



June 14th, 2012

The Honorable Judge Eric L. Lipman
Office of Administrative Hearings
600 North Robert Street
PO box 64620
St Paul, MN 55164-0620

Regarding: Proposed Hollydale 115 KV Transmission Line Project

Your Honor:

The following comments represent the owners of 140 acres of land and business along Brocton lane, Medina Road, and 101:

Patrick and Diana Busch 763-478-9507
Owners of Distinctive Floral Co DBA Len Busch Roses 4045 Co Rd 101
Owners of Northern Lights LLC
Resident at 18500 Medina Road 763-478-9345

Len and Marge Busch 33300 Watertown road Orono 952-476-1257
Land owner for 18-118-22-13-0003, 18-118-22-31-0036, 18-118-22-0007, 18-118-22-42-0065
General partner for Busch Properties Co. 18-118-22-23-0002,
18-118-22-23-0003, 18-118-22-32-0071, 18-118-22-24-0001

The existing line was put in after we built our greenhouses here and the line has never been a problem. We see no problem in a new and bigger power line. With growth in the community every utility must grow and we see no need to make a big issue of it. We are in support of the proposed route. In our view, upgrading the existing line is least disruptive and has a much smaller impact to the community than altering the route. The Route was well planned when it was chosen years ago and the existing homes adjacent to it were built primarily after its construction. We do not understand or support many of the alternative routes that involve new areas to be constructed and longer routes; all of which would likely add cost ultimately to the consumer and create greater property devaluation than the existing routes would require.

We are extremely opposed to alternative route G1. This route appears to require route widths that are in conflict with our existing business and existing buildings. It bisects the land in a way that will significantly reduce its future value for development.

We are very opposed to Alternative route G. This route cuts through continuously developable land, requires removal of 100 year old trees on wooded land, and will significantly reduce land values.

We are opposed to alternative route I. This route also appears to require route widths that are in conflict with our existing buildings. It will also negatively impact the value of the land for future development.

Thank you for considering our input.

Patrick Busch

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Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Joseph Bebchuk <joseph.bebchuk@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 9:25 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: CSAH 24 Alternative Route

Joseph Bebchuk
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June 14, 2012

The Honorable Judge Eric L. Lipman
Office of Administrative Hearings
P.O. box 64620 600 North Robert Street
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Dear Judge Lipman,

I am writing to indicate my support for the power line placement on the existing route proposed by Xcel Energy and Great River Energy. If this is not feasible, then I support the northern alternative routes. I strongly oppose the CSAH Alternative Route due to the residential impact that it will cause.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for your consideration

Sincerely,

Joseph Bebchuk

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: karina GRAZOVSKI <karinagrazovski@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 12:18 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: FW: Proposed Hollydale 115KV Transmission Line Project

TO: ERIC L. LIPMAN

FROM: EDWARD AND KARINA GRAZOVSKI
3963 Garland Lane North
Plymouth, MN 55446

*We came to United States from Soviet Union in 1991 with lot of hope to build new life, bright future for us and our kids, we new in that time that people here have a human rights and also private properties and health are protected by **LAW and GOVERNMENT.***

We bought our house in November of 2000 and we had low voltage power line in very close distance (its in our rear side of backyard), but it is a low voltage not a high voltage power lines.

We paid more money for a house just because we wanted to be in Plymouth, in Wayzata School District, now Excel Energy is proposing upgrade existing low voltage power line to new high voltage line

without thinking about people's health and finance but trying to save their own money.

In the same time everybody knows doesn't matter how much Excel Energy will spend, they will increase our bills, we are the payees and Excel Energy eventually will get their money back.

I am a Real Estate Agent my self, I know how much prices will go down, it is not 20-30% but much more, for us who lives on proposed line it means not just risk to ours and our kids health but also financially we will loose lot of money and financially we will have a very cloudy future.

Without consulting with people (with us) Excel Energy have chose list expensive route (for them) to build new HIGH VOLTAGE POWER LINES IN OUR BACKYARD, they put companies interest and profitability first and peoples interest and health in second.

WE ARE AGAINST HIGH POWER LINE TO BE BUILD IN OUR BACKYARD AND STRONGLY SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE LINE GOING VIA MAJOR ROUTES BUT NOT RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS OR SECOND CHOICE EXCEL SHOULD BUY OUT OUR HOUSES.

We hope that Government Representative will make a right decision and protect people's interest, health and investments over profitability of Excel.

