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Project Name: Xcel Energy Hiawatha 115 kV Transmission Line Project

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Impact: The Midtown Greenway is a beautiful urban bike and pedestrian thoroughfare that encourages healthy lifestyles, family time, alternative forms of transportation (thus helping to SAVE the environment), and a sense of community. Why are we allowing Xcel to destroy this peaceful community asset?

1. I am not interested in an ugly substation - instead of beautiful greenspace - between Portland and Oakland Avenues. This will lower property values and hamper the positive gentrification that this neighborhood is starting to experience.

2. This will most likely increase criminal activity - such as vandalism (grafitti) and other disturbances in the neighborhood.

3. What are the health concerns for the residents of the neighborhood? This is a HIGHLY populated area - are we really saying that these peoples' health and well-being is not important? Are we saying that a need for MORE POWER instead of CONSERVATION OF POWER trumps peoples' HEALTH????

4. Why is it that we can put ugly and unsafe electrical apparatus in poor

neighborhoods (Phillips) but not in wealthy neighborhoods? Are rich people more valuable?????

5. Please do NOT allow Xcel to put up overhead power lines along the Midtown Greenway. What a waste of space such a wonderful resource will become.

Mitigation: Underground is better than aboveground.

Smartgrids and encouraged energy conservation are our future -- NOT more power lines.

Green spaces make Minneapolis a place people want to live and work. More power lines along green spaces make people leave our community.

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