Top reasons to keep capx2020 high power lines off our & all private owned farm land

1. Expansion is continuous, we are being limited to building purposes, times are always changing, and we are always making improvements.
2. Limited use of land under the power line. Pastures, trees, crops, building… the list goes on.
3. Resale value of our land.
4. Inconvenient, working our land, its very time consuming to drive around a post every time you are in the field. This can be more then 7 times every year!
5. Soil, what condition will it be in after the post are put in.
6. Crops, we have spend time and money putting crops in and that will all be put to the wayside if you put up the post after crops are planted in the spring.
7. Height, the higher the better, there may be a time when we need to move a bin or building, we have large equipment, it needs to be high and flow with the land. We don't want it to be lower on a hill, we live on a hill.
8. Sky line, we have airplanes that spray our fields, this is most inconvenient to them to do there job properly. We fly around the farm at times with our crop consultant to view our fields. We have neighbors who own and fly planes.
9. Taxes, we have agricultural land and green acres. We don't need extra taxes because of industrial lines on our land. Our neighbor owns a cell phone tower and is taxed more for his land, because its now considered industrial.
10. Future generations, they need to know they are appreciated too, they need to be composited.
11. Noise, we don't like the noise of your power line. Keep it by other industries. We feel the I-94 route is best.
12. Health, human and farm animals, & wild life are being at risk with the high voltage. Stray voltage is a fear.
13. Living conditions, we are living and working around the power line 24 hours a day, everyday, for years and years and years to come. We don't like the thought of being exposed to high power lines 24-7.
14. Cost, it cost you more to move it off I94, onto our land and to pay us.
15. View, its ugly, unnatural looking

We live in Tile H-8 section 8.
Sincerely,
Carrie Kerfeld
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To whom it may concern:

July 25, 2008

I am writing about the project on the high power line "CapX 2020". I have went to your two recent meeting held in the Melrose area. I hope that you will look at this project closer to see if you can eliminate going over farm land. We are scared of the consequences, the noise, the threats it entitles, the beauty it may kill around it, if it be the birds, animals or people. We enjoy pure nature, the beauty of the skies, land and sounds. It looks like it will be affecting us dramatically - Cutting the trees down, ruining homes, lakes and pastures (shelter for our cows and other animals). We chose to live on a farm in the country to hear and see the land and to take care of it for future generations.

If you choose to go through farm land, do you think our land will be worth as much with these power lines? We need to consider the future generations on this land, such as a loan on the land with rental payments, free electricity or get paid a certain % for each post on their land per month now and generations to come. We need to have a contract; we need it in writing for every acre it affects, post or no post. Year after year, we need to know we are appreciated in having this on our land.

I would like you to challenge this group to go to schools on this route and have a question/answer time. Also challenge this group to go to the extension office to get a list of farmers who are willing to give tours of their farms. More young families are health conscience, doing preventive health. Companies like this need to help support healthy ways of living.

If it comes by our place we will have personal contact with it 24 hours a day. I am a stay at home Mom of 5 children, school age and younger. We're here all the time. Our future generation will be here and possibly die here - which is true for many farmers.

I would like to give you a taste of what it would be like for CapX 2020 going through our land and possible farmstead. Depending on what time of year it will be put up, it will affects us differently. If it is being put up in the Spring, they will use X amount of acres for their equipment. We won't be able to seed that part of the land that year - we will have lost that amount of grain for our cows. Then you take the summer, we'll have spend hours upon hours buying seed, working the fields 2 times, sowing the seed, picking rocks, fertilizer, spraying up to 2-3 times for weeds and bugs. The poles get put up and all this time, acres of crop will be lost, money and effort gets thrown to the wayside. Winter would of course be the best, but a farmer has to wonder what kind of top soil will be left for us to farm on. We farm miles of land along Co. Rd. 17 so we will be dealing with a many power line post. Another thing what if the cows have new issues that come up, we have to hire people to figure out the problem that we never had before. Per acre farmers use less electricity then a city of houses so why dump this on us.

Please reconsider, find another way so it doesn't drag across the state and onto precious farm land. Stay on the I-94 route, town people can move easier then a farmer and most will only be around the high power line for a third or half the time.

Thank You,
Sincerely,

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