It is exactly the reason why we moved to USA and thousands of other people from other countries keep moving here because we all wanted to have a sense of security and prosperity and protection.

We are strongly supporters of alternative line going via major routes but not residential neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Edward Grazovki
Karina Grazovski
06/11/2012

Les Walter
Yelena Tropsha
3240 Olive lane N
Plymouth, MN 55447

June 13, 2012

The Honorable Judge Eric L. Lipman
Office of Administrative Hearings
P.O. Box 64620 600 North Robert Street
St. Paul, MN 55164 – 0620

We are writing to comment on the proposed Xcel/GRE Hollydale 115 kV Transmission line project E002/TL-11-152.

We support the most rural and presently undeveloped path of direction to bring power to the proposed substations and present substations. We strongly oppose the CSAH-24 Alternative Route due to the strong negative impact it will have on the populated residential area.

Thank you the opportunity to comment and for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Les Walter and Yelena Tropsha

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: A Schulte <abschulte@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 10:51 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: Hollydale 115 kV Transmission Line Project

The Honorable Judge Eric L. Lipman
Office of Administrative Hearings
P.O. Box 64620
600 North Robert Street
St. Paul, MN 55164 – 0620

We are writing to indicate our support for the power line placement on the existing route proposed by Xcel Energy and Great River Energy. If this is not feasible, then we support the northern alternative routes. We strongly oppose the CSAH 24 Alternative Route due to the residential impact that it will cause.

Thank you the opportunity to comment and for your consideration.

Sincerely

Ann B. and Paul M. Schulte
3105 Lawndale Lane North
Plymouth MN 55447-1689

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Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Dafne Berlanga <d_berlanga@hotmail.com>
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To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: Hollydale 115kV- PUC Docket No. E002/TL-11-152

Honorable Judge Eric L. Lipman,

It has come to my attention with great concern, the intent to run the Hollydale 115 Kilovolt High Power lines along Highway 101. At the beginning when we heard about this, my husband and I thought they would never consider this route since there are so many schools in its way.

Greenwood Elementary School is my main concern as my kids will be attending that school come fall. I live on 17775 32nd Place North, Plymouth, MN 55447 so my kids (Camila 4 years and Paolo 5 years) will be exposed to electro-magnetic fields day and night. Studies on young children living within power line fields have been extremely worrisome from both a developmental and general health perspective and I am very scared at the thought of my kids being within these fields 24 hours per day (school and home).

I am afraid that people are neglecting the fact that electro-magnetic fields could hurt the health of the Elementary students of Greenwood and the Kids that live in our neighborhood. In my cull de-sac alone there are 9 kids under the age of 10, most of them are under 5 and the thought of high tension power lines on our street seems outrageous to me. I anticipate that I will receive a study that might mention that my concern has no base...my doctor swore to me that CT scans would not hurt my son Paolo and just 4 days ago the news started talking about CT Scans related to brain cancer in younger kids.

Reference:(<http://earlystart.blogs.cnn.com/2012/06/07/study-ct-scans-could-up-kids-cancer-risk-elizabeth-cohen-explains/>)

I am the Sales Director for a company based in MN called Sybaritic, we specialized in selling devices that generate different wavelengths to achieve hair removal, remove pigmented lesions, and also RF and Cavitation which Generate wavelengths that can implode fat cells, destroy aluminum , etc. Every day the world discovers new uses for different wavelengths, I wonder what we will discover in the near future about electro-magnetic waves.

It is a fact that the human beings get affected by magnetic and electric waves. I understand that the power line has to be run, and when it comes to neighborhood development, certain risks have to be taken. Are we going to put so many kids at risk for it?

I beg you to reconsider this route, please consider the hundreds of kids in GreenWood Elementary and the dozens of Kids at Heather Run and along the route.

I believe the letter explaining the intent to run the Power Line along 101 that I received should be delivered to all the parents at GreenWood Elementary. Otherwise we are hiding the truth from all the people that have interests along this route. I am requesting the Permit letter to be sent to all GreenWood Elementary parents.

