways following the pipeline.

Third: Does this mean that the second choice for placing the transmission line (the one following highway 2) is now the first choice for placing the transmission line?

Fourth: Why don't you find someone who can write something clearer and more accurate describing these things. It appears that these missives cover the letter of the law, but don't address the spirit of the law. More specifically, why don't these letters say what is meant in addition to what is required legally.

Al

6843 22nd Ave NW
Walker, MN 56484
September 30, 2008

Office of Energy Security, MDC
Attn: Suzanne Steinhauer, Project Manager
85 7th Place E Suite 500
St Paul, MN 55101

To: Project Manager
Re: Proposed Bemidji-Grand Rapids 230 KV Transmission Line

I am sending this letter in response to the public comment opportunity re: proposed alternate routes for the Bemidji-Grand Rapids 230 KV Transmission Line. I do **not** support the South MacroCorridor proposed route, specifically as it follows the Highway 200 section between Walker and Grand Rapids, MN.

I have lived along this route for sixteen years, and recognize Highway 200 as a scenic highway. (I believe in the late 1960's, it was designated part of LadyBird Johnson's scenic highway/beautification legislation.) There is a wonderful corridor here of hardwood and unique cedar forest, riparian areas, streams and diverse wildlife habitat. Highway 200 between Walker and Remer is also key to a tourism economy that strives to maintain its northwoods character. As I read through the MacroCorridor Study for this project, it became obvious to me that the South Corridor is not a viable option because:

- 1) **Length of Corridor, Emissions:** As noted in the MacroCorridor study, the Central Macrocorridor has the shortest length, best CO2 emissions reduction, lower amount of new ROW and fewest waters, lowest impact to forest and ag lands, etc!. Those statements in the study should be a strong guide.
- 2) **Township Support:** The local township (Pine Lake) strongly supports protecting area watersheds, as well as keeping roads/trails and corridors safe. The township is concerned with development levels both along the south shore of Leech Lake and on the interior forests within the township. The idea of the KV line running through the township does not seem in step with efforts to protect resources, tourism economy and ensure safety of residents. This issue will be brought up at the next board meeting.
- 3) **Water Crossings:** The KV lines would cross public waters in all the corridors, crossing 15 perennial streams in the south macrocooridor. This includes, I believe, the Boy River, a very diverse system that also is an important recreation resource. The MacroCorridor study also listed 16 lakes potentially impacted by the proposed alternate route along Hwy 200. These are lakes that are important aquatic and recreational resources in the area. This is a remote part of the Chippewa National Forest, and I believe the proposed KV Transmission line adversely impacts these riparian and aquatic resources so important to the community.

- 4) **Wetlands:** In an area that is high percentage forested wetland, how can you show reduction of impacts with a project like this. This is a highly connected ecosystem....the report does not show how impacts would be mitigated. Are important heritage resource sites (ricing beds, traditional use areas) being considered here as well?
- 5) **Forest Land:** Again, the largest impact to forested lands of all the proposed corridors is the South MacroCorridor, as noted in your report.
- 6) **Listed Species:** Along with the noted impacts to wildlife, I must also note the threat to native plants, specifically those wetland species in the fragile cedar forests in the South MacroCorridor. Of larger concern is the amount of non-native species that would spread into the forests as a result of a project such as a KV line. I did not see non-native invasive species noted in your report, but this should be stressed---how do you minimize the impact or lessen the opportunity for these invasive species when you are opening up forested area. In the last five years, I have led wildflower hikes in the Pine Lake township. Non-native invasive species have increased dramatically (about 46% of the plants we note on the hikes are non-native invasives. This is an area that parallels highway 200.) This is a huge impact to native plants and invariably impacts wildlife species as well. I feel the KV line brings with it the potential of increased non-native invasive species.
- 7) **Scenic Integrity Objective:** I try to imagine the visual impact a KV line would have going thru the Hwy 200 Corridor (the South MacroCorridor) and it is one of the more distressing things about this project. As noted in the study, the area along Highway 200 and MN 6 have a high SIO rating.
- 8) **Existing pipelines, heritage resources, previously impacted areas:** When I look at the comparison for the other Macrocorridors, I see the Central corridor as already been surveyed extensively. This is a known entity, and I believe the economic/financial and, again, visual, cost to working in a lesser developed site must be considered.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this proposed project. I would be interested to know of other options being considered instead of building a new line, as I believe any of the proposed corridors are adversely affected. I will spend more time reading the documents available, but am curious how alternative power, or energy saving policies could be implemented to lessen the need for new KV lines. Please put me on your mailing list for further public meetings or input opportunities, or decisions made concerning this project. Thank you for your time.

Mary and Paul Nordeen

From: [Myrle & Mavis](#)
To: Suzanne.Steinhauer@state.mn.us;
Subject: transmission line
Date: Friday, September 26, 2008 9:49:38 AM

We are opposed to the northern route that has been proposed for the transmission line as it would run right next to our beloved Long Lake. It would be a shame to disturb the beautiful trees and lake for this line. The southern route seems more economical and runs along an existing highway. Thank you for your consideration.

Myrle and Mavis Olson

From: Kevin Onstad [konstad@millermcdonald.com]
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2008 10:25 AM
To: Suzanne.Steinbauer@state.mn.us; Raymond.Kirsch@state.mn.us
Subject: 230 kV Bem-GR Transmission Line

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Dear Suzanne and Raymond,

I am writing about the 230 kV transmission line that is being proposed to run through my neighborhood. I was not able to attend the public meetings in Bemidji so I wanted to express my opinions on the matter. I printed out and read the whole 238 page application so I am very familiar with all the information and arguments presented for this project. I received your e-mail contacts from the web-site, so if this is not the right contacts, could you please let me know where to send this to. I am hoping for some feedback and answers.

First of all, I live at 3424 16th Street SW in Bemidji. My house is included in the 1000 ft. range of the proposed route 1. I am affected because of a change in route 1 that moves the lines around a development that is sitting on the gas pipeline. This is the "L" shaped part of the route just south of the Bemidji High School. One of the problems with this route is that it is now cutting through a new development that just started about a year ago. These proposed overhead lines would be right in the new neighborhood. The other land adjacent to me also has owners that plan or did plan to put up a house in the future. I don't believe you will have much luck getting land easements or purchases from these people wanting to build houses or start developments. I don't think it is very fair to impede on these new developments. You already have a right of way following the gas pipeline. These homes along the pipeline are protected by trees so they would be the least affected by ugly power lines. I would not have any tree protection from these power lines and they would highly decrease the value of my home.

