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Mr Storm: I am writing to voice our opposition to the proposed Number 1 Route for the power line to the Essar Steel Project. I own property adjoining this proposed route and my 78 year old widowed mother will end up with this in her back yard. My family has owned this property for several decades. I have hunted and trapped the length of this proposed route for 50 years. This power line will destroy miles of wetlands, much of it crossing open water beaver ponds which will be lost forever.
It is important to note that this route will affect many more residential property owners than the 1A route. It will dominate the skyline for numerous small hobby farms and devalue larger farms. It is important to note that projects like this not only destroy wetlands and fragment wildlife habitat, they literally go through people's lives.
When any power line is sited, it should be a priority to affect the fewest possible land owners even if it not the lowest cost especially when the main beneficiary is a foreign company.Thank you for your attention.Ed Stish