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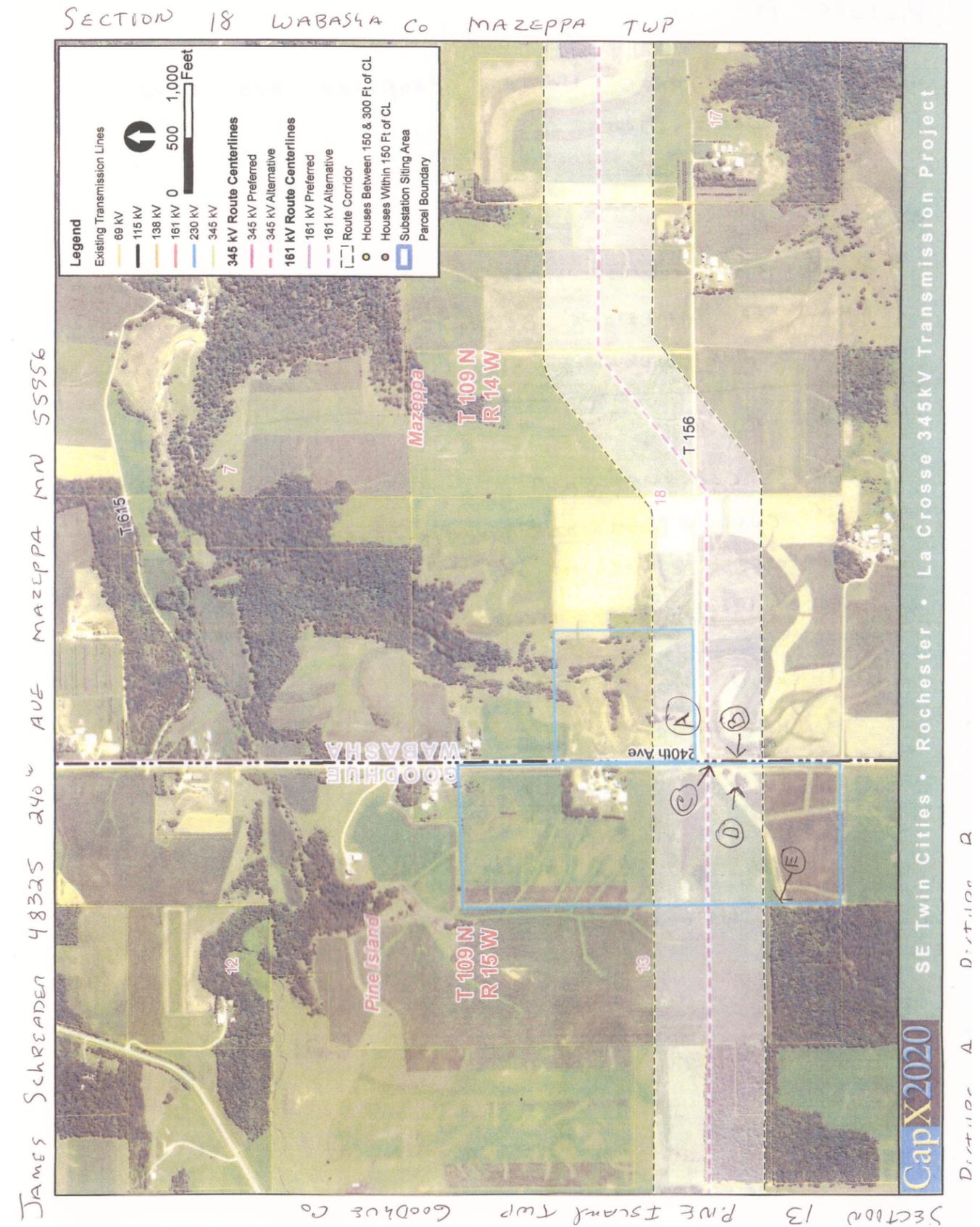
JAMES / JEANNE SCHREADER
48335 340th AVE
MAZEPPA MN 55956



PICTURE A

PICTURE B





PICTURE A

CATTLE PASTURED UNDER PROPOSED 345 LINE
BRED BEEF COWS
ELECTRIC FENCE

PICTURE B

ROAD BANK WEST SIDE OF COUNTY RD 1 / 240th AVE
FRACTURED LIMESTONE BEDROCK
REASON FOR SINKHOLES

PICTURE C

WEST LOOKING EAST
6' CULVERT UNDER CO. RD 1 / 240th AVE
PROPOSED CROSSING AT A WATERWAY
HOW WOULD THEY ACCESS RIGHT OF WAY?

PICTURE D

2 PREMATURE BABIES BURIED IN PINE TREES

E

SURFACE WATER RUNNING OUT OF WOODS
SPRING ●
TILE LINE CARRIES IT TO # 1

194A.

The comment is part of the record in this matter by its inclusion in the EIS, and will be submitted to the OAH and Commission for consideration.

Langan, Matthew (COMM)

From: Bill Schulz [scr@sleepyeyetel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 9:08 PM
To: Langan, Matthew (COMM)
Subject: Cap x Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse Transmission Line Project

Good afternoon Matt,

I attended the meeting in Pine Island this afternoon regarding the Cap x 2020 Project as a concerned landowner of approximately 195 acres in the W1/2 of Section 8, of Pine Island Township, hereafter referred to as the "Schulz Property". Said Schulz Property is directly East of the proposed North Rochester Substation (N) location. I own and operate Schulz and Company Realty and have been in the real estate business for 40 years, specializing in Goodhue County land sales. My initial investment in the Schulz Property was and continues to be strictly for it's development potential due to it's location along the Hwy.#52 and Hwy. #60 interchange lying between Rochester and the Twin Cities. My development decisions for the Schulz Property have been on hold sever since the Cap x 2020 project became public. The final location of the North Rochester Substation and transmission line has the capability of destroying the developmental value of the Schulz Property. Due to the high cost of building new interchanges, lack of available interchanges along the Hwy. 52 Corridor, and MNDOT potentially making Hwy. 52 an interstate highway in the future, all should encourage everyone to protect and encourage future development along existing interchanges such as the Schulz Property. Therefore, I ask that both the North Rochester Substation and the transmission line be located completely out of sight at a distance the further the better from the Schulz Property.

Sincerely,

Bill Schulz 4/13/2011

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195A.

See Section 7.2 of the EIS.

195B.

Your objection/preference of the specified route is noted. The comment is part of the record in this matter by its inclusion in the EIS, and will be submitted to the OAH and Commission for consideration.

Apr. 8. 2011 8:04AM

No. 4088 P. 1

SCHUMACHER EXCAVATING INC
50 WARREN AVE
ZUMBROTA, MN 55992
PHONE: 507-732-5048
FAX: 507-732-7987

4/8/2011

Subject: Docket No. TL-09-1448
Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV Trans. System Improv. Project

Stephanie,

We would like to take this opportunity to address our concerns in regards to the proposed location of the Transmission System. This proposed location would place the project on the boundaries of our property, which is a fully operational commercial mining facility that has been in use for over 75 years. Routing the system through this area would create some serious potential conflicts for the functions of our facility; especially as it continues to expand. We would like to request that this portion of the location plan be altered to a more suitable area that will not conflict with an established commercial operation. We will be following the progress of this review process and hope that a more acceptable alternative will be utilized. Thank you for your time and we will be in contact in the future.

Allan Schumacher

Schumacher Excavating Inc

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196A.

See Section 7.5.3 of the EIS.



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PUBLIC COMMENT SHEET

CapX Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse Transmission Line Project

PUC Docket Number: E002/TL-09-1448

Name: Lavonne Schutz Representing: Daryl & Lavonne Schutz Property
Address: 604 6th Ave SW, P.O. Box 222 Pine Island, MN 55963 Email: NONE