With that said, I do want to say that I understand the need for this transmission line. I am a business owner that understands well the need for expansion and growth. I am not writing to stand in the way of progress. If the line needs to go through my neighborhood, I would just like to have my property protected and respected so that neither side has to sacrifice more they should. Technically, I will not benefit by this power line, but I know that others east of here will. I also know that the power companies will also highly benefit by this power line by having additional power to sell at a profit. I don't receive direct power from any of the power companies involved in this construction. Maybe I do indirectly, but not of any great amount. What I am saying is, I don't think the landowners should pay or sacrifice when maybe the power companies involved should bear more of the up front sacrifice.

My greatest problems with the power lines is that I believe that they emit too much of an electric magnetic field (and I would be too close) and bluntly, they are just large and ugly and ruin the aesthetics of our neighborhood. I was very disappointed when I read the application and found that medical and other evidence from the 1990s were being used to make the case against any dangers of the EMFs. When I search on-line and look up current articles on power lines, I find an overwhelming amount of research that contradicts the application's statements. Using data from that long ago is dangerous on

their part. Research on this topic has really stepped up in recent years and they are finding more links to medical problems that they did in the 1990s. I can find many more articles that talk about the dangers than I can find that support the claims in the proposal. I think that this could pose large problems and lawsuits for power companies down the road if they show that they don't take this more into consideration. Putting these high power overhead lines close to residential neighborhoods should really be reconsidered. I have a five year old son and I do not want him to be exposed to that kind of magnetic field. It is too hard to keep children from playing outside and it is very difficult to help them understand why they can't play too close to these lines. If either of you have kids, I think you would understand what I am talking about.

I also think that my property values will drop dramatically with this power line and I don't think that is fair to me. I am willing to sacrifice for expansion, but not giving up my greatest investment. People put their whole lives into their homes and it takes years to build up and pay off. I for one, just bought my home less than two years ago. I feel that if this line goes where it is proposed, I would have to sell my house and get the most from it before the lines get built. I do not want to do that because it took two years to find this property. It was in a growing development and the property had an extra garage so I could do some woodworking on the side. I was disappointed again when I saw the property value analysis came from the 1990s. I can't believe that such old research could be used today. My research on-line shows a much greater decrease in values for property next to these power lines. They are plummeting by much more than 4%.

I have an idea that I think could work for our neighborhood and maybe others like it along the way. I propose you bury the power lines only when you run through or close to existing or planned developments. From the maps provided, it does not appear that there would be that many along the preferred route 1. I did read that this is more costly to put in than the above ground method and I agree that to be true. For our development, this would only amount to about two miles at the most. A certain distance before, the distance through, and a certain distance after the development would be all that is needed to protect our property values and our children from the harms and dangers. Again, I refer to the sacrifices that need to be made for expansion that I mentioned earlier. From my research, I found that underground power lines do not emit an electric field and if engineered correctly, would not emit a magnetic field either. They also can absorb emergency power loads and don't need much space to be installed. Also, they would not be so visibly so the property values would not be so negatively affected. In our case, the right away is already there so you would not need to spend any extra money for easements or property purchases to get this done. I don't think anyone in our development will sell or give easements willingly to have these overhead power lines put in. Easements are just not financially sound in this case to the landowners. The property owner will still have to pay taxes on this property while having their value decreased by the power lines. I am very sure from the discussions with my neighbors that we would all get attorneys involved to block these lines to protect our children and our investments. Burying the lines along the pipeline would be the easiest and cheapest in the end for both sides. I am sure I could convince the neighborhood of this.

I do realize that they have more power than we do with the exercising of eminent domain, but why would they want to abuse this just to save a few dollars for the power companies. As I mentioned earlier, these power companies will be benefiting the most with future profits from the sale of power, so I believe they

should sacrifice a little more by paying an extra amount to protect the people along the way. Again, I believe in this expansion, but only when both sides can benefit. Please don't let them act like a heartless large corporation that is out to make a profit while stepping on everyone along the way. This project could really do some good in the future, or it could really ruin the lives of a number of people.

Please let me know what the current status is of the power lines that are proposed to run through my neighborhood and if there is a chance that these lines could be buried for that small stretch of land. Again, I would like this to get to the people that are involved with reviewing these comments or that make the decisions on the routes. I do appreciate your time on this matter. My home phone number is 218-444-9970 if needed. Thank you.

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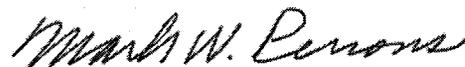
Dear Mr. Buron:

After a discussion with Al Koeckeritz at Otter Tail Power Company, I have a somewhat better handle on what the proposed Bemidji, MN to Grand Rapids, MN power line might look like. First, Mr. Koeckeritz stated they will not be putting the power line underground because of prohibitive costs. Instead, overhead power lines will probably be suspended from wooden H-frame pole systems, but could be on steel poles depending on the local situation. In either case, these support structures may need to be detuned electrically at 1450 KHz if they are within 0.8 km (1/2 mile) of the KBUN AM non-directional transmitting antenna, which is located at 47° 27' 56.00" N Latitude and 94° 54' 20.00" W Longitude (NAD 27). We have attached a copy of Federal Communications Commission 73.1692, which deals with this kind of situation.

Detuning these power line support structures at 1450 KHz could cost as much as \$5,000 per structure for the detuning parts. Parts to decouple RF from ground wires on wooden support poles can be substantially less depending on the situation. Add to that labor to install and adjust each one. Installation would almost certainly be done by power company crews. I can and will do the tuning and antenna performance verification. You will remember that I handled the detuning project on the Bemidji water tower in 2003. Details and photos at: http://mwpersons.com/Stations/KBUN_unipole.html Detuning power poles is likely to be a less difficult project.

If you make the assumption that I run tests and find the transmission line towers do not cause pattern distortion of KBUN AM, then my cost for checking the installation would run about \$1,500. If, on the other hand, re-radiation of the KBUN AM signal is determined to be a problem, my time in supervising the installation of equipment, tuning, AM pattern measurements, and documentation could run \$10,000.

Sincerely,
M. W. PERSONS AND ASSOCIATES, INC.



Mark W. Persons

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noncommercial educational stations operating on Channels 201 through 220, or Class D stations on Channel 200, which employ separate horizontally and vertically polarized antennas mounted at different heights, may not use the license modification process to increase or decrease either the horizontal ERP or vertical ERP without a construction permit.

(9) The licensee of an AM, FM, or TV commercial station may propose to change from commercial to noncommercial educational on a modification of license application, provided that the application contains completed Sections II and IV of FCC Form 340. In addition, a noncommercial educational AM licensee, a TV licensee on a channel not reserved for noncommercial educational use, or an FM licensee on Channels 221 to 300 (except Class D FM) on a channel not reserved for noncommercial educational use, may apply to change from educational to commercial via a modification of license application, and no exhibits are required with the application. The change will become effective upon grant of the license application.

