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Impact: I moved to the north shore of Pelican Lake in August of 2000 because I liked the scenery there. I have since grown to dislike the flashing red lights south of the lake near tower road. I'm told these violate federal regulations because they are not shielded from the residents view; they are supposed to be seen by aircraft, not residents. I wonder how much money a shield costs.

Now, the big govenment/big business planners of the CAPX2020 project have chosen a primary path that further erodes the natural beauty of the Pelican Lake area instead of following the more logical path along I-94 which has already tainted the beauty that was once there. I'm sure this primary path has been chosen to save a few dollars - as usual. I suspect a few dollars will be saved by not properly shielding the lights on these towers either. What else has been ignored to save some money? Health risks? The towers save money, a lot of money, as compared to the cost of trenching. Maybe trenching would be cheaper if the power company compensated every landowner whose property value falls because of the eyesore they have to live with 24/7/365.

Mitigation: In the CAPX2020 area from Freeport/Melrose to South St. Cloud, please consider the inclusion of Interstate 94 as an alternate route, with slight detours and possible short-distance undergrounding in high population density or problematic areas.

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This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

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