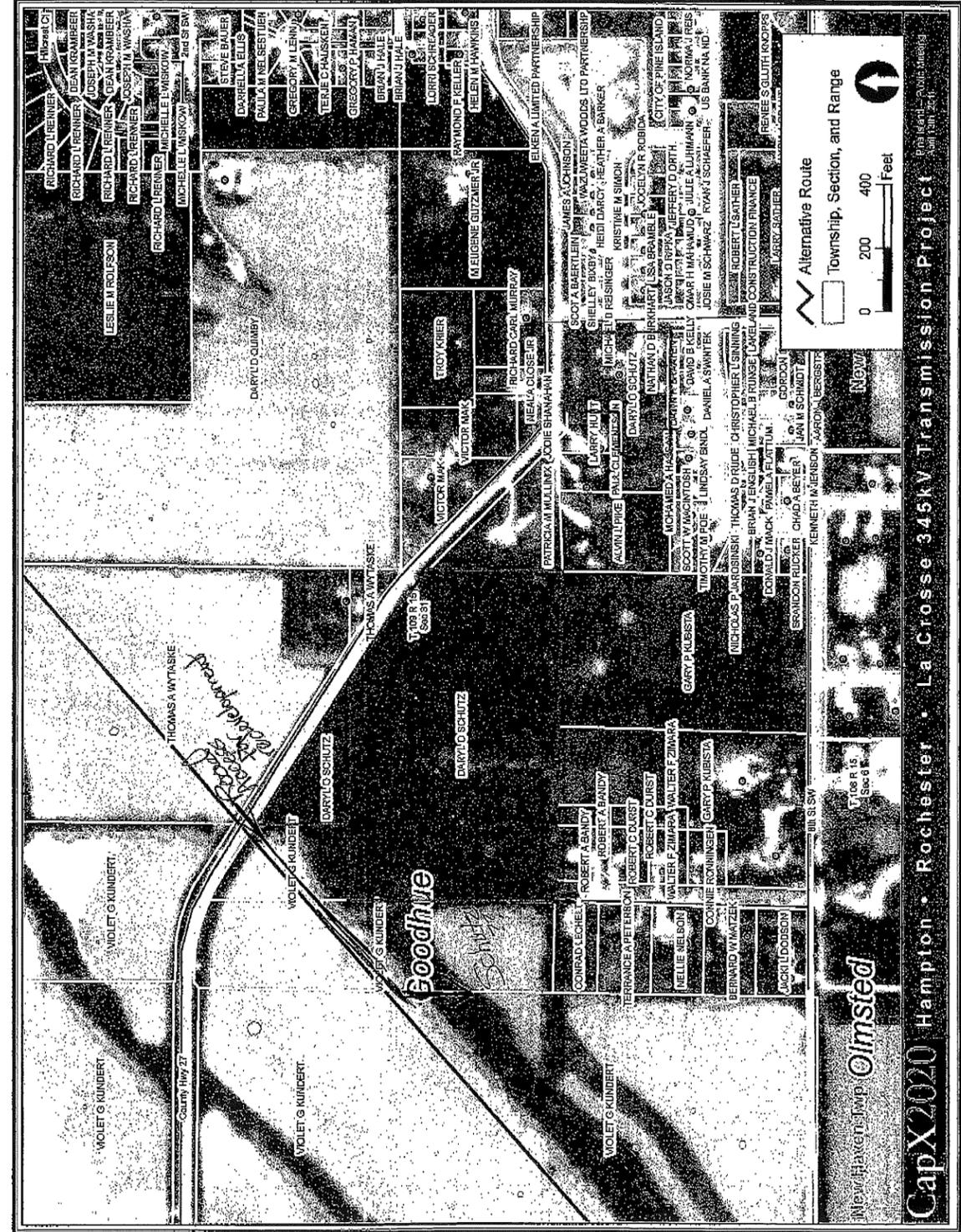
Comments:
We've invested money into this property & plan to sell it for redevelopment. So putting the CapX Transmission Line in will interfere with the road access that would need to be put in for redeveloping the property. As you can see by the map, regarding the Daryl Schutz property, it is located in the city limits & there are land developers interested in our property for redevelopment for building new homes. Please refer to the map where I noted the road access would need to be.
So please take a moment to reconsider this plan & look at other alternatives.

Please submit comments by **4:30pm, April 29, 2011** to:

Matthew Langan
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Suite 500
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198
Email: matthew.langan@state.mn.us
Phone: 651-296-2096
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APR-29-2011 FRI 04:03 PM THINK-WEST RIVER FAX No. 507 281 8400 P. 001



APR-29-2011 FRI 04:04 PM THINK-WEST RIVER FAX No. 507 281 8400 P. 002

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The comment is part of the record in this matter by its inclusion in the EIS, and will be submitted to the OAH and Commission for consideration.

Plainview Mn
April 10 - 2011

Dear Sir:

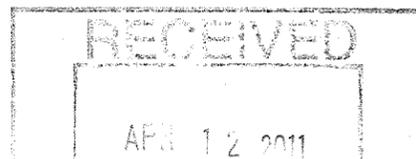
I am concerned about the wild life with this line going through my property.

There are eagles flying over and circling the pasture and creek every day.

They could be nesting there too as a lot of trees there. There also are wild turkeys and deer there.

Sincerely,

Ruth Seegerthal
810 2nd Ave NW apt 203
Plainview Mn 55964



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198A.

See Section 7.7 of the EIS.

198B.

Houses were added to the GIS shapefile and are shown in updated Appendix A maps and Table 8.1.4.3-1



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CapX Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse Transmission Line Project

PUC Docket Number: E002/TL-09-1448

Name: Bernie SHEEHAN Representing: SELF - Farmer

Address: 63041 CR 84 Kellogg MN 55945 Email: bt.sheehan@hotmail.com

Comments: Attached is a map showing an irrigator presently installed.

Also I have indicated future plans for more irrigators.

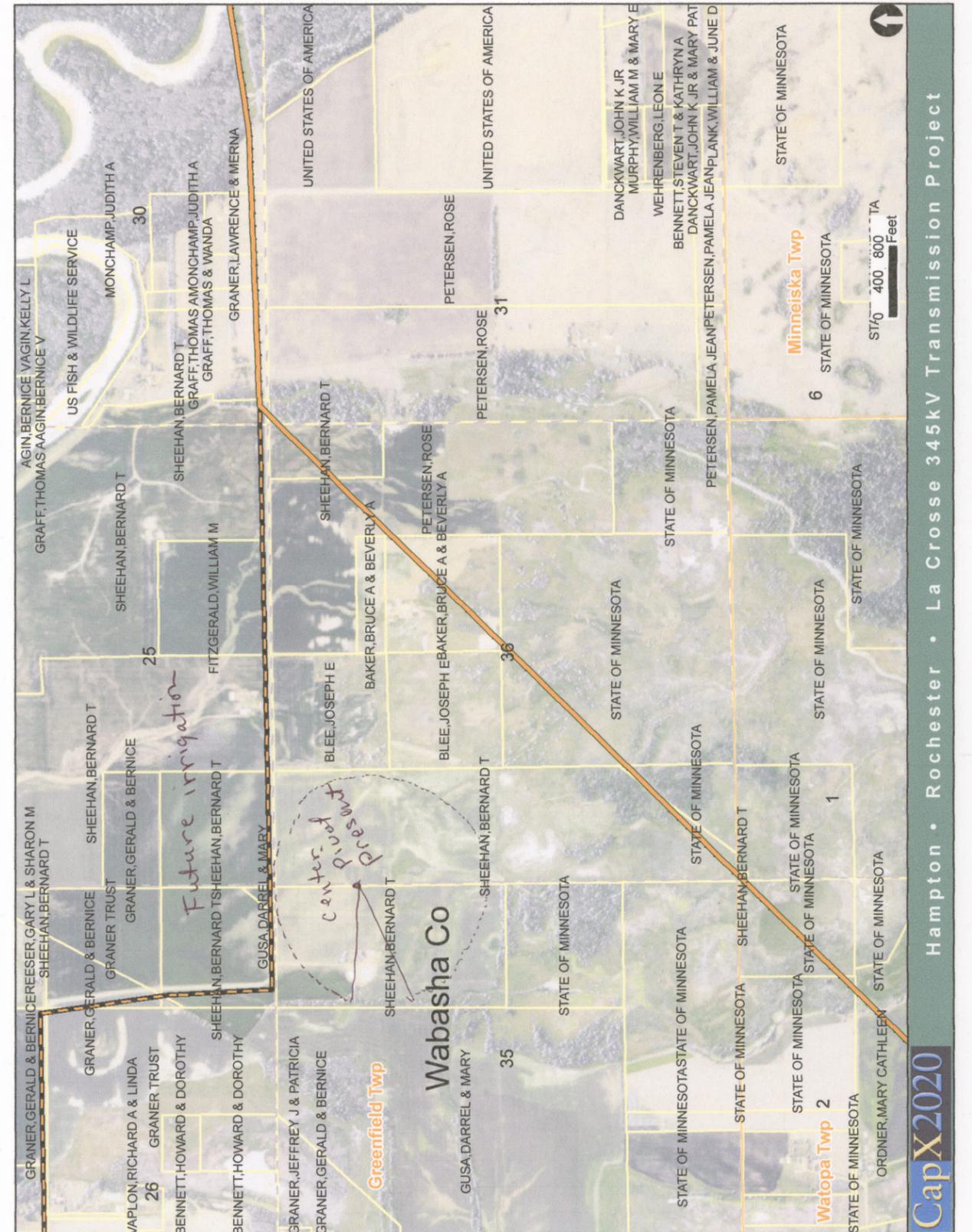
I appreciate if you would take these in consideration as you plan a route

Thanks
Bernie Sheehan

Please submit comments by 4:30pm, April 29, 2011 to:

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FEIS ID #199

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The location of the center pivot irrigation provided is noted but was not able to be confirmed during review of aerial imagery. Based on the location provided in the comment the center pivot irrigation is not located within the route width and would not be impacted by the proposed route. Impacts to center pivot irrigation are discussed in Sections 7.4 and 7.5 of the EIS.

