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COMMENTS ON DEIS

I feel like this process has been well executed and people are very accessible for questions. The DEIS explained most concerns and questions regarding the Hiawatha project.

However, as a resident of East Phillips Neighborhood I am still very concerned about the potential impacts of overhead high voltage lines dissecting my neighborhood. At the public comment meeting I was disappointed more people from my neighborhood were not able to attend. Despite this I know the overwhelming consensus is to bury the lines. I can't help but think if this project were proposed for a more affluent neighborhood the only option would be to bury the lines. And, the four years I have lived here (27th Street and 18th Avenue) I have never had a brown out. If the power demand is for south of Lake St. the lines should be south of Lake St..

My concerns include: compromised health from high voltage lines, aesthetics of my neighborhood and the Greenway, noise from the lines, decreased business on Lake Street, lowered property values in an already depressed area, not to mention the impact to the historical sites on the route.

A voice representing 18th Avenue South demands the lines to be buried!

MITIGATION

The answer is simple, bury the lines.