From: Lois Hamilton
To: Storm, Bill (COMM);
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I am an owner of property (Lund family) over which the proposed 115kV line is proposed to be built by Great River Energy Company. I am greatly opposed to this construction over our property. We have had to endure the power line on our property for many years already, and would like to see the opposite side of the roads bordering our property to take this burden over. It does not seem right to keep on moving in further and further into our property, as I understand the new line needs to be a certain distance in from the old. We have been owners of much of this property since the 1940's and plan to keep it in our family. Our nephew is currently living there and has four children. He plans to begin beef cattle farming soon. There is also a good chance that more of our nieces and nephews will be building homes on our property along the Stremel Road. As you already know, the dangers of the electromagnetic field around a 115 kV power line are not completely known (and not very well studied due to little funding) and we do not want this danger creeping closer into our main living area especially with such a high voltage. Studies have shown these high voltage lines can cause cancers (leukemia in children), impact pacemakers, cause miscarriages, and ionize particles in the air which become carcinogenic. One of the cherished aspects of our property is the mixture of the creek, open land and forest. Unfortunately, the bulk of our forested land runs along the Parantala and Stremel roads.The proposed line would demolish a great deal of the trees which we value immensely. We are a family of hunters and enjoy hunting there every year. There is a beautiful tamarack woods not too far off the Stremel Road which is a memorial site to our beloved brother who lost his life there. It is a sacred spot to all family members and we would be devastated to see this area disturbed by a power line. We have planted rows of white pine along the Stremel Road which would be destroyed should the line be placed there. There appears little reason to us as to why the line cannot go in on the other side of the Parantala Road and the Stremel Road. A large part of this land is publicly owned and would not bother any private homeowner. Also, going over the cemetery should be no problem, as it is not that wide that it could not be straddled by two poles. Expansion of the cemetery could easily still take place on each side beyond the newly erected poles. The cost of crossing the a road was mentioned as an issue, but it would have to cross the road at one end or another regardless (either at Highway 73 and Parantala Road or Stremel road and Highway 29). Our family appears to own more property which will be negatively impacted by this proposed line from Highway 73 to Highway 29 than any other family. I would greatly appreciate you considering an alternate route for this line. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

A concerned landowner,
Lois (Lund) Hamilton