Langan, Matthew (COMM)

From: apache@web.lmic.state.mn.us
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 1:44 PM
To: Langan, Matthew (COMM)
Subject: Smith Tue Apr 26 13:43:38 2011 E002/TL-09-1448

This public comment has been sent via the form at:
www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/publicComments.html

You are receiving it because you are listed as the contact for this project.

Project Name: Hampton to Rochester to La Crosse 345kV and 161kV Transmission Line

Docket number: E002/TL-09-1448

User Name: Heidi Smith

County: Olmsted County

City: Pine Island

Email: hjsmith@pitel.net

Phone: 507-356-2711

200A

Impact: In reference to PUC Docket E002 TL, Appendix A, Segment 2 Map NH5, 161kV route alternatives - I would like it to be noted that the two houses within 500 feet of the alternative route are on a private recreational lake. It is not listed as water, however we have 10 families that currently use the lake for water-skiing, swimming, fishing and other recreational purposes. The wildlife documented by residents include: loons, eagles, blue herons, American Pelicans, swans, various ducks and geese, turtles and pan fish (blue gill, crappie, walleye and small mouth bass). We have noted previously that a blue heron was found dead under the existing power line. We host water ski tournaments and public "learn to ski" days as well. Please change maps to show Trophy Lake as a private recreational lake.

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Mitigation:

Submission date: Tue Apr 26 13:43:38 2011

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

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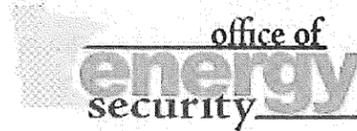
Andrew Koebrick
andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us

200A.

Your comment is noted and will be forwarded to the administrative law judge.

200B.

See Section 7.7 of the EIS.



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CapX Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse Transmission Line Project

PUC Docket Number: E002/TL-09-1448

Name: Gregory D. Soule Representing: _____

Address: 2915-345th Street, Dennison, MN Email: gsoule@bestlaw.com

Comments:

The proposed CapX route running along Highway 56 will seriously and adversely affect the adjoining Nansen Agricultural Historic District. See the attached report.

Please submit comments by 4:30pm, April 29, 2011 to:

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The Nansen Agricultural and Historic District is made up of 94 buildings and 43 structures within a 46,8434 acre area in Goodhue County in the vicinity of MN 56 and County Highways 14 and 49 in Holden Township. All historic buildings and structures within one half mile of the proposed routes, including buildings and structures that are part of the Nansen Agricultural and Historic District, have been identified in Sections 8.1.4.10, 8.2.4.10, and 8.3.4.10 of the EIS, and in Appendix G of the EIS. Please also see the updated text in Section 8.1.4.10 that has been revised to include a discussion of the Nansen Agricultural and Historic District.

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Langan, Matthew (COMM)

From: mikeesteffes@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, April 17, 2011 6:40 PM
To: Langan, Matthew (COMM)
Subject: Fwd: capx2020

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Dear Matthew Langan,
The email I just sent you contains a HUGE error: the last sentence should have read, DO NOT USE T109N-R13W!!!!!!!!!!!!!! This is the correct number for the north, alternative route. The T108N-R13W is the south, or preferred, route. This is the route I prefer.

-----Original Message-----

From: mikeesteffes <mikeesteffes@aol.com>
To: matthew.langan <matthew.langan@state.mn.us>
Sent: Sun, Apr 17, 2011 5:59 pm
Subject: capx2020

Dear Matthew Langan.

202B

I am Mike Steffes at 35044 568th street in Zumbro Township. I do not want capx2020 to use the north alternate route to the north of my house. I could suffer with the south route in Olmsted County instead. The south route is all farmland and a lot less houses. The north route is a bad idea. The north route by the city of Hammond is in the Richard J. Dorer Hardwood State Forest, which is celebrating 50 years by the state. There is presently the national symbol the Bald Eagle living in the Richard J. Dorer state forest among other birds and deer and wildlife. I watch the eagles out my patio window and if the powerline comes through it will wreck their habitat. By clear cutting a 150 foot swath under the powerline it will create erosion and ruin habitat for the eagles and wildlife. There is a MN DNR trout stream on my neighbors' property to my west and north. It is owned by Western Walls Inc.; Chuck Dewitz is part of this. The erosion caused by clear cutting this will ruin the trout stream. The south route or preferred route is a better choice. Wabasha county will not benefit from this powerline and Olmsted County will. So the powerline should be in the south route in Olmsted County which will benefit from this powerline. DO NOT USE T108N-R13W !!!!!!! Mistake!!!

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Thank You

MIKE E. STEFFES
35044 568th street

in ZUMBRO TOWNSHIP

202A.

Your objection/preference of the specified route is noted. The comment is part of the record in this matter by its inclusion in the EIS, and will be submitted to the OAH and Commission for consideration.

202B.

See Section 8.3.4.7 of the EIS.

202C.

See Section 7.7 of the EIS.

202D.

See Section 7.8 of the EIS.

Langan, Matthew (COMM)

From: Patricia Steffes [pats@zmsch.k12.mn.us]
Sent: Sunday, April 17, 2011 6:31 PM
To: Langan, Matthew (COMM)
Subject: Capx2020

Dear Matthew Langan,

I live at 35044 568th Street in Zumbro Township in Wabasha County. I have contacted the people involved with Capx2020 in the past and kept up with the barrage of information that is out there. My biggest concern is the damage the 354 kV powerline (with corresponding 150 foot clear-cut swath) will do to the environment surrounding the homes in the area. There are two proposed possible routes: one that goes to the north of my home and one that goes to the south. In my mind the choice is clear: the preferred south route is the one to take. It primarily invades farm land. The alternate route would travel through natural Bald Eagle habitat, as well as the Richard J. Dorer Hardwood State Forest. It would impact a trout stream and heavily damage the homes of a variety of wildlife that Southeast Minnesota has become famous for. While I actually would prefer neither route and would greatly approve of the line following Highway 52 south to Interstate 90, I find it ironic that some of the reason for NOT using that route has to do with preserving a wildlife facility closer to the river in LaCrosse. But it is okay to put it through the Dorer Hardwood Forest?

My second greatest concern is the impact of the EMFs created by that powerline. Many experts agree that electromagnetic fields are a threat to the health and well-being of all living creatures. And even the experts in other fields that minimize those dangers have openly admitted that they don't want a 345kV in THEIR back yard. I don't either. Please strongly consider putting the line to the south. Do not use the T109 N-R13 W !!!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
 Patricia H. Steffes

Patricia H. Steffes
 Art Instructor
 Zumbrota-Mazeppa Middle School
 507-843-2165

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Your objection/preference of the specified route is noted. The comment is part of the record in this matter by its inclusion in the EIS, and will be submitted to the OAH and Commission for consideration.

203B.

See Section 8.3.4.7 of the EIS.

203C.

See Section 7.7 of the EIS.

203D.

See Section 7.8 of the EIS.

203E.

See Section 7.1 of the EIS.

Langan, Matthew (COMM)

From: tesmer@sleepyeyetel.net
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2011 10:11 PM
To: Langan, Matthew (COMM)
Subject: MOES
Attachments: tesmer_half_treefarms[1].pdf