Thank you very much,

Dafne Berlanga (mom of Paolo and Camila)
17775 32nd Place North
Plymouth, MN 55447

763 473 0343

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: thomas.vertes@usbank.com
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 11:43 AM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH); Ek, Scott (COMM)
Subject: Hollydale Project letter of 061512
Attachments: Figure 3 - Proposed Rt. and Alternate Rt. Segments page 15.pdf; Figure 4 - 115 kV pole page 46.pdf; Figure 10 - 115 kV pole measurements page 54.pdf; Route costs from Briggs & Morgan dated 080511.pdf; Table 6 - Comparison Proposed Rt. Seg. A vs. Alternate Rt. Seg. A page 29.pdf

Dear Judge Lipman and Scott EK

The following is a re-submission of the letter related to the Hollydale Project that I was informed needed to be reindexed due to the fact that the project is in the process of a full review.

To: Scott Ek
State Permit Manager
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From: Tom Vertes
4710 Orchid Lane North
Plymouth, MN 55446

RE: PUC Docket No. E002/TL-11-152

Dear Mr. Ek;

I would like to state that I am for the Hollydale Project if it is for the betterment of the Plymouth community and back the Hwy. 494 and Hwy. 55 route as was unanimously recommended at the meeting.

Without restating the various health related issues that have been addressed in previous letters and comments from effected residents in the neighborhoods (refer to PUC edocket #11-152) and which all agree upon, my focused concern is the esthetic and valuation of the properties when a clearly acceptable alternative route is available.

The proposed route labeled "Route E" as I understood from the meeting would run along an existing highways and by commercial properties that have power-lines in there vicinity, and would not adversely effect their operations in either an economic, visual or operational manor.

The new poles according Mr. Sedarski, Permitting for Xcel, would be 90" steel and would need an 8' excavation per pole to set a concrete footing/base. I have only seen these poles by highways and railroad tracks, never in residential areas. These are the same poles that are at the north-east corner of the intersection of Interstate 494 and County Road 9 by the super-Target. In addition, the easement would increase to 38' from center to possible as much as 100', depending on the area, this change is significantly greater than the current allowable right-of-way.

Reviewing Xcel's own comparison of the proposals there would be at least 90 homes effected. Xcel has stated that it promotes an effort to maintain good community and public relations it would be in their best interest to plan a route with minimal environmental, public and visual impacts.

Also, I have recently spoke with a number of realtors regarding the marketability of a home with a high voltage power line running beside it and was shocked that valuations would decline 10% to 20% of fair market pricing. Translating the costs in a very conservative manor as follows, using the base of 90 homes being affected at an average fair market price of \$250,000. $\$250,000 \times 15\% = \$37,500$ for a total of \$3,375,000. This would significantly effect the Plymouth tax base.

Thank you,

Follow-up letter

RE: Hollydale Project 2011

The main point of this communication is to make yourselves aware of the effects that Xcel's Proposed Line Segment A will do to the Orchid Lane North, Minnesota Lane North and Niagara Lane North neighborhoods.

Xcel has submitted Proposed Route Segment A as their main line through the area with a alternative designated as Alternate Route Segment A (refer to attachment #1 - Figure 3 - Proposed Route Segment A and Alternate Route Segment A page 15). Both of these routes would connect at County Road 9 to their Proposed Route Segment B. Looking at this map it would appear that the Proposed Segment A runs through a residential area, whereas the Alternate Route Segment A runs parallel to a highway. Which makes more sense?

The new poles according Joseph Sedarski, Permitting for Xcel, would use the existing pole locations if the preferred route is used. However, in reading the project outline the new poles (90" steel) will need an 8' excavation per pole to set a concrete footing/base (refer to attachment #2 - Figure 4 - 115 kV pole page 46). If Xcel needs to re-drill the holes, remove the old poles and restring the lines it again would make more sense to run the line by the interstate (494). I have only seen these poles by highways and railroad tracks, never in residential areas. These are the same poles that are at the north-east corner of the intersection of Interstate 494 and County Road 9 by Target.

In addition, the easement would increase to 38' from center to possible as much as 100', depending on the area, this change is significantly greater than the current allowable right-of-way (refer to attachment #3 - Figure 10 - 115 kV pole measurements page 54).

Reviewing Xcel's own comparison of the Proposed and Alternate A's the effected household are 3 times greater (90 vs. 30). If Xcel promotes an effort to maintain good community relations would it not be to their betterment to plan a route with minimal opposition (refer to attachment #4 - Table 6 - Comparison Proposed Route Segment A vs. Alternate Route Segment A page 29).

Finally, using the cost basis that Xcel submitted through Briggs and Morgan (refer to attachment #5 - Route costs from Briggs & Morgan dated 080511) the difference in using Alternate Route Segment A is only \$200,000, which is approximately 2 1/2% of the total project cost. Based on Xcel's historical billings and the longevity of the project this could be recovered quickly.

