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David,

I am a concerned land owner that may be directly affected by the "Preferred and Alternate Route A" proposed by CAPX2020.

Let me begin by stating that I am not opposed to upgrading our energy system. I am all for it. I just can't understand how this route can even be considered. Due to MN Statue 216E.03.....first consideration of existing corridors (like I-94). It is good enough to run along I 94 the whole way untill Freeport (direct route) and then go odly all over the place to avoid what? St. John's property? It appears to me it directly affects more homes and property with this North route than along the Freeway.

Lets do things in this state that make sense. As I will have to pay for this diversion in the future on my energy bills because it will cost much more for this diversion of lines.

When someone purchased property by I-94, the corridor was already there and as a home owner you new of it's potential for expansion or changes to landscape. The negative effect of the value of the property has already been absorbed.

I own 22 acres, and at my own cost I do my best to increase the habitat for wildlife in MN. Every year I purchase trees and spend considerable time working on my property. Small plots of wooded land by cities are not as common as they used to be. Why must we continue to destroy these small plots when there is an alternative to doing so.

It seems to me CAPX2020 is looking for the path of least resistance (by people) not the path of least effect of people. I 94 makes sense, lets do things in this state that make sense for the people and the land.

I would appreciate a response to this letter and like to hear your view on this issue.

Thank you,

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