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Project Name: Xcel Energy Hiawatha 115 kV Transmission Line Project

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Impact: It seems to me that this project is just another in the long list of projects that try to take advantage of the somewhat disadvantaged Phillips neighborhood to the benefit of it's more advantaged neighbors. This is an unfortunately nagging problem which does nothing to help the community's revival and exhausts it's residents. The impact statement pays mere lip service to the potential community impact during the eventual construction and implementation of these lines. Major overhead power lines such as the proposed doom the surrounding areas to secondary status and promote concentrated blight- a kick in the face to an area on the upswing. Given the very recent major construction on Lake St., it seems that another of the project's issues is with timing. A better relationship with the city could have prevented such prolonged reconstruction for local residents and would have been a case study on efficiently executed city planning.

Mitigation: The best option to mitigate the long-term community impact from this project would be to bury the lines. Keeping these lines out of sight is single greatest consideration regarding the continued vitality of the effected neighborhoods.

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

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