Summary, I have spoken a few of the City of Plymouth departments (planning and development) and they inferred that the City in general does not get involved with such matters. However, I feel that they should be

aware of issues affecting the citizens of Plymouth and the individual communities.

I have recently spoke with a number of realtors regarding the marketability of a home with a high voltage power line running beside it and was shocked that valuations would decline 10% to 20% of fair market pricing.

Translating the costs as follows:

- 1) Using the base of 60 homes being effected at an average fair market price of \$250,000. $\$250,000 \times 10\%$ (or 20%) = \$25,000 to \$50,000.
- 2) The cost differential for Xcel using Alternate Route Segment A vs. Preferred Route Segment A is \$200,000. $\$200,000/60$ homes = \$3,333.
- 3) Difference per home \$25,000 to \$50,000 versus \$3,333.

Conclusion:

How would this effect the City of Plymouth?

- 1) Lower home values would decline on homes on Orchid Lane North, Minnesota Lane North and Niagara Lane North creating less tax revenues.
- 2) Lower home prices would lower taxes received by the City of Plymouth and Hennepin County.
- 3) Homes in the immediate proximity of these lanes would also receive a cascading effect of the lowered prices.
- 4) Numerous unhappy residents.

Thank you in advance for reading this letter and reviewing the attached information. I would appreciate your feedback and comments.

Thank you,

Tom Vertes
Hdrider4710@aol.com

Attachment list from Xcel proposal and additions:

- Attachment #1 - Figure 3 - Proposed Rt. and Alternate Rt. Segments page 15.
- Attachment #2 - Figure 4 - 115 kV pole page 46.
- Attachment #3 - Figure 10 - 115 kV pole measurements page 54.
- Attachment #4 - Table 6 - Comparison Proposed Route Segment A vs. Alternate Route Segment A page 29.
- Attachment #5 - Route costs from Briggs & Morgan dated 080511.

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U.S. BANCORP made the following annotations

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Figure 4 Typical 115 kV Single Circuit Horizontal Post Structure