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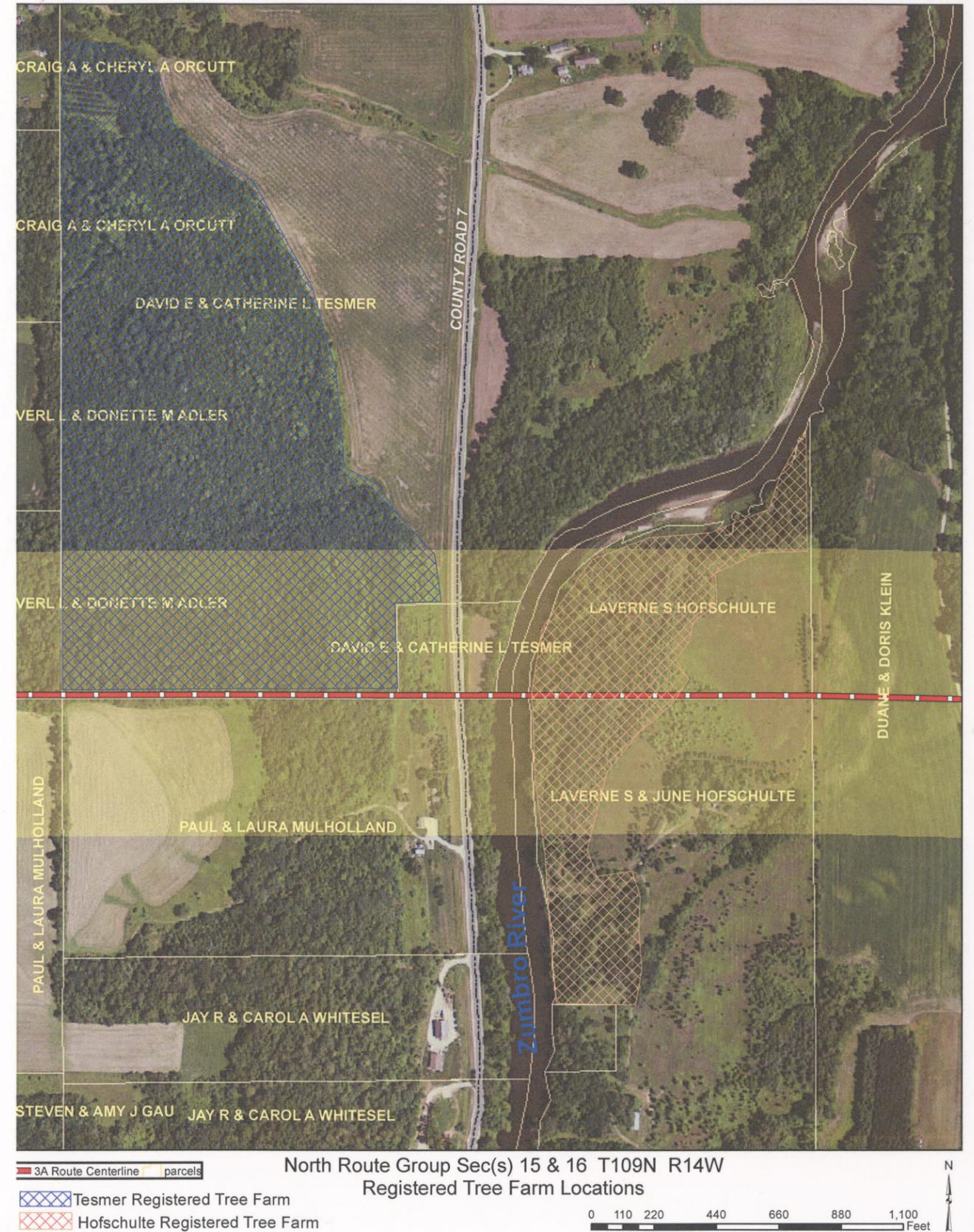
Would like to let it be known that the proposed northern route of the Hampton-Alma route cuts thru our registered tree farm (see attached map). We have significantly tried to improve the timberlands on our properties.

204B

This route would also make a new crossing of the Zumbro river which is a canoeing destination.

Thank you for being aware of our concern.

Catherine Tesmer
59928 Cty Rd 7
Zumbro Falls, MN 55991
507-843-4046



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204A.

Map 8.3-34 and Section 8.3.4.5 of the EIS have been updated to include this information.

204B.

Your objection/preference of the specified route is noted. The comment is part of the record in this matter by its inclusion in the EIS, and will be submitted to the OAH and Commission for consideration.

CRAIG & MARIE THEIN

April 20, 2011

Matt Langan, State Permit Manager
Office of Energy Security, MN Dept of Commerce
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St. Paul MN 55101-2198
Fax(651) 297-7891
Email: matthew.langan@state.mn.us

RE: "Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse Project", "PUC Docket No. E002/TL-09-1448" and "CapX Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345kV & 161kV Transmission Line Project."

Dear Matt,

My husband and I own a home on 18 acres adjacent to the "preferred" route of Segment 3 that extends from North Rochester Sub Station through Oronoco Township (portion 3P-001 to 010). Our legal property description is White Bridge Hills Subdivision, Block 1, Lot 12, Olmsted County.

We purchased the property in 2007 because of the beautiful natural resources of woodlands, bluffs, and water ways which sustain the high property values of the community. In 2009 we built our family home on the property and have spent significant resources to preserve the natural surroundings and enhance the property values of the community. If the proposed 345KV transmission lines are erected, not only would there be a negative impact on the mature forest surrounding us, it would significantly impact the property value of our home and that of our neighbors. Our community has the highest property tax base of the multiple route alternatives and a decision to use this route would cause the most financial hardship of the choices available.

We urge you to reevaluate this "preferred" route in light of the tremendous negative impact it would have on the natural, recreational, and property values in our community. Selecting a route that will impact the fewest amount of homes and minimize the human hardship is by far the preferred option to us.

Thank you for your time and understanding with this matter, and hope our comments are taken in to consideration.

Sincerely,

Marie Thein
White Bridge Hills Subdivision
Block 1, Lot 12

976 Gold Finch Lane NE • Rochester, MN • 55906
Phone: 507-753-4050 • Moreilly@m-m-services.com

205A.

The comment is part of the record in this matter by its inclusion in the EIS, and will be submitted to the OAH and Commission for consideration.

205B.

Avoiding areas with high property tax base has not, by itself, been a standard routing criteria. However, this information will be included in the hearing record for the OAH and Commission consideration.

205C.

Your objection/preference of the specified route is noted. The comment is part of the record in this matter by its inclusion in the EIS, and will be submitted to the OAH and Commission for consideration.

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Langan, Matthew (COMM)

From: JenniThein@aol.com
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2011 10:37 AM
To: Langan, Matthew (COMM)
Subject: DEIS -"Capx Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345kV& 161kV Transmission Line Project."

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Matt Langan, State Permit Manager
 Office of Energy Security, MN Dept of Commerce
 85 7th Place East, Suite 500
 St. Paul MN 55101-2198
 Fax(651) 297-7891
 Email:matthew.langan@state.mn.us

RE: DEIS - "PUC Docket No. E002/TL-09-1448" & "Capx Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345kV& 161kV Transmission Line Project."

Dear Matthew:

206A

I am writing to express my concerns that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement submitted regarding the North Rochester to Alma, WI portion of the CapX-2020 line did not adequately address impacts and affects to reasonably expected growth patterns in housing.

206B

It seems obvious that the existence of massive transmission lines will affect humans much more than trees, crops and wildlife. The "preferred route" (3P-001 to 3P-010) affects the most current homes and, although not properly accounted for, affects the most easily marketable developable land. The properties that it would "wreck" include many that fall along the "River Corridor" and along County Road 12 - where future homes would be built to serve the planned Elk Run development (where the State of Minnesota is spending millions of dollars on an interchange).

206C

The DEIS does not adequately address future development opportunities that will be lost due to installation of this transmission line on the 3P route. **I am firmly opposed to the "preferred route" (3P-001 to 3P-010 and do not feel that the DEIS adequately addresses the terrible impact it would have on many lives.** Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,
 Jenni Thein
 11032 Cedar Beach Dr. NW
 Oronoco, MN 55960
 507-367-2289
JenniThein@aol.com

206A.

The comment is part of the record in this matter by its inclusion in the EIS, and will be submitted to the OAH and Commission for consideration.

206B.

The research reviewed for the EIS does not support the conclusion that areas near a transmission line become "undevelopable." One study does indicate that high-voltage transmission lines may affect the resale value of luxury homes more than they affect middle-class tract housing. Overall, however, the research does not indicate a clear trend. For example, the statistical studies do not support the broad conclusion that transmission lines reduce property values more in suburban or semi-rural areas than they do on primarily agricultural areas. As summarized in Section 7.2, there are so many factors that affect property values that it is difficult to separate out the relatively small affect that transmission lines have compared to these other factors.

206C.

Your objection/preference of the specified route is noted. The comment is part of the record in this matter by its inclusion in the EIS, and will be submitted to the OAH and Commission for consideration.

Langan, Matthew (COMM)

From: cthein1@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 2:41 PM
To: Langan, Matthew (COMM)
Subject: Capx Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345kV& 161kV Transmission Line Project

Matthew Langan,

207A

My name is Craig Thein, and I reside in Oronoco township (976 Goldfinch Ln Ne Rochester, MN 55906). My family and I strongly urge you to remove our township as an option for the 345kV transmission line route. Having a transmission line of this magnitude through our township would destroy a community that has been steadily thriving. The financial impact will be severe or catastrophic on my family, neighbors and all residents of Oronoco township. If these transmission lines are to be installed, please choose wisely, a route that will harm the fewest amount of people both now and in the future. Oronoco township is not the right choice!

Sincerely,

Craig Thein
CThein1@aol.com
507-696-7191 cell

976 Goldfinch Lane Ne
Rochester, MN 55906

207A.

Your objection/preference of the specified route is noted. The comment is part of the record in this matter by its inclusion in the EIS, and will be submitted to the OAH and Commission for consideration.

