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The Holmes City Township Board has been at many long range planning meetings regarding the route of the 345 kv Tranmission Line Project. When reviewing the proposed routes for this line we recommend the "preferred route" along I-94. By using the I-94 route we believe it will bring the power closer to where the power is needed.

Our comments on the "alternate route" are as follows:

1. Agricultural land needs to be protected. Placing large power lines across open fields creates several problems navigating the poles with today's farm equipment.
2. Agriculture has changed. Today's farming relies on the use of GPS for many of the operations and there is conceren that a large line will make its use unreliable.
3. Following the edge of fields would be less damageing to farming operations.
4. The "alternate route" has many proposed 90 degree corners which tends to produce more stray voltage.
5. Avoid stair stepping if at all possible and provide more flexiblity than the 1500 feet so that the line can be placed along property lines to avoid crossing open fields.

On Map 15, the alternate route is on the Pope-Douglas County line and we would suggest that the line continue along the county line until it reaches Douglas County Highway #21, thereby elimateing several of the 90 degree corners.

Thank you for your consideration of the above suggestions. The Holmes City Township Board

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