(10) Replacement of a transmission line with one of a different type or length which changes the transmitter operating power (TPO) from the authorized value, but not the ERP, must be reported in a license modification application to the Commission.

(11) Correction of geographic coordinates where the change is 3 seconds or fewer in latitude and/or 3 seconds or fewer in longitude, provided there is no physical change in location and no other licensed parameters are changed. The correction of coordinates may not result in any new short spacings or increases in existing short spacings.

(d) The following changes may be made without authorization from the FCC, however informal notification of the changes must be made according to the rule sections specified:

(1) Change in studio location within the principal community contour. See §73.1125.

(2) Commencement of remote control operation pursuant to §§73.1400 and 73.1410.

(3) Modification of an AM directional antenna sampling system. See §73.68.

(e) Any electrical and mechanical modification to authorized transmitting equipment that is not otherwise restricted by the preceding provisions of this section, may be made without FCC notification or authorization. Equipment performance measurements must be made within ten days after completing the modifications (See §73.1590). An informal statement, diagram, etc., describing the modification must be retained at the transmitter site for as long as the equipment is in use.

[47 FR 8590, Mar. 1, 1982]

EDITORIAL NOTE: For FEDERAL REGISTER citations affecting §73.1690, see the List of CFR Sections Affected, which appears in the Finding Aids section of the printed volume and on GPO Access.

§73.1692 Broadcast station construction near or installation on an AM broadcast tower.

Where a broadcast licensee or permittee proposes to mount a broadcast antenna on an AM station tower, or where construction is proposed within 0.8 km of an AM nondirectional tower or within 3.2 km of an AM directional station, the broadcast licensee or permittee is responsible for ensuring that the construction does not adversely affect the AM station, as follows:

(a) *Installations on an AM nondirectional tower.* During installation of the broadcast antenna and related equipment, the AM station shall determine operating power by the indirect method (see §73.51). Upon the completion of the installation, antenna impedance measurements on the AM antenna shall be made, and, prior to or simultaneously with the filing of the license application covering the broadcast station installation, an application on FCC Form 302-AM (including a tower sketch of the installation) shall be filed with the Commission for the AM station to return to direct power measurement.

(b) *Installations on an AM directional array.* Prior to commencing construction, the broadcast permittee or licensee shall notify the AM station so that, if necessary, the AM station may determine operating power by the indirect method (see §73.51) and request special temporary authority pursuant

to § 73.1635 to operate with parameters at variance in order to maintain monitoring point field strengths within authorized limits. Both prior to the commencement of construction and upon completion of construction, a partial proof of performance (as defined by § 73.154) shall be conducted to establish that the AM array has not been adversely affected. Prior to or simultaneously with filing of the license application to cover the broadcast station construction, the results of the partial proof of performance shall be filed with the Commission on Form 302-AM.

(c) *Tower erections or modifications within 0.8 km of an AM nondirectional tower.* Prior to commencing the construction of tower modifications, or the erection of a new tower, within 0.8 km of an AM nondirectional tower, the broadcast permittee or licensee is required to notify the AM station so that the AM station may commence determining operating power by the indirect method (see § 73.51). The broadcast licensee or permittee shall be responsible for the installation and continued maintenance of detuning apparatus necessary to prevent adverse effects on the radiation pattern of the AM station. Both prior to construction of the tower modifications and upon completion of construction, antenna impedance measurements of the AM station shall be made. In addition, sufficient field strength measurements taken at a minimum of 10 locations along each of 8 equally spaced radials, shall be made to establish that the AM radiation pattern is essentially omnidirectional. Prior or simultaneously with the filing of the application for license to cover this permit, the results of the impedance measurements and the field strength measurements shall be filed with the Commission on FCC Form 302-AM for the AM station to return to the direct method of power determination.

(d) *Tower erections or modifications within 3.2 km of an AM directional station.* Prior to commencing construction of tower modifications, or the erection of a new tower structure, within 3.2 km of an AM directional array, the broadcast permittee or licensee shall notify the AM station so that, if necessary, the AM station may determine operating power by the indirect method (see

§ 73.51) and request special temporary authority pursuant to § 73.1635 to operate with parameters at variance in order to maintain monitoring point field strengths within authorized limits. The broadcast licensee or permittee shall be responsible for the installation and continued maintenance of detuning apparatus necessary to prevent adverse effects upon the radiation pattern of the AM station. Both prior to the commencement of construction and upon completion of construction, a partial proof of performance (as defined by § 73.154) shall be conducted to establish that the AM array has not been adversely affected. Prior to or simultaneously with filing of the license application to cover the broadcast station construction, the results of the partial proof of performance shall be filed with the Commission on Form 302-AM.

[62 FR 51062, Sept. 30, 1997]

§ 73.1695 Changes in transmission standards.

The FCC will consider the question whether a proposed change or modification of transmission standards adopted for broadcast stations would be in the public interest, convenience, and necessity, upon petition being filed by the person proposing such change or modification, setting forth the following:

(a) The exact character of the change or modification proposed;

(b) The effect of the proposed change or modification upon all other transmission standards that have been adopted by the FCC for broadcast stations;

(c) The experimentation and field tests that have been made to show that the proposed change or modification accomplishes an improvement and is technically feasible;

(d) The effect of the proposed change or modification in the adopted standards upon operation and obsolescence of receivers;

(1) Should a change of modification in the transmission standards be adopted by the FCC, the effective date thereof will be determined in the light of the considerations mentioned in this paragraph (d);

(2) [Reserved]

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To: Suzanne.Steinhauer@state.mn.us; Raymond.Kirsch@state.mn.us;
[US](#);
Subject: Bemidji-Grand Rapids 230 Kilovolt Transmission Line
Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2008 3:14:04 PM

Additional Written Comments regarding proposed project:

- 1) The current information of 'extended comment period' that was received by landowners within the proposed area of the transmission line differs significantly from the initial information that was sent/presented at the public meetings in August. New line possibilities have been added, but details of where/how/who will be impacted is not given.
- 2) This current info that we've just received does not indicate in what priority the lines are being considered???? Initially there was a preferred line and an alternative.
- 3) We attempted to view the project on-line but after a lengthily search of the website address provided in the current information, we were unable to find/view any of this project information and of course unable to zoomed in to look at where any of the 'added alternatives' crossed/impacted property lines. So the provided information is vague and appears to be meant to confuse rather than inform landowners as to how they will be impacted by the proposed revisions to the project. Very unfair!!!! if your ultimate goal truly is to collect public opinion and gain cooperation the cooperation of landowners.