Langan, Matthew (COMM)

From: apache@web.lmic.state.mn.us
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2011 9:40 PM
To: Langan, Matthew (COMM)
Subject: Thompson Thu Apr 28 21:40:26 2011 E002/TL-09-1448

This public comment has been sent via the form at:
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You are receiving it because you are listed as the contact for this project.

Project Name: Hampton to Rochester to La Crosse 345kV and 161kV Transmission Line

Docket number: E002/TL-09-1448

User Name: Michael Thompson

County:

City: Rochester

Email: scatteredacres1@aol.com

Phone: 507-951-5367

Impact: April 28, 2011 Mr. Matt Langan State Permit Manager Office of Energy Security, MN Department of Commerce 85 Seventh Place East, Suite 500 St. Paul, MN 55101-2198 RE: CapX Hampton-Rochester-LaCrosse 345 kV & 161 kV Transmission Line Project; PUC Docket Number: E002/TL-09-1448 Dear Mr. Langan: My name is Mike Thompson. I live in Oronoco Township, Section 13, with my wife, Lynne, and our two sons. I am a lifelong resident and farmer of Oronoco Township. I am opposed to your southern routing of the proposed CapX2020 power line through Oronoco Township. Over the past 20 years, Oronoco Township has been developing at a faster rate than most other townships in your proposed route. Therefore, I feel the proposed power line will be more of an imposition to families currently and in the future. In addition, the proposed power line will have a negative impact on property/farm land values that have seen a steady increase in Oronoco Township. If the final destination of the power line is the southern route through Oronoco Township, I prefer that it follow the applicant's preferred route, which is 3P, rather than 3P007, which by not following property lines, runs directly through the middle of two of my farms, (Section 13 in Oronoco Township, owned by Ivan Koenig, and Section 18 in Farmington Township) cutting those two farms with terraces in half. We have spent thousands of dollars to upgrade and install terraces for water and soil erosion because of required Federal Farm Erosion Programs, and your highline poles will disrupt everything we have done to be compliant with those programs. In addition, we are worried about not having GPS signal for navigation systems used in our planting and spraying equipment. Without GPS signal our planter will not plant and our sprayer will not spray. With interference of internet and cell phones used to run our farming operation, this will have a major impact and make it very difficult if not impossible to run our business. With not being able to run our business effectively and efficiently, this will not only directly impact our business, but also the downstream effect to our employees and their families. Safety is a major health concern to our employees and our family working and living near the proposed power line. Stray voltage, shock hazards, and electrical magnetic fields raise major concern for loss of life and the safety of all who work or live near the proposed power line. We also own a home near the proposed power line, and noise, EMF, stray voltage, induced currents, and shock hazards for anyone occupying that home are once again a

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safety/health concern. Optional route 3P007 is 1.5 miles longer, and affect the same amount of homes as route 3P, the applicant's preferred route. The longer route, 3P007, will cost approximately \$1,500,000 more to construct than the preferred route, 3P. Therefore, we believe route 3P007 should NOT be considered a feasible route. We would prefer the route for CapX2020 be moved further north of Oronoco Township to one of the proposed alternative routes that are shorter, less populated, and of lower property value. Oronoco Township is a very populous township, and we believe Oronoco Township is not the appropriate location/township for the CapX2020 power line to be routed through. As per above comments, the following are concerns that we feel directly impact and are of major concern to the families/farms/business along the proposed route of the power line through Oronoco Township. Public Comment Categories: Public Health and Safety Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF) Stray Voltage Induced Currents and Shock Hazards Construction Activities and Equipment Safety Property Values Human Settlement Visual and Aesthetic Impacts Noise Proximity to Structures Displacement Land Use/Land-Based Economics Agriculture Water Resources Area hydrology Surface Flows Electronic Device Interference Radio Interference Television Internet and Cellular Phones GPS-Based Agricultural Navigation Systems Please consider these comments and facts when making your final decision on where the CapX2020 power line will be routed. Sincerely, Michael & Lynne Thompson 10739 11th Avenue, NE Rochester, MN 55906 507-951-5367 scatteredacres1@aol.com lmthompson815@gmail.com

Mitigation:

Submission date: Thu Apr 28 21:40:26 2011

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For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

Andrew Koebrick
andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us

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208A.

See Section 7.2 of the EIS.

208B.

Your objection/preference of the specified route is noted. Your comment is now part of the record in this matter by its inclusion in this EIS, and will be submitted to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) and Commission for consideration. See Section 7.5.1 of the EIS for a discussion of agricultural impacts.

208C.

See Section 7.9.5 of the EIS.

208D.

See Section 7.1 of the EIS.

208E.

See Section 7.1 of the EIS.

208F.

Your objection/preference of the specified route is noted. The comment is part of the record in this matter by its inclusion in the EIS, and will be submitted to the OAH and Commission for consideration.

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April 28, 2011

Mr. Matt Langan
State Permit Manager
Office of Energy Security, MN Department of Commerce
85 Seventh Place East, Suite 500
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

RE: CapX Hampton-Rochester-LaCrosse 345 kV & 161 kV
Transmission Line Project; PUC Docket Number: E002/TL-09-
1448

Dear Mr. Langan:

My name is Mike Thompson. I live in Oronoco Township,
Section 13, with my wife, Lynne, and our two sons. I am a

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lifelong resident and farmer of Oronoco Township. I am
opposed to your southern routing of the proposed CapX2020
power line through Oronoco Township. Over the past 20 years,
Oronoco Township has been developing at a faster rate than
most other townships in your proposed route. Therefore, I feel
the proposed power line will be more of an imposition to
families currently and in the future. In addition, the proposed
power line will have a negative impact on property/farm land
values that have seen a steady increase in Oronoco Township.

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If the final destination of the power line is the southern route
through Oronoco Township, I prefer that it follow the
applicant's preferred route, which is 3P, rather than 3P007,
which by not following property lines, runs directly through the
middle of two of my farms, (Section 13 in Oronoco Township,
owned by Ivan Koenig, and Section 18 in Farmington Township)
cutting those two farms with terraces in half. We have spent
thousands of dollars to upgrade and install terraces for water
and soil erosion because of required Federal Farm Erosion
Programs, and your highline poles will disrupt everything we
have done to be compliant with those programs. In addition,
we are worried about not having GPS signal for navigation
systems used in our planting and spraying equipment. Without
GPS signal our planter will not plant and our sprayer will not

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spray. With interference of internet and cell phones used to run our farming operation, this will have a major impact and make it very difficult if not impossible to run our business. With not being able to run our business effectively and efficiently, this will not only directly impact our business, but also the downstream effect to our employees and their families. Safety is a major health concern to our employees and our family working and living near the proposed power line. Stray voltage, shock hazards, and electrical magnetic fields raise major concern for loss of life and the safety of all who work or live near the proposed power line. We also own a home near the proposed power line, and noise, EMF, stray voltage, induced currents, and shock hazards for anyone occupying that home are once again a safety/health concern.

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Optional route 3P007 is 1.5 miles longer, and affect the same amount of homes as route 3P, the applicant's preferred route. The longer route, 3P007, will cost approximately \$1,500,000 more to construct than the preferred route, 3P. Therefore, we believe route 3P007 should NOT be considered a feasible route. We would prefer the route for CapX2020 be moved further north of Oronoco Township to one of the proposed alternative routes that are shorter, less populated, and of lower property value.

Oronoco Township is a very populous township, and we believe Oronoco Township is not the appropriate location/township for the CapX2020 power line to be routed through.

As per above comments, the following are concerns that we feel directly impact and are of major concern to the families/farms/business along the proposed route of the power line through Oronoco Township.

Public Comment Categories:

- Public Health and Safety
- Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF)
- Stray Voltage
- Induced Currents and Shock Hazards
- Construction Activities and Equipment
- Safety
- Property Values
- Human Settlement
- Visual and Aesthetic Impacts
- Noise

Proximity to Structures

Displacement

Land Use/Land-Based Economics

Agriculture

Water Resources

Area hydrology

Surface Flows

Electronic Device Interference

Radio Interference

Television

Internet and Cellular Phones

GPS-Based Agricultural Navigation Systems

Please consider these comments and facts when making your final decision on where the CapX2020 power line will be routed.

Sincerely,

Mike and Lynne Thompson

209A.

See Section 7.2 of the EIS.

209B.

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209C.

See Section 7.9.5 of the EIS.

209D.

See Section 7.1 of the EIS.

209E.

See Section 7.1 of the EIS.

209F.