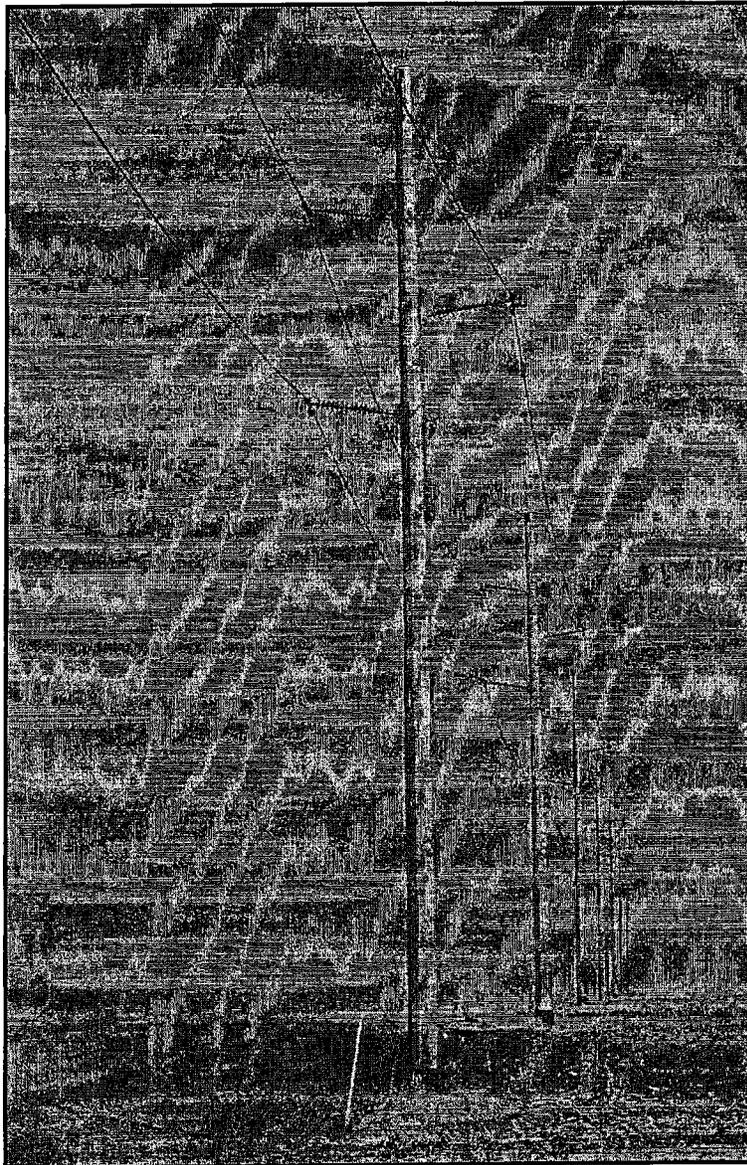
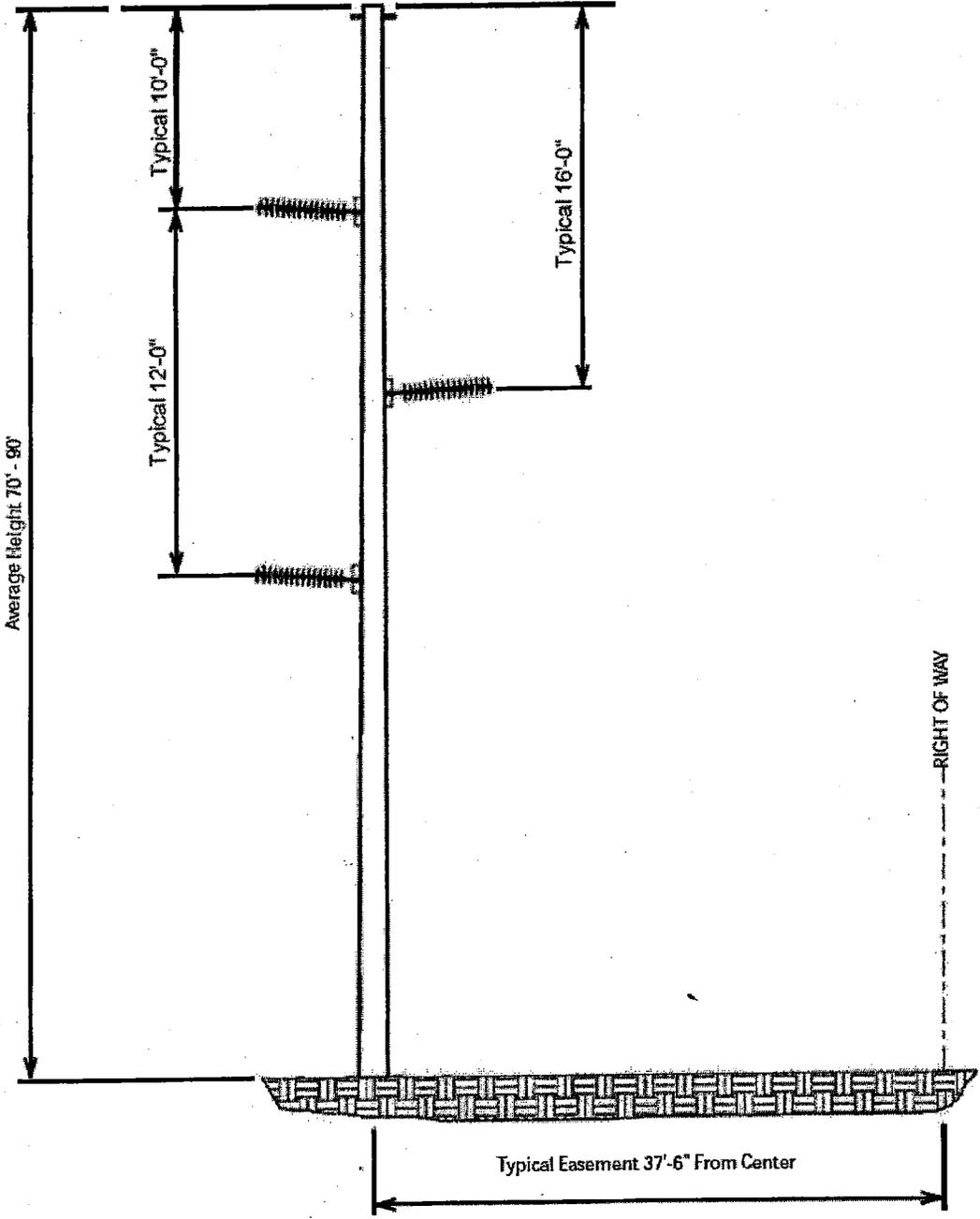


Figure 10 Typical Dimensions and Right-of-Way Requirements for Horizontal Post Structures



Up to 100'

Proposed Route Segment A is preferable to Alternate Route Segment A because it fulfills the following two main objectives of the Project: i) maximizing the use of existing utility alignments; and ii) minimizing the use of new right-of-way.

