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Project Name= Xcel Energy Hiawatha 115 kV Transmission Line Project

Docket number= E002/TL-09-38

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Impact: = Dear fellow Minnesotans,
I am extremely concerned with Excel Energy's proposal to string High Voltage Transmission lines along the midtown greenway corridor. I am an electrician by trade and so appreciate the need for a reliable and high flow power source for businesses and residences. However, the fact that Excel's only semi-realistic option is to carry these lines through a highly populated and highly valuable piece of urban real estate is extremely troubling.

It is obvious that the project would have a profound and negative impact on the future development of the Greenway, which is one of only a few urban corridors, which could house future mass transit that were not utterly destroyed by freeways and other developments. Businesses and real estate gains that have been made near lake would also be severely impacted by the proposed installation. There is a real concern that HVTL's have deadly long-term health consequences for those who live near them. People do not want to buy houses near them or run businesses near them.

What is not so obvious is that this could set a precedent for future power lines. If Excel is not willing to even discuss safer options, we have no options. Burying the lines in shielded conduit is one option, but that would also compromise development of the Greenway. What are the other options that Excel is not giving us? Can we allow a company's profit margins to engineer our cities and neighborhoods?

I urge that we require Excel to submit other options or consider other options that we propose. Stringing HVTLs around any residential neighborhood in this city is not a realistic option.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Garrett Ferderber

Mitigation = *Reduced and distributed generation must be considered as an alternative to the Hiawatha power lines.

*Lines must go underground, with costs borne by Xcel Energy, not by the City of Minneapolis.

*The community must decide where the substations go, and impacts of substations on visual quality and future development must be mitigated.

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