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To: Ray Kirsch, Public Advisor for Proposed Bemidji-Grand Rapids 230 Kilovolt Transmission Line

From: Fredrick and Patricia Pick

Date: 9/29/08

Dear Mr. Kirsch: We own 86 acres of land along County Road 27 adjacent to Long Lake NE. We are opposed to the use of the North Macrocorridor for the proposed 230 kilovolt transmission line because of the impacts to the people and the environment and also because of higher costs.

We believe that the Highway 2 Central Macrocorridor should be used for this transmission line rather than the North Macrocorridor. We know that the US Forest Service, who manages land along Highway 2, considers this central corridor for consolidated use of electrical, transportation and oil and gas pipeline systems. It makes a lot of sense to consolidate all such uses in the same general corridor rather than impact other areas.

The Highway 2 Central Macrocorridor is mainly public ownership. This public ownership is the US Forest Service and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Using this corridor would reduce the impact to private lands and other public lands located along the proposed North Macrocorridor. Both the North Macrocorridor and the South Macrocorridor contain a higher percentage of private lands and homes than the Central Macrocorridor.

The Highway 2 Central Macrocorridor is the shortest of the three proposed routes and thus would reduce the environmental impact on fewer miles of land and also impact fewer people with fewer miles of right of ways on private land. The cost to build and maintain the power line would also be less for the Central Macrocorridor because it is the shortest with the fewest miles.

Thus, we recommend selection of the Central Macrocorridor for a variety of reasons including environmental impact, human impacts as well as costs.

We would like to be kept informed as the process continues and we will register for the OES project mailing list on line.

Sincerely:

Fredrick and Patricia Pick

9/16/2008

Dike P.1

Department of Commerce
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Attn: Suzanne Steinhauer, Project Manager

Dear Ms Steinhauer;

I am writing this letter to express my opposition to the Minnkota Power Cooperative Bemidji-Grand Rapids 230 kV transmission line North Corridor alternative. I am a property owner that would be affected if the North Corridor alternative were implemented.

Minnkota Power has laid out the shortfalls of pursuing this alternative in terms of constructions cost being nearly twice as much as the preferred route and power transmission efficiency being substantially less. They have also addressed the additional cost that would be incurred to upgrade the Cass Lake Substation if the North route was implemented.

My opposition is twofold.

First, this area of Northern Itasca is relatively unspoiled and allows people such as myself to get to enjoy nature with a minimum of man made intrusions and scars on the land. A transmission line of this magnitude with its environmental and visual impacts should be grouped with other infrastructure. The proposed corridor along Highway 2 is clearly the best location considering cost, transmission efficiency, and minimal impact on the environment.

My second opposition is based on the negative impact this line might have on my property values. It is unclear where the line would be in relation to my property because the map has no discernable scale, but it will be close.

I am also concerned about the lack of public exposure that the North corridor alternative has been given. This alternative is not known to any of the residents in the area that I have talked with. They have not received the notice that I received and have no inkling that this line was under consideration.

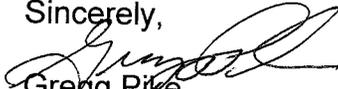
This bothers me greatly and if the information has been inadvertently kept under wraps from the local residents it needs to be brought to the attention of the whole community.

9/16/2008

Dike p2

I would appreciate a response to this letter including what steps have been taken in the northern Itasca county to bring this issue to the attention of the community.

Sincerely,



Gregg Pike

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From: kajohnson@otpc.com
To: Suzanne.Steinhauer@state.mn.us;
Subject: FW: northern corridor
Date: Monday, September 29, 2008 11:53:26 AM

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

From: dp [mailto:dplath@paulbunyan.net]
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2008 3:47 PM
To: Metcalf, Jim
Cc: gant; gannon
Subject: northern corridor

dear jim,

thank you for sending the sectional map of the alternate north corridor line...needless to say, i am sick about this. i encourage you to get the central corridor approved; thus, preventing an alternate corridor being built!!

per our phone conversation of yesterday, i feared the worst! as soon as you said the proposed line would go where existing lines are, my stomach flipped!! however, the existing lines do not affect the existing property.

foremost on my mind, are the environmental issues. other major concerns are my parents' monuments that rest in the proposed path (actually in a grove of norways that my father planted!!!!!!!!!!!!), the fields are farmed...i foresee trees destroyed, roads torn up, wildlife disrupted...the entire (!) environment never to be the same.

i trust that i will be notified of all meetings. as a rate payer, i encourage the approval of the central corridor... it is obviously the most cost-effective.

thank you for your attention and ongoing efforts...plz

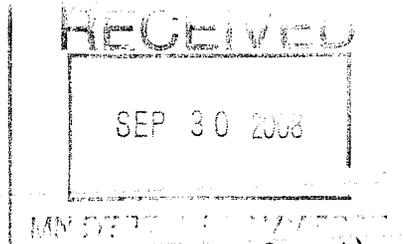
head in the right direction...keep it centralized!!!!!!!!!!

sincerely,

**diane plath
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**p.s. please print out this email and add it to your file of
"concerned citizens!!!!!!!!!!"**

09/24/08



9.27.08

jim metcalf - ottertail or land specialist
euzanne steinhauer - project manager
ray kirsch - public advisor

i am writing in opposition to your
proposed alternative north
macrocorridor 230 kv trans-
mission line.

i am a property owner in the
path of your north proposal,
aside from the obvious
environmental, social & cultural
aspects of such a line, i have
a greater concern.

foremost on my mind is the fact
that my parents monuments
are in the path of this north
corridor! furthermore, these
monuments rest in a grove of
norways that my father planted.
need i say more?!

in the midst of an economical

crisis is as a rate payer, the only solution is to approve the central corridor for apparent cost-effective reasons! ... 68 miles of line vs. 116 miles of line... think about it!!

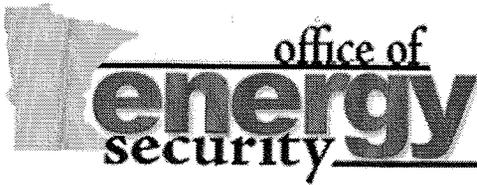
Thanking you, in advance, for your attention to this matter & for your ongoing efforts.

I encourage you to head in the right direction: stay focused, stay centralized.

Sincerely,

Diane Plath
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cc: jim metcalf



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Bemidji – Grand Rapids 230 kV Transmission Line Project

PUC Docket Numbers: TL-07-1327 (Route Permit), CN-07-1222 (Certificate of Need)

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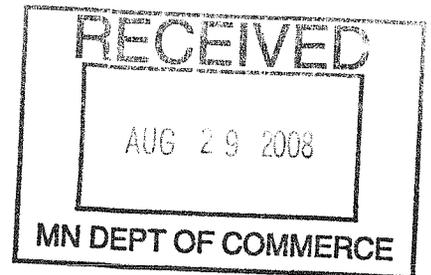
Please find enclosed a letter with
concerns from the people in
our neighborhood

Thanks Keith

Please submit comments by August 29, 2008 to:

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August 25, 2008

Dear Suzanne Steinhauer,

I attended the informational meeting held in Bemidji, August 14, 2008 concerning the Bemidji – Grand Rapids 230-kv Transmission Line and would like to express my thoughts.