Table 6
Comparison of Proposed Route Segment A and Alternate Route Segment A

Criteria or Consideration	Proposed Route Segment A	Alternate Route Segment A
Cost Considerations		
Length (miles)	2.4	1.7
Percent of route sharing existing transmission line route	85%	49%
Percent of route paralleling existing highway right-of-way	23%	51%
Residential Considerations		
Residents within 0-35 feet	7	1
Residents within 35-50 feet	13	5
Residents within 50-100 feet	42	5
Residents within 100-200 feet	28	22
Non-Residential Buildings within 0-35 feet	2	1
Non-Residential Buildings within 35-50 feet	0	0
Non-Residential Buildings within 50-100 feet	2	2
Non-Residential Buildings within 100-200 feet	6	2
Private Schools within one mile	3	4
Public Schools within one mile	1	1
Child Care Centers within one mile	4	4
Communication Towers within 200 feet	1	0
Environmental Considerations		
Archaeological Sites (0.5 mile)	0	0
Historical Sites (0.5 mile)	1 total (1 razed)	2 total (2 razed)
Prime Farmland (acres) within 200 feet	0	0
Total Number of Watercourse Crossings	5	1
Total Number of Public Watercourse Crossings	4	0
Total Number of Public Water Basin Crossings	1	1
Total Length of Wetlands Crossed (feet)	3,402	2,813
Acres of Wetlands within 200 feet	27.6	18.3
FEMA Floodway (acres) within 200 feet	7.5	0
NHIS Species within one mile	0	2
NHIS Rare Communities within one mile	2	1
MCBS Site of Biodiversity Significance (acres) within 200 feet	0	5.6

acquisition of existing GRE transmission line right-of-way (approximately 8 miles) and new right-of-way for new transmission line (approximately 0.8 miles). The transmission line cost estimate for the Proposed Route is \$8 million.

The estimated costs of the Proposed Route and alternate route segments (millions) are as follows:

Proposed Route to Preferred Substation Site A	\$8.00
Proposed Route to Alternate Substation Site B	\$7.16
Alternate Route Segment A to Preferred Substation Site A	\$8.20
Alternate Route Segment A to Alternate Substation Site B	\$9.41
Alternate Route Segment B to Preferred Substation Site A	\$9.48
Alternate Route Segment B to Alternate Substation Site B	\$8.30
Alternate Route Segment C to Preferred Substation Site A	\$8.67
Alternate Route Segment C to Alternate Substation Site B	\$7.87
Alternate Route Segment D to Preferred Substation Site A	\$8.23
Alternate Route Segment D to Alternate Substation Site B	\$7.33

2/12/10
~~\$200,000~~
~~\$25,000~~
 \$13,500 vs \$25,000
 cost vs. property loss

These cost estimates are based upon information available at this time and our experience with similar projects. This takes into consideration the proposed route, preliminary engineering and design criteria, materials, structure type, number of structures, foundations, site preparation, substation modifications and new substation materials, right-of-way and permitting requirements.

The RPA application, a copy of which I mailed to you on July 15, 2011, contains details of our

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Jordan Langer <jordan.langer@ecm-inc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 7:03 AM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: Hollydale Transmission project

Hi Eric,

This is Jordan Langer, the reporter that attended the public information meeting last Thursday in Plymouth. I would like to talk with you briefly about your involvement in the project. Because of my impending deadline, I would like to talk today. I am free between 1-5 p.m. Please let me know when you are available to talk. Thanks so much,
Jordan Langer

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: f <shellwilharm@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 2:58 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: OAH Docket No. 8-2500-22806-2

Dear Judge Lipman,

I, too, would like to voice my opposition to:

1. The location of Substation Site A
2. The proposed route of new transmission lines. Specifically, the proposed route that follows Cheshire Lane to Schmidt Lake Road.

We bought our home 10 years ago this summer. At that time we were told the Substation Site A was to be the future sight of additional playing fields for the city of Plymouth. We have patiently been waiting and never dreamed that this scenario would be occurring. We did our research, as other neighbors have, regarding city plans in our area before our purchase.

