Birkholz, David (COMM)

From: Peisenschenk@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 12, 2009 11:31 AM
To: Birkholz, David (COMM)
Subject: Fargo to St. Cloud CapX2020

Greetings David,

My name is Paul Eisenschenk. I am the owner of Wobegon Development Group, Inc. We partner with land owners who own land, are unfamiliar with the development process, and wish to develop their land.

We recently completed such a partnership project with Joseph and Janel Schiffler in the NE corner of Section 3 in Albany Township. It took us over 1 1/2 years to get through the permitting process. The seven lot plat named "Trestle Ridge Two" ("Trestle Ridge" was a one lot plat, eight total) was recorded at Stearns County late this summer. We are nearing completion of the road and lot improvements.

We have invested an enormous amount of time, effort and money into this residential real estate development. We have the potential and fully intend to develop up to seven more lots as "Trestle Ridge Phase III".

The Scifflers and us are extremely opposed to your "Preferred Route" for routing the CapX2020 345 kv transmission line east and west on 380th Street (the Albany/Krain Township line) and north and south on County Road 10. This line would be less than 1/4 mile from our new lots on both the north and east. We believe the existence of the transmission line would materially affect the value of our lots. We believe the existence of such transmission lines would cause unwanted visually pollution and are concerned about the risks of stray voltage and other health hazards to a densely populated rural development.

I have been very involved with developing property in and around Albany, MN. I have worked closely with the City of Albany, Albany Township, and Stearns County. In working with each local government, it is my belief that any future residential growth in the area will occur primarily on the north side of Interstate 94. I have been contacted by at least one additional land owner interested in developing their rural property with proximity of your Preferred Route.

We are extremely opposed to "Preferred Route" north of Albany as it exists today. We will do everything within our powers to block this from becoming the "Approved Route".

Please re-route the CapX2020 transmission line to an area where it won't negatively affect the future growth of the Albany community. "Alternate Route A" seems more sensible to me.

Please keep me informed of all future meetings, opportunities for input, and decisions regarding the CapX2020 route through this area.

Thank you,

Paul G. Eisenschenk
President - Wobegon Development Group, Inc.