1. The first thought is if an area already has a transmission line or pipe line crossing their property they are already doing more than their fair share to support the common good of the people. In football one is penalized for "piling-on". This is piling-on.
2. One should question the wisdom of running power and gas lines together. You do not bundle and run gas and electric service together when you build a house. Would a fire and explosion like the one near Clearbrook this last winter take out both services? Just the services being there would increase the chance for a disaster, having them side by side would increase the likely hood of a disaster and the resulting danger and damage exponentially. Gusset plates fail, (I-35 bridge) bolts strip and work loose with wind pressures on the towers. Would a falling tower rupture a gas line? Are the pipeline people in favor of the lines in close proximity? One would think the power lines would greatly hinder their ability to add new pipes or service the existing ones. Would they want the heavy equipment working on or around and crossing the buried pipes? The closeness of the lines would be a gift to terrorism.
3. Easements give the power/gas line people free access to ones land and cause excess restrictions on what the landowner can do on the land. Of course the power lines would greatly reduce the owners property values. In some instances a fairer option would be to let the power company buy the land and buildings at the pre-power line value. This way the power line can maintain the property and pay the taxes, or rent back to original owner. The original landowner should have the first chance to buy the land back after the power company decides to abandon the power line and remove all traces.
4. State land is for the use and benefit of the residents of Minnesota. Why not try to use this land as much as possible. What better way to use the resources of the state to help the most people? Do not enrage the citizens and decrease the property value of the over taxed residents any more. A corridor through state land would be a great thing for the residents of the state. It would improve habitat for large and small game. It would allow the DNR to be able to rapid respond to a forest fire and would be a blessing to anyone lost in the forest. Access for logging and hunting would improve and it would enable the state to better manage its lands, forest, and wildlife. The towers make nesting sites for raptors. The big challenge here would be working with the forestry department's attitude on new uses of forestlands.

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So in conclusion it is obvious that the powers who set this route have not done their homework and the public is not being well served. It would be best if the proposed routes were tabled and more effort and wisdom were brought to bear and find a better proposal.

Sincerely,

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09/30/08

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Re: Comment for "Bemidji-Grand Rapids 230 Kilovolt Transmission Line"

Dear Ms. Steinhauer:

After studying the recommended materials, I have concluded the only feasible area is the Central Macrocorridor, because of cost, environmental concerns, etc. In the event the South Macrocorridor is recommended, we will have no option but to retain Brand to defend our position concerning our four Commercial Lots, and our one R1 Zoned Lot.

As you are aware, leakage from such an over-head line causes various environmental hazards in humans, animals, etc. We realize the expanded population in these areas needs to be serviced; the environmental impact needs to also be studied to understand the potential risks to humans and animals. As land developers, we must also be "stewards of the land".

Should any other discussions or options become available, please inform me as soon as possible. Feel free to call me should you have any questions. I can be reached at either (952) 926-3144 or (612) 390-0144.

Sincerely,

R. Bruce Powers
COO



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Representing:

Rogan Quinn

Address:

Email:

1240 Schroeder Rd NW

Comments:

It would benefit me greatly if the new lines and right of way were put in as far East as possible. Every little bit would help since most of my usable land is on the west side of my property.

I have put in recently a new well and septic system that are west of the existing power lines.

Please submit comments by **August 29, 2008** to:

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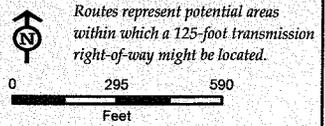
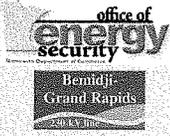
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Wilson Substation



Bemidji - Grand Rapids 230 kV Transmission Line Project Public Scoping Meeting: Bemidji - August 14, 2008 Township: 146 Range: 34 Section: 11



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Name:

Nathan Richter

Representing:

Myself

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knrichter@yahoo.com

Comments:

My property Lot A of the NW 1/4, SE 1/4 Sec 1, T. 145N R 33W or the adjacent property to the southern intersection of Great Lakes Gas and County 36 Bemidji. From ^{South} the Lake Gas easement to my house there is a distance of 122 feet. I believe that proposed easement is 125 feet and would not fit.

Please submit comments by August 29, 2008 to:

Suzanne Steinhauer
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Email: suzanne.steinhauer@state.mn.us
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From: [Rivard, Tom](#)
To: Suzanne.Steinhauer@state.mn.us;
Subject: Bemidji-Grand Rapids Line
Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2008 9:25:07 AM

Hello Suzanne

I recently received a letter and a map regarding the Bemidji - Grand Rapids Transmission Line. One of the alternatives that is being considered is the Non-CNF Macrocorridor. I am totally against this as an alternative. This line would disrupt many wildlife and lake areas and is also a much longer route than the Central Macrocorridor or South Macrocorridor which I would recommend. The Non-CNF Macrocorridor has no major roads along which to run the line and is a much longer route. This would be too big of a disruption to our environment. In addition the Non-CNF Macrocorridor would cost more to build.

Thanks
Tom Rivard
6245 Journey's End Lane
Remer, MN

A fax from:

TASC

The Alternative
Study Center



Date: Sept. 25, 2008

To:

Name Suzanne Steinhauer
Project Manager

Telephone Number 651-296-2888

Fax Number 651-297-7891

Notes:

Letter to comment on
power line connecting Ottertail
Power to Bemidji.

From,
Barbara Robertson

September 25, 2008

Barbara Robertson
2631 Kyle Ave. N.
Golden Valley, MN 55422

Suzanne Lamb Steinhauer
85 7th Place East
Suite 500
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

Dear Suzanne,

I am not certain who to write my letter and concerns to so I decided to write to you. This concerns the power route being proposed from Grand Rapids to Bemidji. As you know we were not included in the first notice as an alternate route and now the south shore of Leech Lake is being proposed as an alternate route.

It is difficult to know where to start when responding to this. I have read several of the documents that I printed off the internet and noticed the easement would be 125 feet wide but the applicant is actually requesting a 1,000 foot wide right-of-way. This size right-of-way would be devastating to my property. I own approximately 60 acres on the southeast shore of Leech Lake. This property was purchased by my parents in 1942 and I have worked very hard and sacrificed much to retain this property. I own about the last large beach on Leech Lake and it is one of the largest private pieces of property on the lake. Two years ago I had the land evaluated and put into a limited partnership with my adult children. The land was valued at several million dollars. I have no intention of selling but did the partnership for tax reasons and future developments if I am forced to sell because of rising tax implications.

