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Project Name: Xcel Energy Hiawatha 115 kV Transmission Line Project

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Impact: I live half a block from the proposed route of the overhead transmission lines. I do not feel that the DEIS adequately addresses the seriousness of potential health effects of EMFs from the power lines. Although causation can not be proven beyond a doubt, there is strong enough correlation with serious negative health impacts on children to justify precautions being taken when routing lines through neighborhoods. My fiance and I are proud to have made Phillips our home, and as we look towards having a child and raising a family, we will not choose to raise that child in a dangerous, potentially cancerous environment. Phillips is a diverse community with many young families who can not afford to move elsewhere, Xcel bears responsibility for being sensitive to the needs of the community when determining how to plan it's projects.

The DEIS also does not adequately take into account the uniqueness of the Midtown Greenway as a space for safe alternative transportation and urban greenery. The proposed project will have a strong negative impact on the Greenway aesthetically, environmentally and practically. The siting of the substantion on the newly planted green space at the Hiawatha end of the Greenway should be rejected.

Mitigation: The overhead power line option must be eliminated from consideration. Burying of the lines along the proposed route is a minimally acceptable mitigation and it is good that the DEIS recognized this option as preferable.

However, a wider range of mitigating factors should be taken seriously and explored as alternatives to the project as proposed. Utilization of alternative methods of generating energy such as solar panels throughout the neighborhood, smart use of energy conservation methods, and a more decentralized distribution grid are essential mitigating factors to take into consideration. If creative alternatives can solve the problem of the need for greater energy distribution and generation without the extremely damaging negative impacts on the community and environment, these must be considered and implemented.

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This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

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