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We have just learned that the preferred and alternate routing of the Cap X 2020 Fargo to St. Cloud 345 kV Transmission line is planned to run
behind our house and we have a few comments we would like for you to consider.

We believe Minnesota has a statute in place that requires new utility routes to use an existing right of way. There is such a right of way on
Stearns County Roads 2, 4 and 133 that would not need to impact private property. We understand that once a utility corridor is established
we can expect other utilities to be allowed to use it. We question why you don't use the currently established corridor rather than creating
a new one at additional expense and also disruption of property owners. We also question what caused you to abandon the I-94 route.

We are very concerned about the health risks associated with stray voltage. We don't believe Xcel Energy would have any motivation to
monitor those levels once the power line is established and those of us living by the line would be left unprotected from those risks.

Of course we are also concerned about the reduced value of our property and the impact a high voltage line would have on our ability to
sell our home in the future. Even if we are compensated in this depressed market it wouldn't be a true value of future worth when the market
recovers. The constant hum and the appearance of the line would certainly not be a positive selling point.

In conclusion, we are opposed to the high voltage power line crossing our property when there is already an established route available.

Thank you for considering these comments and please keep us informed as the commission continues it's review process.

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