The proposed alternate route would have a serious impact on my land holding but a more serious impact upon the environment I have worked so hard to retain. I have left my land in its natural state. I have not divided it into lots to sell, I have left the trees and undergrowth natural and the land is only hunted by my neighbor for deer in the fall. There is a large wetland and cedar swamp that I own which borders 40 acres of state land and it would be disturbed if not ruined if this line would take this route. I have wanted to always keep this rare piece of land whole and wild as it has been forever. My two adult children are on the same page as me in wanting to keep the land in its natural state.

The original route north of Leech seemed the logical route to me as much of the land there is not pristine lakeshore. I don't understand why the south shore of Leech Lake would even be considered as it would impact hundreds of homes and acres along the entire south side of the lake. I dropped off the information sent to me at Huddles Resort, 3 miles east from me, and shared my concerns with him. Hopefully the owner responds.

I will be placing my land into the newly created forest initiative just recently passed by the legislature this past session. The category I will be placing my forest into would be bird preservation. The DNR is required by this legislation to make a plan and help me with this matter.

I know I have been a bit wordy but don't know how else to respond. Should I be getting a petition from land owners whose land would be on this devastating path? I do not live there year round as the building on the land is a simple cabin which I heat with a wood burning stove. It is not your new "cabin" with all the amenities. Please accept this letter and my concerns for my property and all property on the south shore of Leech Lake to reconsider not having the large power line invade our area. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I would appreciate hearing from you about future meetings and information concerning this matter. I see this line as devastating to the woodland environment and wonder why this route would even be considered.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Robertson".

Barbara Robertson
763-522-3274

From: [Thom Bergstrom and Heather Roensch](#)
To: Suzanne.Steinhauer@state.mn.us
Subject: public comment on Proposed Bemidji - Grand Rapids 230 kV Transmission Project
Date: Monday, September 29, 2008 5:11:19 PM

To Suzanne Lamb Steinhauer:

I have decided to comment on the Proposed Bemidji - Grand Rapids 230 kV Transmission Project.

First I am very frustrated in the letter that was mailed out to residence regarding the "extended comment period". There is not enough time for me as a citizen to notify my township or educate myself on this important issue. My husband and I are Homeowners in Hiram Township in Cass County and the last meeting was well before receiving the letter with an expiration time before the next meeting. Also regarding the letter, I do not feel that there should be an error in the letter with a wrong web link for getting more information. I found the website impossible to navigate through without the correct link. I had to make a call to you Suzanne in order to get the correct information. How many people conveniently got frustrated by a bad link and a website that even you said is hard to find information on? Also the link for the Federal Register Notice to Extend the Public Comment Period for the Scoping Process does not work and I was unable to find the sign up place on the PUC website for registering on the project mailing list.

Several months earlier we received a letter regarding this same issue without the Non-CNF Macrocorridor on it. I have talked to several people in my area who threw out the last notice because they didn't dream that a line from Bemidji to Grand Rapids would ever come so close to us since it has nothing to do with our area or our electrical needs. The leaving off of important information from one letter to the next is very critical. As stated in the last letter to Landowners "Only one of the four macrocorridors was included in earlier notices. Therefore, the public comment period is being extended." Seems like grand a mistake to me.

I feel that it just doesn't make any sense for you to use the Non-CNF Macrocorridor. Not only is it 58 miles longer (68 Central and 126 Non-CNF) which is a significant cost according the information I found on the web, it is affecting 824 more acres of new ROW than any other corridor (1822 Non-CNF and 998 Central) with 24.2 miles of new corridor! With the economy the way it is, spending money over and beyond just doesn't make sense. Also the Non-CNF has the least reduction in Co2 Emissions/year (56k vs. 70k in tons) and to me this is a big deal. This project would be affecting our wetlands, streams, rivers, forested land and wildlife. In Table 1-1 in the Macrocorridor Study our area would be the most impacted with Streams/ River Crossings, Wetlands, Forested Lands.

My husband and I took 3 years to find the perfect land. We are very lucky to have

found it. We have been working hard for the past several years improving our 20 acres by planting new trees and following our Woodland Stewardship Plan. We have chosen this area because of its pristine forests and clean waters. We are located off of Hiram Township #1. When you leave our property to the south we have state and county land all the way to Cass County Road 40. It is a small area of uninterrupted forest where several times a year we will hear the wolves howling!

I have not had the time to see how such an outrageously large structure and corridor would affect all the natural environments that we have.

Thank you for your time,

Heather Roensch

and Thom Bergstrom
3456 Fox Walk Trail NW
Akeley, MN 56433 (we live closer to Hackensack)

From : Larry L Schedin PE
46287 Jessie Brook Trail
Bowstring, MN 56631

September 27, 2008

To: Suzanne Steinhauer, Project Manager
Department of Commerce, Office of Energy Supply
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RE: Bemidji-Grand Rapids 230 Kilovolt Transmission Line
MPUC Docket No. CN-07-1222, Comments by Larry L Schedin PE

Dear Suzanne

As a potentially impacted landowner and as a registered professional engineer in Minnesota, I wish to submit the following comments regarding the subject transmission line:

1. Increased losses of the alternatives

The North, South and Non-CF alternatives to the Central Macrocorridor add substantial length as compared to the Central Macrocorridor with percentage increases in line length of 71%, 47% and 85% respectively. In addition to the CO₂ and other emissions shown in Section 6.2 of the June, 2008 Macrocorridor Study, the added demand and energy loss increases shown in Table 6-4 can be monetized using a range of values for capacity and energy. Using installed capacity at \$15 per KW-mo and energy at \$50 per MWH (5 cents per kwh) the annual increase in losses for the alternatives could be easily monetized in the range of \$1.3 to \$1.6 million or more per year greater than the Central Macrocorridor.

2. Increased Impedance Impacts of the Alternatives

a. Reactive Power Impact

In addition to increased losses, the increased impedance (resistance plus inductive reactance) of the alternatives (as compared to the Central Macrocorridor) will adversely impact voltages in the Bemidji area when the new line is used as a backup supply during an N-1 contingency thereby requiring added reactive power support in the form of shunt capacitors.

b. Circulating Power Flow through Canada

My expert witness testimony in the other CapX 2020 proceeding (MPUC Docket No. CN-06-1115) as well as the Department's recently published DRG Study Report can be used to show that the added impedance of the alternatives will increase power flow through the Manitoba Hydro System via the 500 KV Dorsey-Forbes tie at Dorsey Substation and aggravate a capacity bottleneck there.

