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SUBJECT: TL-09-1056 (Fargo to St. Cloud 345 kV Transmission Line Project)

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Dear David Birkholz:

Please consider the following comments and share them with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

As a recently widowed and a retired person, I am very concerned about my property and re-sale value of my home. My home is very important to me as a part of my retirement and I do not need a home that is worth less in an already depressed economy.

I am also concerned about the stray voltage and electromagnetic fields that may cause me harm, not to mention the humming sound that these types of transmission lines create. This will ruin the beautiful and peaceful home that I have today and enjoy very much.

When it comes time for me to sell my home it will be extremely difficult sell to a family as no one will want to have a home that has a transmission line right in the back yard due to heath risks and not to mention the transmission line being unsightly.

What happened to the plan to follow Highway 94? Also, why is this not being put in a less populated area or even underground?

In closing, if the transmission line goes in as planned, I will not be able to sell my home at a fair market price, nor will a young family purchase due to the heath risks. The sale of my home was to be apart of my long term retirement and if this goes through – it will not!

Sincerely,

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