I cannot express to you in words my Sadness, Concern, and Frustration regarding this issue. For the last 7 years I have spent an extraordinary amount of time keeping my young children healthy and safe. We eat very clean and have removed chemicals from inside and outside our home, in ways most would not think of. These high voltage lines could be right outside our back yard where my children play daily, as well as the neighbor kids. A home is suppose to be a safe place. This neighborhood is our home and a part of our family. I can't imagine moving from here. And unlikely now as a neighbor had an offer withdrawn from their home due to the utility plans.

Please, please reconsider the route of the lines and sight of the substation. I realize the utility companies report no conclusive evidence to health issues and proximity to high voltage lines. Please do not allow our families to be the conclusive evidence. Safety should come before cost!

Sincerely,

Shelley Wilharm
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Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Anthony Pence <ajpence2@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 1:56 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: OAH Docket No. 8-2500-22806-2

Dear Honorable Judge Lipman:

Thank you for facilitating the public meetings on June 7th and 8th regarding the proposed Hollydale 115 KV Transmission Line Project. As you determine the scope of the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Department of Commerce Energy Facility Permitting, please consider the following:

- The impact on additional / new residents along alternative routes (specifically Alternative Route B) that purchased or built their homes in neighborhoods with buried power lines, without transmission lines adjacent to their property and without any proposed plans to construct such power lines;
- The effects on the environment, including the likelihood of cutting down mature trees, placing towers in marshlands and wetlands, particularly along Alternate Route B;
- The proximity of Alternative Route B to schools, including Wayzata High School, Kimberly Lane Elementary School, Primrose School of West Plymouth and New Horizon Academy
- The reasonable expectation of property owners along the proposed route regarding the future usage of the existing right-of-way / utility easement, particularly given that the 69 KV transmissions lines are constructed;
- The amount of compensation received by property owners along the existing 69KV transmission line for the right-of-way / easement either in direct payment or discounted home purchase price;
- The fact that almost all of the impacted property owners would have purchased or built their home with complete knowledge of the existing utility easement;
- The cost associated with acquiring a new easement and/or land rights to relocate the existing transmission lines to property where no such easement and/or land rights exist;
- The complications of securing an easement and to acquire land rights to construct power transmission lines to run along (in-line) with the existing railroad lines; and
- The estimated decrease in property value of 15-20% for owners along alternative routes.

Based on the above, I am strongly against consideration of Alternative Route B as a viable option to potentially re-route the proposed project route. There is no doubt that none of us want the transmission lines along our property. And, while I understand the concerns of the property owners along the proposed route, the arguments presented to relocate the upgraded lines to a new route do not offset the impact to new residents or support transferring their concerns to other residents. Having said that, I would be supportive of efforts to bury the upgraded 115 KV Transmission Lines along the proposed route, particularly through the most impacted neighborhoods – even if this means a rate increase.

Respectfully,

Anthony Pence
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Plymouth, MN 55446

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Kevin Beddor <Kbeddor@japsolson.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 9:35 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: OAH Docket No. 8-2500-22806-2

Dear Judge Lipman,

Regarding the Proposed Hollydale 115 KV Transmission line project:

I am in favor of the following options on the Medina portion of the route:

1. Bury the line on the existing route. (Seems like it would keep everyone happy) 2. I'm OK with upgrading on the existing route. (I can clearly view from my property) 3. I'm OK with Alternative Route H down #24. (Just because it's away from me)

Totally against Alternative Route I following Medina Road. (Crazy Idea)

Thank you for the opportunity to make a comment. Wish you the best of luck in this difficult process.

Kevin Beddor
1462 Medina Road
Long Lake, MN 55356
Proud Medina Residence for 15 years!

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Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: michelle.a.beddor@gmail.com on behalf of Michelle Beddor <beddor@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 9:35 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: OAH Docket No. 8-2500-22806-2

Dear Judge Lipman,

I am writing in regards to the Proposed Hollydale 115 KV Transmission Line Project. First, I would like to thank you for the well run meeting on June 6th at Wayzata High School. I found the meeting to be very informative.

I live on Medina Road in Medina and would be opposed to Alternative Route I. Medina Road is a beautiful, winding road that would be aesthetically altered with a new power line. There exists many homes on the road which would be affected by this.

I am able to see the existing power line (Proposed Route) from my home and do not find any issue with upgrading that line. It is in the center of a wetland without any homes by it. If this is not possible, I think that Proposed Route H should be used since County Rd 24 is a straight road with few houses on it.