Therefore, for the foregoing reasons plus all the other advantages cited in the Study Report, I recommend that the Central Macrocorridor be the selected macrocorridor. If you wish to contact me for further information, I can be reached via E-mail at larry@llsresources.com or by phone at my Minneapolis office at 612-343-8188.

Very truly yours.

Larry L Schedin PE
Registered Professional Engineer 8470,
State of Minnesota

From: [Charlie Schweigert](#)
To: Raymond.Kirsch@state.mn.us;
cc: Suzanne.Steinbauer@state.mn.us;
Subject: Bemidji-Grand Rapids 230 kilovolt Line
Date: Friday, September 26, 2008 9:20:24 AM

I have some questions concerning the proposed Bemidji-Grand Rapids 230 kilovolt Line. I have property I think is in the North Macrocorridor. I went to our local library to do a little research and could answer none of these questions or concerns due to the volume of information and how it is cataloged.

-Is there a chance the Bemidji-Grand Rapids 230 kilovolt Line will go through my property? If so I will have many more questions.

-Is the northern line the one you want or will the Bemidji-Grand Rapids 230 kilovolt Line go through the Central Macrocorridor?

-Are you using existing lines and just adding to them?

-Why do we even consider some of the most pristine land in the state for projects like this? For fishing, hunting and ricing this area can not be beat.

Respectfully,

Charles Schweigert

From: [sedgwick](#)
To: Suzanne.Steinhauer@state.mn.us;
Subject: Comment on Bemidji/Grand Rapids 230 kV line
Date: Monday, September 29, 2008 12:44:24 PM

Suzanne:

There does not appear to be adequate data to support the underlying reason for construction of this line unless Minnesota Power's generation system is substantially changed. So far MN Power has chosen not to build additional generation in northern Minnesota. This line will therefore not provide reliability because of the lack of current generation capacity in MN Power's system.

Thank you.

Dean Sedgwick

From: [sedgwick](#)
To: Suzanne.Steinhauer@state.mn.us;
Subject: Comment on corridor study
Date: Monday, September 29, 2008 12:40:13 PM

Hello Suzanne:

My personal comment on the expansion of the macrocorridor study is that the earlier public hearings, which were extensively publicized with maps in the area newspapers, did not include these corridors. I believe that public hearings should be held for these additional macrocorridors, like the initial two, before they are added to any filing.

Sally Sedgwick

From: [Gary and Mary Shadrick](#)
To: Suzanne.Steinhauer@state.mn.us;
Subject: transmission line
Date: Friday, September 19, 2008 7:55:24 AM

Ms. Steinhauer, I am responding to the comment period for comments on the 230 kilovolt transmission line , Bemidji-Grand Rapids. I have a Federally registered airport (Up Yonder - 98MN) at the junction of Highway 71, south of Bemidji, and Hubbard County 16 (N 47deg. 17,723ft. W 094 deg. 52,396 ft.). I need to be sure the transmission line doesn't interfere with flight at my airport. Thanks for any help you can offer. Gary Shadrick 12794 Oak Point Rd. N.W. Cass Lake, MN 56633 Phone (218) 335 8435 or (218) 556 0161.



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Name:

Representing:

Calvin & Darcy Stai (real owners)

Address:

Email:

1719 15th St SW Bemidji, Mn 56601

Comments:

Some day we're planning on building a house, garage on this land. We're not happy that the power line is coming thru our land.

We bought this land about a year ago and this is our first piece of land that we have owned ourselves. It's not much but we really like it, because it's home to us, our son who lives with us.

We might sell out in the future.

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Name: *Stanley + Sharon Stai* Representing:
Calvin + Nancy Stai

Address: *1719 Jefferson Ave. S.E.* Email:
Bemidji, Mn. 56601

Comments:

we have property in Bemidji Twp 146, Section 17, Range 33, that part of S.W. 1/4 of Sw 1/4, Discription as follows Commenced at S.W. Corner of said S.W. 1/4 Along Hwy 2, that is on East side of the by-pass + South side of Hwy 2.

Route # 2, which is along the pipe line, would be the best route.

a power line across our property or close, would destroy our property value along Hwy # 2. Also we don't want it that close for health reasons.

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September 15, 2008

Suzanne Steinhauer, Project Manager
Department of Commerce, Office of Energy Security
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Dear Ms. Steinhauer,

I just received your recent alternative routes. With 15 days notification left, you decide on a North, South or Non-CNF Macrocorridors which cross the land of individual taxpayers, "the little people," using eminent domain to steal lands to get your right-away. I assume the reason for these is that challenging the local Leech Lake Tribe would tie you up for several months or years in litigation.

Your company, MP, couldn't make it in the paper making business, i.e. Lake Superior Paper Co, or selling used cars so now, by golly, you're going to sell electricity to another power company. In the end, the people in and around Cohasset will be stuck with more pollutants from your stacks creating more cancer by running high voltage lines over taxpayers' land because your company is afraid of an organized Leech Lake Tribe. I don't want your line on the land I pay taxes on anymore than the Indians want your line on the Leech Lake Reservation.

So, now you're going to create more train traffic through Itasca County, create more coal dust to blow onto our houses and into our lakes, create more stack residuals to blow throughout our county and poison more fish, aquatic plants and animals, as well as more people contracting cancer.

But, your answer is we're spending \$291 million on pollution control equipment to eliminate all this. Well, back in the 70's and 80's, your scrubbers project in unit 3 to wet down the fly ash did not work at the cost of \$25 million and the second scrubber was never even put in. It was easier to pump the fly ash into the Mississippi River on the 11-7 nightly shift for years and get by with it. How do you know that your new pollution control scheme is going to work any better than the scrubbers fiasco?

However, your company must build the carrier line so the company can make more MONEY in addition to raising the electrical rates for consumers 7.5% to help pay for the line.

Sincerely,

Jerry Stejskal

Jerry Stejskal

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Deer River, MN 56636

Cc Ray Kirsch, Public Advisor

Robert Stelton

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September 29, 2008

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Re: Notice of Extended Comment Period For The Proposed Bemidji-Grand Rapids 230 Kilovolt Transmission Line (The North Macrocorridor Consideration)

I am a landholder on the southwest corner of Whitefish Lake, a short distance from the proposed transmission line.

My understanding is:

230 Kilovolt Transmission Line will connect stations between Grand Rapids and Bemidji, this line will not include hookups.

The north macrocorridor alternate is one of four options.

I have been advised by Ray Kirsch that the wooden poles will be between 75' and 90' high.

These are my questions:

Considering the longer distance of the north macrocorridor option why not run the central macrocorridor?

Will this be aesthetic distraction of the area? Can't it be set farther back?

Am I in error in my belief that this will reduce property values?

