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Dear Sir,

Enclosed you will find copies of the proposed power line route between Glencoe and Norwood and Young America. On the pictures is a suggested route drawn between the two towns. The optional route would be straighter, more cost effective and handier for linemen to construct.

The present power line was installed in 1949. At the time, Highway 212 was a narrow poorly maintained narrow highway. Today Highway 212 is a well maintained four lane highway with a big easement on each side of the road. Presently there is a power line along the highway which could be used for the updated line easement. The large easement by the highway should make it handy for the linemen at the time of construction. If in the future there is a need to access the power line for an emergency, Highway 212 would have an advantage over the present route because of easy access. The new route would be shorter than the old line; which would cost less in construction and future upkeep. I was told that a new substation would be built around the town of Plato. This new substation could be erected close to Highway 212. By moving the substation close to the highway it would make it convenient to hookup with the new power line. Another added feature is that the new route would be constructed on a less populated area than the present site. These are few of the many advantages by making a new power line construction route close to Highway 212.

I asked Bill Storm at the meeting held in Norwood, if they had taken the time to look into this new path to construct a power line. He told me they had not but he thought it would be a good idea for me to send them information because he said that they did not know the surrounding area and they were looking for suggestions. The plans that are submitted would make the project simple, efficient, and cost effective. The time to look into updating expansion without a lot of future headaches would be now before the population develops in this area.

Sincerely,

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