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To: Birkholz, David (COMM)
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Mr. David Birkholz,

I am writing about the 345 Kilovolt High Voltage Transmission Line Project from Fargo to St. Cloud. I have studied the proposed routes and am in support of using the Preferred Route for this project. I am opposed to using the Preferred Alternate Route for this project.

The main reason I am opposed to using the Preferred Alternate Route is because of the destruction of trees that will take place along Interstate 94 in order to build the path for the lines. Trees are a precious natural resource that we must protect and preserve. Trees provide homes for wildlife, oxygen for the air, and beauty in all seasons. Taking away the trees would destroy the view for many travelers who enjoy their beauty on their drive.

Another reason I am opposed to using the Preferred Alternate Route is because of the land use it would destroy along Interstate 94. My parents, Ken and Linda Eikmeier, own 11 1/2 acres across from their home along the Interstate. Back in 1976, they lost four to six acres of their land in order for the Interstate to be built. They had no choice in where the Interstate would be built. Their lives were interrupted with the building of the highway, causing them to lose the road to easily access land to the west and causing them to have a new well drilled for water. Even more importantly, their air quality was forever changed with a noisy, busy, four-lane road protruding through their land only a short distance away from their home. They lost their land. They should not have to give up their land once again to have trees cut down, destroying this natural noise buffer from the Interstate.

I urge you to strongly support the Preferred Route as the path for this new transmission line. Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,
Brenda Eikmeier Werwie