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David,
My husband and I are property owners on proposed Alternative Route A in Melrose Township.

We have been following this process closely and attended open house meetings in Melrose. We would like to express our support for the current preferred route, which runs parallel to I-94 in central Minnesota. There is also a power line similar to this one running along I-90 near Sioux Falls, SD which seems to be within the right of way of the highway without directly affecting local business and residential property owners.

At one of the local meetings we attended we learned how much more Alternative Route A would cost over the Preferred Route due to the many turns and corners required. It would seem more cost effective and practical to avoid that option.

In addition, this area of central Minnesota is economically supported by the many dairy farming operations that would be affected by the construction of a major power line of this nature. To conclude, we ask that you place this publicly utilized power line on already public-owned property where everyone can benefit from it just like they benefit from the use of I-94.

Thank you.

Rick & Deb Hoeschen