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Project Name: Xcel Energy Hiawatha 115 kV Transmission Line Project

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Impact: In section 5.5 of the EIS covering Social Justice, the document provides demographic data for the impacted area. The EIS does not mention how this project compares with similar projects in areas of Minnesota that are at or below the state average for poverty, English-profiency, and minority populations. Generally people living in areas without those characteristics have more choice and more power to control where they live and whether they can CHOOSE to live next to a power line. Further, Xcel may be less motivated to choose the cheapest option (above ground substations, above ground lines) for installing High Voltage Transmission Lines in other areas where the residents form a different demographic composite. Please provide comparative information between this project, other High Voltage Transmission Lines in urban neighborhoods, and other projects in non-urban neighborhoods so that the public can determine whether or not the proposed Hiawatha project is "fair" compared to other similar projects.

Mitigation: The line and the substation(s) should be placed underground, regardless of the cost, because above ground facilities create a negative affect on the community that would be intolerable in a more affluent area.

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

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