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PUC Docket Number = E002/TL-09-1448

Tiedeman Farms, LLC Established in 1889 Minnesota "Century Farm" Fifth Generation

Prepared for CapX 2020 meeting
By: John Tiedeman, Proprietor

507-367-2214

Superior and Ethical Family operated Dairy

- Northern Division Superior Quality Award ~ indicating the lowest somatic cell count in the entire northern division of the United States.
- Outstanding Conservation Farmer Award ~ (soil, water and related resources).
- Numerous High Production Awards.
- John's Disease free herd, exceeding 150 dairy animals.
- Excellent breeding program, "perfecting" dairy herd genetics for over forty years.
- University of MN Veterinary School has administered classes on site, teaching proper procedures for dairy farming
- Visitors from Japan, England, Holland and Saudi Arabia have visited Tiedeman Farms to observe "High Production Dairy Herd" as part of their agricultural learning.
- Member of MN Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA), record keeping system. Each cow is individually sampled, recorded and tested at a laboratory each month for production and somatic cell counts.

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Known Effects of Stray Voltage on Dairy Herds

- Behavioral problems such as nervousness, characterized by flinching, stepping, raising leg or kicking
- Resistance to equipment used for milking
- Reluctance to consume water or feed
- Increased frequency of defecation and urination
- Poor milk letdown or incomplete milk out, greatly expanding the occurrence of illness and disease. ~ Including an increase in somatic cell counts
- Extended milking times
- Decreased milk production

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All these effects will ultimately increase the dairy's costs and devastate revenues

Potential Financial Losses

Loss of premium payment

A cow at Tiedeman Farms Dairy produces 22,734 lbs. of milk annually.

Today Tiedeman Farms receives a premium payment of \$2.90 per hundred weight or .029 per one pound of milk.

Reference Attachment A ~ Plainview Milk Products Cooperative.

22,734 lbs. of milk annually x .029 per lb. = \$659.28 lost premium per cow per year.
 \$659.28 x 50 cows = \$32,964.00 annually

Loss of Production

Reference Attachment B ~ Minnesota DHIA News Publication December 2010
 The average herd with a somatic cell count of under 400,000 produces 8.1 lbs. of more milk per day, or 2,956.5 lbs. of milk per year.

Fifty cows x 2,956.5 lbs. per year at \$15.00 per hundred weight = \$22,174.00 in additional monies paid in additional production which could be lost due to stray voltage.

\$32,964.00 (premiums) + \$22,174.00 (production) = \$55,138.00 potential losses annually.

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Conclusion

Tiedeman Farms has consistently had a very high quality product. That fact is well documented at creameries and DHIA for more than forty years. A negative change in the product would be immediately seen in the data and arguably proven. Cows can sense voltages at approximately one-tenth the level humans can. High voltage power lines should never be built near a dairy. The power line route that is being suggested would run through the two remaining dairies in Oronoco township. From a personal perspective, CapX 2020 threatens a loved and much labored family farm and business.

210D

Tiedeman Farms

PLAINVIEW MILK PRODUCTS COOPERATIVE

PREMIUM PROGRAM

QUALITY PRODUCTS AND SERVICE SINCE 1899

Up To \$0.40/cwt rBST Free Premium

Premium Qualification		Quantity Premium Program		SCC PROGRAM	
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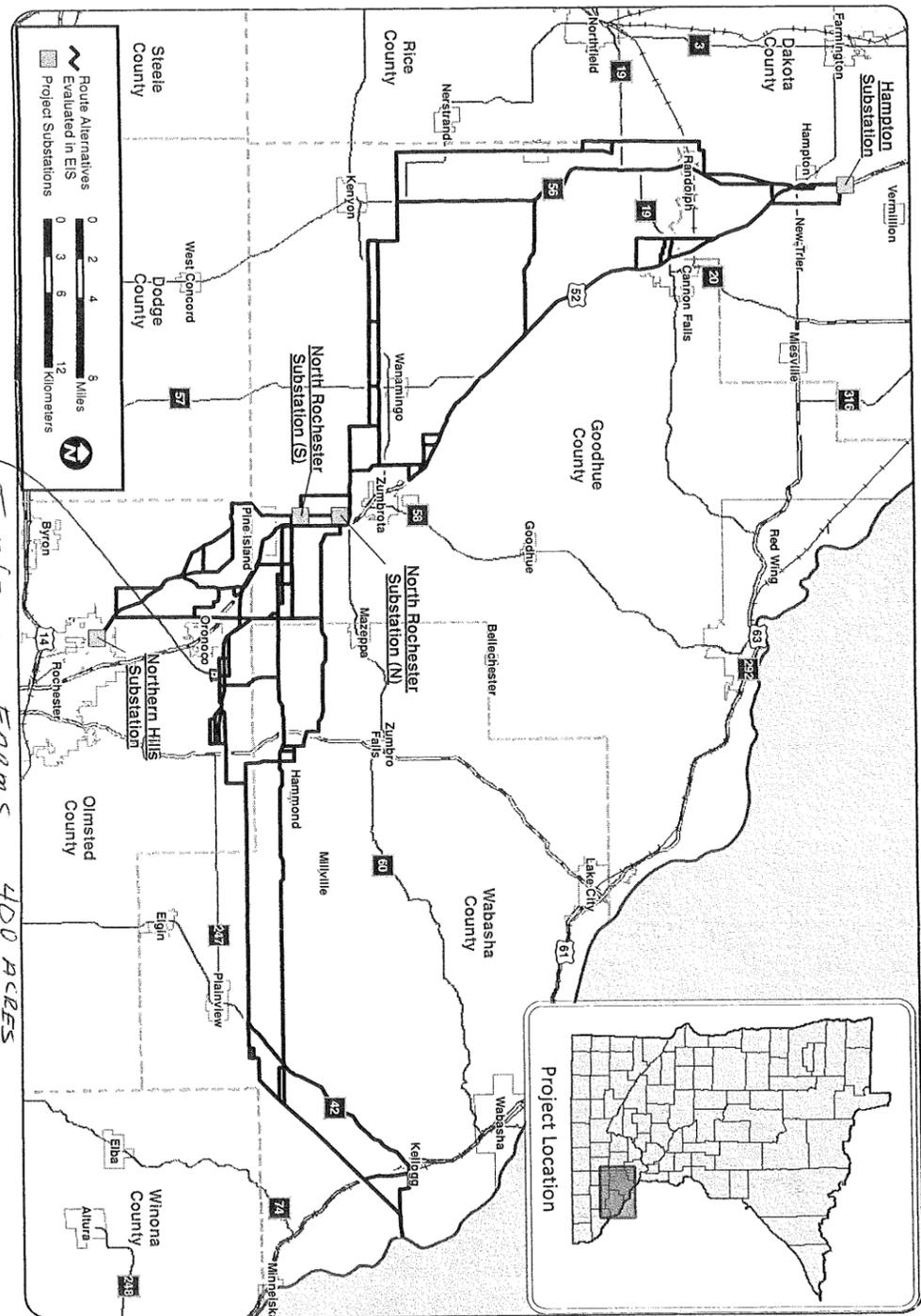
DECEMBER 2010

Hidden Revenue masked by a high SCC

Using the latest SCC file, the average herd under 400,000 SCC produces 8.1 pounds of milk more per day and 2,956.5 pounds more per year than those over 400,000. If we use a milk price of \$15 and multiply 8.1 pounds by 365 days, we get the numbers to the right by herd size, which represent increased milk sales - not taking into account SCC premiums.

# Cows	Increase in Revenue per Year
50	\$22,174
75	\$33,261
100	\$44,348
150	\$66,521
200	\$88,695
250	\$110,869

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What Are the Dangers of High-Voltage Power Lines?

Medical Device Disruption

- o Heart **pacemakers**, automatic defibrillators and other electronic medical devices can be disrupted by intense EMF fields generated by **high voltage power lines**. While the intensity required, ranging above 1 millivolt per meter, are extremely uncommon under normal conditions, they are quite common in the area immediately adjacent to a **high voltage power line**. The disruption of these

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Personal

My grandfather and mother both had pacemakers for their heart conditions. This article makes me personally concerned about passing under the line by road or in farm fields!

*John Tiedeman
507-367-2214*

210A.

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210B.

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210C.

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210D.

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210E.

Information on the impacts to pacemakers was obtained from peer-reviewed academic and scientific sources, and is discussed in Section 7.1.1.4 of the EIS.

210E

Langan, Matthew (COMM)

From: tina trihey [tinatrihey@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 2:19 PM
To: Langan, Matthew (COMM)
Subject: PUC Docket Number: E002/TL-09-001 to 3P-010

Dear Matt-

211A I am strongly and totally oposed to the power line going thru Oronoco Township. It does not belong anywhere
211B near Olmsted county's only lake. There is a large amount of wild life out here that would be harmed from this. It
211C would depreciate our property values greatly and also limit home financing as FHA home loans would not be
211D allowed.

211D I think you are underestimating the amount of homes involved as there are many along Cty Rd 12.

211E Why can't this be along I 90 where it has been cleared for the interstate already?

