I am writing this letter in regard to the capa X project, (Docket number “TL-09-1056") When I was in grade school I took a bus ride on a class trip to Fisher Hill, The teacher told us this area was where the northern glasser had stopped thousands of years ago, this is very apparent to see all the rolling hills north of fisher hill, and all the flat land south of fisher hill! This is a land mark! I was always drawn to that area, when I had a chance in 1994 to buy property west of the hill I did, even though the average acre of land sold for a thousand less I paid the price, to be out in this beautiful country, My American Dream! My Horse Hobby Farm!

A few years ago stearns electric notified me they wanted to put a sub station in my plot, I went to every meeting and finally to the stearns county commissioner meeting, Where commissioner Rosie Arnold (GOD REST HER SOUL) stood up for me and helped me stop the sub station from going into my plot.(This was a governing body that said NO to a sub station on my land) Shortly after that with no notification to me REA started building a sub station next to my plat,(I am within 1000 ft of that sub station) That is why I feel that when a utility company wants some thing they will do what ever it take legal or not!

That takes me to the point of security! In the first meetings I went to on the sub station REA stated a sub station will not change anything in my neighborhood, but it did. There are cars parked at the sub station all the time, also behind the sub station. Several times for a year I complained to REA with no action taken! Finally after coming home from work I saw a van behind the sub station in the wood line, I got my binoculars walked to the edge of my property and as I looked at him he saw me, and he bolted, My neighbors little girls were riding there bikes on there drive way at that time directly between us! (Make your conclusion) I notified REA on what I saw They proceeded to put up 2-small garage sale size signs (NO TRESPASSING) whoopy they protected my neighborhood!

Utilities dump there equipment and leave us to deal with problems (THAT SUB STATION DRIVE WAY SHOULD BE FENCED OFF) This leads me back to the power line once that line is put in, who is going to keep the 4-wheelers and snowmobiles off the farm land? 150 ft clear cut swat makes an alluring trail, My best friend owns 30 acres south of me he moved to New Mexico He asked me to keep people off his property I cant I put up a fence or gate they tear it down! There are no cops on 4- wheelers to stop them(SECURITY GONE)

I would now like to address this entire projects honesty ! Right out of the gate you Lie to the land owners by using the term 347 kv power line this term sounds better than (Three hundred forty seven thousand volts) How many land owners understand kv means thousand(probably none) I work with high voltage every day of my life and the average industrial machine runs on 460 volts, this can kill you instantly, You need to be honest and go back and tell ever one of the land owners how powerful this line actually is! I also work with magnetic fields every day, I do have unexplained health issues! That kind of power will kill birds, we have bald eagles, and a huge variety of birds in the area, The NSP lines near me hum constantly, I could not imagine walking out side on a warm summer night an instead of hearing frogs crocking I hear the buzz of a power line, I also have a good friend that power glides out hear IM sure he does not want to deal with those 150 ft poles either, 150 ft poles tend to attract lightning.

Now lets talk about TAXES this should be the biggest tax revolt stearns county has ever seen, When I contacted Dawn R SHULTZ from xcel about the value of my property in taxes during this review she said and I quote we have no concrete information as to the effects a potential transmission line has on property values of a general geographic area that is under

consideration during the state review process! IS xcel not in the business of putting up power lines? ANY company that installs or makes a product of any kind finds out who there clients are and how there product effects them, Xcel thinks because they are a utility they don't have to do a study on how it effects land owners, My taxes went up a large jump several years ago, I contacted my tax auditor and asked him why, he replied 3 homes in my area sold for more than there tax value, making my home worth more.and he said taxes are based on what you can sell your property for. Since I received my easement map my property is worth 0 I could not sell this if I wanted who would buy it with the possibility of a power line overhead I will fight my next tax statement,

I live next to a land mark, I am already within 1000 ft of a sub station, How much more should a land owner have to put up with before I glow green! The MN statute 216E.03 requires first consideration of potential routes that would use or parallel existing railroad & highway rights of way... such as the I-94 corridor, I was at the meeting on 1/21/10 at el paso in St JOE the people have spoken they do not want the poles threw there farm land, the one thing that both sides agreed on was in crucial areas along the merose/freeport to st cloud area was to go underground, we are your costumers, we are the owners, we supply your chubby little paychecks you take home ever week and we have spoken. Put the line back on I- 94

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