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Impact: The DEIS woefully underestimates the impact of option A (aboveground line along the Greenway). The Greenway is a linear park. A powerline of this size would not be considered around the Lakes or in other parks, and should not be considered along the Greenway. It would seriously diminish the aesthetic value of the space -- which is a valuable community asset.

The Greenway is also the location of future residential, commercial, and light industrial development. The powerline and transfer stations would substantially reduce the value and desirability of these areas for development. These impacts should be considered.

The cost of the various options should include the cost of maintenance. This would likely reduce the cost difference between the above-ground and belowground options. This is a more fair way to assess oost-benefits.

Mitigation: The belowground option is far preferable in an urban environment, and especially in this part of the city.

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