I object to any of my tax dollars going to fund this power line which is not for Minnesota residents use.

Please let me know if there's more I can do to stop this!!!

Sincerly

Tina Trihey Porter

211A.

Your objection/preference of the specified route is noted. The comment is part of the record in this matter by its inclusion in the EIS, and will be submitted to the OAH and Commission for consideration.

211B.

See Section 7.8 of the EIS.

211C.

See Section 7.2 of the EIS.

211D.

Your comment is noted and will be forwarded to the administrative law judge.

211E.

Routing the line along I-90 would be considerably longer and more expensive than the current options. Also, ratepayers, not general taxes will likely pay for the Project once constructed.

Langan, Matthew (COMM)

From: AnneTrost [aetrost@pitel.net]
Sent: Saturday, April 30, 2011 7:54 AM
To: Langan, Matthew (COMM)
Subject: capx 2020

MOES Matthew Langan
 > Dear Sir,

It has come to my attention that large electrical towers may be placed on my property. Yes, Rochester Public Utilities has an almost 100 year old easement to place and maintain energy lines on our land. Just because they can doesn't mean they should. We've learned a lot about conservation since that fateful day when the energy department paid Frank Rusch \$17.00 to use this land

In 2004 our property taxes on the bare land were about \$30.00, now we've built a one bedroom log house, a pole barn and improved the property. In October of 2010 the appraisal of our property was \$405,000.00 and ours is the least valuable property in the neighborhood. Four of our 'nextdoor' neighbors have homes and out-buildings valued at over a million dollars. We have woods and water, even if I win the lottery I wouldn't have to move.

Only two families have owned my land since the Ojibbwe Native Americans camped here. The Rusch family who were the homesteaders in 1862 and the Trost family. The Rusch sons had no children, so they sold it to my father-in-law in 1969.

212A My front 'yard' is Rusch bay on Lake Zumbro, on the Zumbro River, Oronoco Township, Olmsted County, Minnesota. The original homestead of 320 acres supports nine families, domestic and wild animals, tourists, rare birds, and me. Money is made by farming, but the real value here lies in the intangibles. Respect for nature and life lessons learned and the satisfaction of a hard day's work, and treasured memories of recreation.

I learned to waterski, caught the biggest striped bass on record, raised my children and grandchildren, observed Aurora Borealis, earned a living and retired to enjoy nature at its finest right here in my own front yard. I share this area with a family of Bald Eagles, the National Bird; Loons, the Minnesota State Bird; Whooping Cranes an endangered species; and our bay is a Department of Natural Resouces Protected Wetland. Now I am asking you to help me protect and preserve my tangibles: This heritage farm on the only recreational lake in Olmsted County, which we share, own and cherish. Please assist me in improving our property, capx 2020 would not be an improvement.

Thank you for your careful attention to this matter of supreme importance to me and our precious environment.

Sincerely,
 Anne Louise Trost
 13205 Postier Drive NW
 Oronoco MN 55960

212A.

Your objection/preference of the specified route is noted. The comment is part of the record in this matter by its inclusion in the EIS, and will be submitted to the OAH and Commission for consideration.

prepared by Anne Louise Trost on Sunday April 17, 2011
 Anne L Trost 13205 Postier Dr NW
 Oronoco MN 55960 ph 507 367 2526
 Master Gardener University of Minnesota
COMMENT FORM email aetrost@pitel.net

COMMENTS ON DEIS FOR CAPX 2020'S HAMPTON-ALMA LINE

NoCapX 2020 and United Citizen Action Network are intervenors in the CapX 2020 Certificate of Need, Brookings-Hampton, Fargo-St. Cloud and this Hampton-Alma route dockets. We've been to MANY scoping meetings and have used the siting rules and criteria to offer these suggestions to help your comments count.

The Dept. of Commerce/MOES has requested comments regarding their Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) - and it's important to remember that as far as the Dept. of Commerce, sponsor of this meeting, is concerned, this comment opportunity is where we address what is or is not in their Draft EIS. To help keep you on point, we've taken the "factors considered" straight from the rules. Think about the areas and issues that concern you and let these categories trigger your thoughts. You don't need to be an expert or know details - just write down the issues that THEY need to investigate! You know your community and what concerns you - that's the issue today!

Please fill this out as best you can and turn in today or send to: matthew.langan@state.mn.us or mail: MOES, 85 7th Pl. E., Suite 500, St. Paul, MN, 55101.

To MOES: The following specific issues or facts that I've listed in the categories below are missing or should be more completely addressed in the Final EIS:

213A

A. effects on human settlement, including, but not limited to, displacement, noise, aesthetics, cultural values, recreation, and public services: Hundred of boaters use this area of the lake on any given summer day there are 28 boats in our bay filled with people recreating, I see grand parents teaching their grandchildren how to fish, ski and drive a boat. This is the only lake in Olmsted County. The bay area, land & water, is a source of joy year round

213B

* B. effects on public health and safety; Mayo 1 helicopter, an aqua float plane, a hot air balloon, numerous DNR, game warden and private aircraft have flown so close to my front porch I could see the pilots' faces as they flew over to save lives and protect property & animals

213C

C. effects on land-based economies, including, but not limited to, agriculture, forestry, tourism, and mining; beef cattle use our pasture during the summer season, wild animals, tourists use the lake for fishing, boating, canoeing, kayaking, water skiing, ice fishing, snowmobiling, swimming, cross-country skiing, sailing, personal watercraft riding and we even have an annual golf tournament on the ice in the winter. Life long memories are made here

213A

* D. effects on archaeological and historic resources; within 100 yards of my house multiple Native American Ojibwe Indian arrow heads have been found in the garden. Dr Alan and Karen Bard unearthed many artifacts on this property, in the 1980s and surrounding decades. The original owner Mr Rusch stated that the Indians used to camp here, prior to the Homestead Act of 1862

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* E. effects on the natural environment, including effects on air and water quality resources and flora and fauna; in Spring and Autumn our bay is used as a resting point for 100s of migrating birds, we have a family of Bald Eagles who nest year round in the bay which is a State of Minnesota + DNR protected waterfowl wildlife wetland. I have kept a wildlife log for 10 years Prepared and paid for by Carol A. Overland, Attorney at Law - www.nocapx2020.info for example on April 7th 2011 there were all sorts of birds around: 4 Bald Eagles, 2 white swans, Wood Ducks, Loons, Coots, Pileated woodpeckers, Canadian Geese and many also beavers, deer, woodchucks, coon, a family of foxes and on and on! (over) more

213E (cont)

My wildlife diary is extensive and I have an excellent vantage point to the lake. Today alone I have seen Osprey, Eagles, Robins, deer, rabbits, fish, insects, blue birds, mourning doves, fox, beaver, squirrels, loons, a small airplane, and 2 concerned neighbors. They are all visible from my front yard. The neighbors don't want the large power poles and neither do I

One neighbor planted hay seed this week, another drove by in his speed boat, many Cardinals can be seen and heard and cranes nest in our tree. Early in the morning we hear wild turkeys and they walk across our yard. There is a nest of goslings on our beach.

On April 4th the ice went out on April 9th, 2011 my husband put our dock in the lake and went fishing. We use this beautiful natural resource every day of our lives, and so do our family, friends, neighbors and tourists.

A Red tail Hawk lives in our oak grove. My grandchildren have a play house and a tree house on our property. We share our land with our 35 nieces and nephews during holidays and vacations and so do hundreds of other families in this small piece of paradise we call Lake Zumbro township Oronoco Minnesota.

This area builds our future national leaders. It is home to the American Dream. The very rocks on this land are red, white and blue. Literally, I have one by my pond, it's rare and beautiful.

Everyday I hear happy children making joyful noises as they play.

Certainly you could find a place better suited for your power towers where the adverse impact on nature, resources and happiness for all living creatures is less.

This is a wild life sanctuary, a rural farm which supports a family financially, a recreational haven to hundred of people in Southeast Minnesota, and my home.

213F *J Although there are several RPU poles on our land through an easement signed by the original homesteader when the power dam was built, there is not a public road on our property or abutting it. The only roads touching our land is a private driveway, and an easement to build another private driveway. We own no actual public road right away or access. Seriously, we don't want the RPU poles we "inherited" and most surely do not approve of more towers placed near us.

213B *B In multiple cases Mayo Clinics rescue helicopter has landed in our immediate area to transport an injured patient to St Mary's Emergency Trauma unit in Rochester Minnesota. One of these patients was a close friend of mine, another a neighbor. Accidents happen near recreation areas. Power Lines would impede safety.

213D *D There is a mound in the SE corner of my property which, to my untrained eye, resembles an Indian burial mound.

In my humble opinion, as a family oriented woman and an amateur naturalist, it would be a monumental mistake for the delicate balance of this small but critical wild life habitat to be destroyed by CAPX 2020 power structures.

