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Comment:

As a citizen living a block from the Greenway who uses the bike path to commute to work during summer months and who works in the Phillips neighborhood and has seen firsthand the improvements to the neighborhood with the development of the Greenway and the Midtown Commons, I believe the routing of Overhead lines of 115 kV high voltage would impact negatively the gains that have recently been made. The Phillips neighborhood has suffered greatly over the years as a result of decisions on routing of freeways, the existence of a pesticide

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manufacturing facility, and other developments that have degraded the strength of the community. The Greenway is a gem that is the pride of the City of Mpls and encourages businesses to develop along its route. Choosing the cheapest and most direct route for this type of power line is short-sighted and lacks the larger vision of improving life in the metro area that was always a part of the park system into which the Greenway feeds.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement does not weigh these concerns enough against a quick fix to the community and beyond's burgeoning energy usage. More needs to be done to explore and encourage energy savings by businesses and homes drawing on the voltage lines and proposed substation before an existing green space of which there are so few in the area is destroyed.

The DEIS also did not study the impacts of graffiti and the destruction of extensive landscaping that would occur if the substation and substantial power lines were placed along the Greenway.