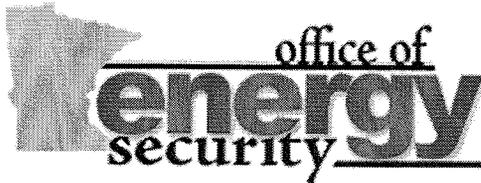
If these are not problems now, might this grandfather-in future depredations?

If the above are not problems, why not run the line along the central macrocorridor which is already developed?

I would appreciate your responses to my questions.

Sincerely,

Robert Stelton



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Name:

JOE STRONG

Representing:

JOE + SUSAN STRONG

Address:

51274 CO 36 BEMIDJI MN 56601

Email:

Comments:

The Pipelines Enbridge + Great Lake run thru my property at a diagonal. what I'm hearing is the proposed new line would like to follow the GL line. I paced from GL R/W to my house 528". I put in a new road to my rear lot for future use now this line would run right thru that and would come to close to my house for my comfort.

We also have a health concern should this come to be the chosen route. We are not against selling + moving but will not consider living next to this line.

DEFIB/PACEMAKER

Thank You Joe Strong

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218-556-1907

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Representing:

Private Landowner in Red Oaks Estate Development

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Bemidji, MN 56601

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mstuder@paulbunyan.net

Telephone - 218 760-0546 (cell)

Comments:

I direct your attention to the attached map. I live in Red Oaks Estate, a development that has gradually grown up that was started in the 1980's. You show on your map that this development was considered when planning the proposed power line corridor and we as a development collectively thank you for that consideration. There is another development to the south (see map) that is presently being put in. I believe there are now four homes built or in the process. I believe there are some 20-30 homes planned. I would ask that the idea of 30 future homes not cause you to change your mind and re-route the proposed route through the Red Oaks Estate Development. I welcome your comments/thoughts on what I have mentioned here.

Please submit comments by August 29, 2008 to:

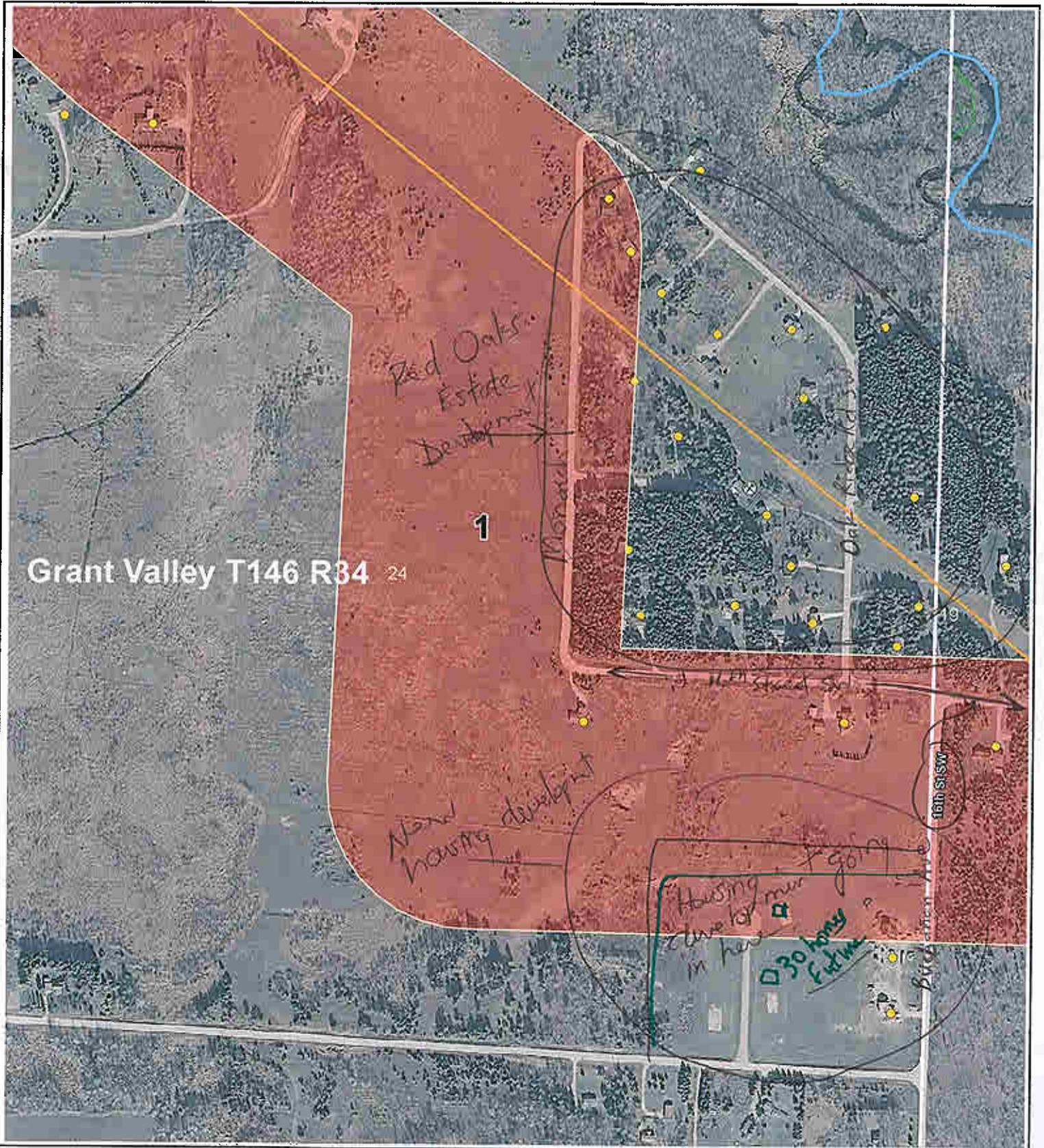
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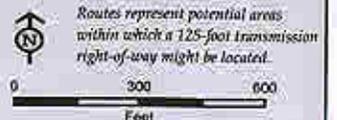
Mark Studer

By the way - the map incorrectly shows the location of 16th Street SW. I have noted the corrections on the



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From: [Sue Sveine](#)
To: Suzanne.Steinhauer@state.mn.us;
Subject: Opposed to North Macrocorridor
Date: Tuesday, September 30, 2008 10:54:29 AM

Suzanne,

I am opposed to the North Macrocorridor of the Bemidji-Grand Rapids 230 Kilovolt Transmission Line. It appears that this route will run right through our property on the Mississippi River. Our home is located 1/2 mile from the Ottertail Power Dam on Highway 12. The private road "Old Crossing Trail" (where our home is located) follows the river downstream of Highway 12. The map I was sent shows the "blue line" on top of our property. There are seven neighbors that live on the Old Crossing Trail that would be affected. Please reconsider this route.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Sveine
1242 Old Crossing Trail NE
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