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To: Storm, Bill (COMM);
Subject: Hiawatha Project Xcel HVTL line draft EIS
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Dear Mr. Storm,

I was sorry I was unable to attend the public comment meeting last week on the Xcel Energy Hiawatha HVTL line EIS draft. As a resident of the Seward neighborhood who lives three blocks from the Midtown Greenway, I wish to comment. At present, after years of hard work and devoted planning on the part of many people, the Midtown Greenway is a much used and much beloved green landscape alternative commuting, and recreationaly asset in a part of Minneapolis that has been previously prone to urban blight. Placing above ground wires would be unsightly and take the Greenway back to a sense of being part of an industrial wasteland. The ill-effect this would have on the "feel" of the Greenway cannot be overstated -- it would be a disaster. In addition, the Hiawatha substation would consume what is now a lovely area of urban greenery in a part of the city that needs more, not less, areas of beauty and greenscaping. Please include these perspectives in your EIS.

Sincerely,
Winston Cavert, MD