Thank you for your careful consideration, if I can be of any further help in the preservation efforts, please do not hesitate to call.

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F. effects on rare and unique natural resources; The view is beautiful the lake is home to many rare plants & an especially beautiful vivid pink plant which I have never seen any where else also large clams, oak & pine trees, fish, turtles, birds and meadow native plants and grasses and wildflowers, animals, people a natural cold water spring keeps open water during winter months
G. application of design options that maximize energy efficiencies, mitigate adverse environmental effects, and could accommodate expansion of transmission or generating capacity;

213I

H. use or paralleling of existing rights-of-way, survey lines, natural division lines, and agricultural field boundaries; This 14 acre piece of land on Lake Zumbro is involved with 4 easements for driveway and power pole RPU usage any additional easements and certainly 17 story power poles would devalue our property dramatically.
I. use of existing large electric power generating plant sites;

213J

*J. use of existing transportation, pipeline, and electrical transmission systems or rights-of-way; An easement was granted to RPU in the time when only cattle lived in this property, now it is home to a large family of 4 generations of hard working, loving people who cherish every blade of grass, every tree, every drop of water
K. electrical system reliability; The existing RPU power pole was a great source of concern forme on February 17th 2011. I emailed and called them because the insulators were arcing, popping, humming and bubbling loudly for at least 5 hours from 5am to 10am 2/17/11
L. costs of constructing, operating, and maintaining the facility which are dependent on design and route; RPU told us they could move one pole for a cost to us of \$20,000. in 2004. That was not an option for us, it was too expensive and cost prohibitive for our budget. Our land is hilly, tree lined & difficult to access on a very narrow private gravel driveway. Large trucks cannot navigate the terrain.

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M. adverse human and natural environmental effects which cannot be avoided; and
The 17 story high poles are an affront, a hideous eye sore. This is an age old theory: I worked for Medical Oncology at Mayo Clinic for 30 years and we treated cancer patients from all over the world, I remember a whole group from Iowa who from all over the world, I remember a whole group from Iowa who
N. irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources. Lived in the shadow of giant electric towers.

213M

The land is used by humans & domestic and wild animals for grazing, homes and hunting. A newborn fawn was in the tall grass on May 8, 2005. Prepared and paid for by Carol A. Overland, Attorney at Law - www.nocapx2020.info
FOOD, SHELTER abound
Our acreage supports virtually every known Minnesota animal and fish and bird species. It is a microcosm of life in Minnesota

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213A.

See Section 7.12 of the EIS.

213B.

See Section 7.11.3

213C.

See Section 7.5.1 of the EIS.

213D.

The location of Native Indian burial sites in section 15 of T109 R14 is noted but was not confirmed in the review of the State Historic Preservation Office records. See Section 7.10.2 of the EIS for further discussion on additional review of cultural resources prior to construction.

213E.

The comment is noted and will be forwarded to the administrative law judge.

213F.

Your objection/preference of the specified route is noted. The comment is part of the record in this matter by its inclusion in the EIS, and will be submitted to the OAH and Commission for consideration.

213G.

See Section 7.3.1 of the EIS.

213H.

See Section 7.6 of the EIS.

213I.

See Section 7.2 of the EIS.

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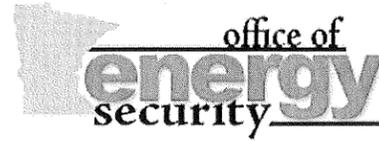
See Section 7.3.1 of the EIS.

213L.

See Section 7.1 of the EIS.

213M.

It is not disputed that the commenter's property provides habitat for a number of wildlife species. Information within the EIS on wildlife distribution and habitat utilization is based on DNR or other resource agency data and sources. The commenter's concerns will be forwarded to the administrative law judge.



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PUBLIC COMMENT SHEET

CapX Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse Transmission Line Project

PUC Docket Number: E002/TL-09-1448

Name: Mitch Walch Representing: _____
 Address: 9625 41st Ave N.E. Elgin MN 55932 Email: mitch-walch@hotmail.com

Comments:
 I oppose the southern most route through Oranoco township and just north of Hwy 247. This is based on the fact that this route goes through the most populated area and with Rochester so close and growing, will in the future become even more populated. Main concerns are the negative health impacts/potential of these lines (especially on children) and therefore it does not make sense to place the 345 on the most populated route. The two Northern most routes would make better options, impacting less now & in the future.

PUC Docket No. TL-09-1448

Please submit comments by **4:30pm, April 29, 2011** to:

Matthew Langan
 Minnesota Dept. of Commerce
 85 7th Place East
 Suite 500
 St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

Email: matthew.langan@state.mn.us
 Phone: 651-296-2096
 Fax: 651-297-7891

214A.

Your objection/preference of the specified route is noted. The comment is part of the record in this matter by its inclusion in the EIS, and will be submitted to the OAH and Commission for consideration.

214B. See Section 7.1 of the EIS.

214A

214B

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CapX Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse Transmission Line Project

PUC Docket Number: E002/TL-09-1448

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Comments:

Regarding the CapX Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse Transmission Line project, I feel that the health threat and potential impacts on humans—especially children—needs to be the primary concern. Past/existing research in this area is not sufficient or studied over long enough time to see true outcomes + potential impacts; no "apples-to-apples" comparisons therefore currently exist in research and we cannot gamble human—especially children's—health. Therefore, of the 3 potential 345 routes proposed for final consideration, I would strongly encourage not to put lines on ~~or~~ near the southern most route through Dronoco + Farmington townships as this is the most populated route currently and will only continue to grow in the future with Rochester so close by and expanding to the north rapidly. Instead, the more Northern 345 route options would impact less overall.

Please submit comments by **4:30pm, April 29, 2011** to:

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215A.

Potential human health impacts associated with HVTLs are discussed in Section 7.1 of the EIS. The information included in the EIS targeted a level of detail relevant to a reasoned choice among alternatives. See Minn. Rule 4410.2300, Subpart. H.

215A

Langan, Matthew (COMM)

From: Bob Wallace [rowallace@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2011 10:19 AM
To: Langan, Matthew (COMM)
Subject: PUC Docket No. TL-09-1448

I recently attended the Plainview public meeting concerning the proposed transmission line from Hampton to LaCrosse. I happen to be on an alternate route (Hwy 42) near Kellogg where it intersects with Hwy 61. I'm concerned with the overall process which left me very little time to read, much less try to interpret the the DEIS statement.

216A

It appears to me that the original proposed corridors met with organized opposition which offered many alternate routes. Unfortunately, those parties on the proposed alternate routes were not allowed that same opportunity to offer alternate routes themselves. I heard of this project over a year ago, but at that time, routes being considered were along the I90 corridor in the Winona Co/Houston Co area. More recently, I received correspondence regarding the route change proposals, but do not recall being offered a chance to review the DEIS statement. Even if I had that opportunity, the document is so overwhelming, and in many cases technical, that attempting to read and digest it is a daunting task at best. From my perspective, it appears like the cities and counties that organized early and voiced opposition were successful in deflecting the routes away from their areas into our more rural and unsuspecting county of Wabasha. I realize that my comments are supposed to be directed at the DEIS document only, but since I was not afforded my opportunity to offer route alternatives, I'm including my comments now.

Here are more of my comments and concerns:

216B

1. Real estate depreciation- My home (Hwy 42 alternate) will be within 200 feet of the transmission line. I do not agree that a 2%-9% depreciation figure would nearly approach the value lost on my home and property. In talking to the Xcel representative, these towers would be 140 ft to 175 ft tall. The view from our property is the reason we moved down here. Looking out at a tower/transmission line of that height would certainly compromise our view and therefore the value to our property.

216C

2. Mitigation- Where the transmission lines cross private property, landowners will be compensated for their loss. Because this route is on a public ROW, will there be any compensation to me?

216D

3. Interference- We barely receive radio and cell phone signals now. From past experience near high voltage lines, both radio and cell phone coverage suffers. How will that be addressed?

216E

4. Safety- If a tower and transmission line were erected on the Hwy 42 ROW, what assurances will I have that stray voltage, shocks from ungrounded objects, and storm damage to lines and poles will be properly addressed?

216F

5. Need- While listening to public testimony of this proposed project, it appears like the need for this transmission line does not lie in MN. As stated in the public meeting "We just happen to be in the way." My sentiments exactly..

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216C.

Except in very limited areas, all the routes that parallel public roads would share public ROW, but the structures themselves would be on private land about 5-10 feet outside the public ROW. See Section 5.2 of the EIS.

216D.

See Section 7.9 of the EIS.

216E.

See Section 7.1 of the EIS.

216F.

The need for this transmission line has been previously determined by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Docket No. CN-06-1115). Questions of need for this project cannot be addressed in this document, Minn. Stat. 216E.02, Subp. 2.