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Scott and I have worked very hard our entire lives to reach our dreams of the horse ranch we are currently at and plan on staying at the rest of our lives. We currently have a small power line running on our front property line boarding County Road 2. I can not stand the looks of this <u>small</u> power line running through our property. During the nice weather, when we are sitting out on our patio enjoying our hard work and finally relaxing, there is occasionally a loud noise that occurs from this current tiny power line. It sounds like a MILLION LOCUS are invading our privacy. I simply could not imagine what a monstrous power line plus additional utilities that would follow would do to our hard earned tranquility. We live out in the country to assure that these types of things would not happen to us. We could not phantom the thought of having to look at something so ungodly ugly as the proposed power lines each and every day for the rest of our lives. We are told that the reason for the power line to be moved from the I-94 corridor is because MNDOT does not want to disrupt the looks of the REST areas! Well I would rather that the people who are just driving through see a glimpse of those ugly power lines and poles, then people who live here having to see them every single day. The I-94 corridor is just that! Stick to the corridor, that area of tranquility has already been ruined with the noise of the constant traffic. So what if the new humming power lines are added there. They probably won't hear the humming over the traffic noise anyway!!! We have also heard of stray voltage horrors. Where the stray voltage is KILLING off livestock!!! We have five horses, and although, they might just be horses to YOU!!!! They are LOVING members of our family that I will do <u>ANYTHING</u> for!
Keep the power lines on the right track – the I-94 corridor track!!!!! Where it belongs!!!!!
This was the original plan, and should be the <u>ONLY</u> allowable route – stick with it!

Even though it goes through the outskirts of St. John's. This area is already ruined!!!! DO NOT ruin others!!!!

<u>SUGGESTION:</u>

TO HELP ALEVIATE ALL OF THE NEGATIVITY OF THE PLACEMENT OF THIS POWER LINE –

I suggest that a ½ mile off each side of the power line, the entire way, that each residence (property owner) within that 1 mile width location receive FREE Electricity for the entire time that power line is there. This means that this benefit would be transferable to any new owner of said property. This would <u>help with the depreciation and re-sale value of the properties</u> that this power line will affect.

Then see who volunteers their property for placement of this power line!!!!
This option will give you a better outcome on people's disapprovals of the route! You might even get volunteers allowing you to run through their properties!

Scott and I will still <u>NOT</u> be one of them.