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Regarding the Fargo to St. Cloud please include the following comments:

I feel that using a combination of the alternate route and the preferred route would best serve Minnesota. I feel that using the alternate route west of Alexandria would create a greater opportunity for Renewable Energy and Economic growth in **Rural** Minnesota. This would place the transmission line closer to a large group of both Community base and non-community based wind projects. Using the alternate route would reduce project costs. Reducing the cost of wind power in the Minnesota is good for both Minnesota rate payers and Rural Minnesota economic growth.

Transmission is now the single largest financial hurtle to renewable energy in Minnesota and since Minnesota residents will be impacted by this power line Minnesota residents should be given the first and best opportunity to reap the benefits of this transmission line. The alternate route would help all Minnesota Residents by generating and delivering renewable energy to Minnesota Residents that is generated in Minnesota. I feel that the MNPUC should weight future economic benefit to the State against one time cost of building the line in determining the line's routing. I also feel that the alternate route was engineered to be more expensive than the preferred route. I also feel to minimize impact to land owners and to the environment the transmission line should be engineered the follow existing transmission line corridors, Roads and Railroads.

Thank You
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