Sincerely,

Michelle Beddor
1462 Medina Rd
Medina, MN 55356

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Ron H Frick <rhfrick@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 10:39 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Cc: Ron H Frick
Subject: OAH Docket No. 8-2500-22806-2

To: Judge Eric L. Lipman
Office of Administrative Hearings

From:
Ron and Sheri Frick
4720 Empire Ln N
Plymouth Mn 55446

We bought our home 13 years ago, and have enjoyed the beautiful wooded area between our home and 494. We were made aware that this public property was going to be made into a park and ball fields, which would have added to our nearby amenities. It is now our understanding a proposal is being made to add a high voltage substation and power lines instead. We are very concerned about the health risks of these power lines, and have received no information on the risks. We have received information on other alternative substation locations and paths, which would impact less residents. From our perspective, the alternative being pushed forward saves money for the utility company, and pushes the burden on the residents who get to bear the health risk and potential property devaluation. We would appreciate your judgement to require a further environmental impact and find ways to minimize the impact on residents. If this proposal does move forward, it is critical every precaution is made to limit the exposure of the voltage which may include an alternative route to the substation (along 494 versus our backyard), and/or burying the wires if that decreases the health risks.

Thank you for taking this into consideration.

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Kalk, Jacqueline E. <JKalk@littler.com>
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 10:13 AM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: OAH Docket No. 8-2500-22806-2

Judge Eric L. Lipman,
Office of Administrative Hearings

From:
Jacqueline and Leonard Eagon
4835 Cheshire Lane N
Plymouth, MN 55446

Dear Judge Lipman:

We would like to voice my opposition to both the location of Substation Site A and the proposed route of new transmission line. Specifically, the proposed route that follows Cheshire Lane to Schmidt Lake Road .

So that you have a clear understanding of our opposition, I purchased our home in July 2007 and have two young children, ages 6 and 9. At that time, I was aware of the power lines on 494 and determined that our home was geographically far enough away that we were not significantly concerned with the EMFs associated with the power line. We were also aware of noise pollution from the current humming of the power lines, traffic noise from 494, and from Fluidyne/Aerodyne Industries that is located between our neighborhood and 494. Along with the changes, like everybody in Plymouth that is situated near the power lines, we are concerned primarily with the health risks associated with the high voltage lines and in particular, the risk of the actual substation being located within roughly 1000 feet to our property and even closer to other properties in our 46-home development of Savannah. This is unreasonably close, particularly given the significant number of small children that live in the Savannah subdivision. Minimizing any risk to people, particularly area children, must be the first concern.

A secondary, but no less concerning issue, is what will no doubt be a significant decrease in home values. Should the proposed Substation Site A and the proposed location of the lines on the corner of Cheshire Lane and Schmidt Lake Road proceed, not only will it affect our neighborhood with the health risks and unsightly poles and building, there is no question that the area homes will invariably suffer losses in value. Given the current state of the real estate industry and the losses many of has have already sustained in property values in the recent past, this is simply not acceptable.

That being said, there are several alternatives to the proposed route that will not have the same negative impacts. Accordingly, we request that the MN Department of Commerce, Xcel Energy and Great River Energy to put the residents of Plymouth first and minimize the impact. Please consider the alternatives, in particular, Substation Site B, and if it maintains that Substation Site A is the only alternative, then it needs to follow Alternate Route E and not submit our neighborhood to the risk of Substation A and additional power poles just to make the project cheaper.

Thank you for adding these comments to the record and for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Eagon
4835 Cheshire Lane N.
Plymouth, MN 55446
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Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Erik Cochran <cocher40@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2012 10:43 AM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: OAH Docket No. 8-2500-22806-2

Dear Honorable Judge Lipman:

Thank you for facilitating the public meetings on June 7th and 8th regarding the proposed Hollydale 115 KV Transmission Line Project. As you determine the scope of the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Department of Commerce Energy Facility Permitting, please consider the following:

- The impact on additional / new residents along alternative routes (specifically Alternative Route B) that purchased or built their homes in neighborhoods with buried power lines, without transmission lines adjacent to their property and without any proposed plans to construct such power lines;
- The effects on the environment, including the likelihood of cutting down mature trees, placing towers in marshlands and wetlands, particularly along Alternate Route B;
- The proximity of Alternative Route B to schools, including Wayzata High School, Kimberly Lane Elementary School, Primrose School of West Plymouth and New Horizon Academy
- The reasonable expectation of property owners along the proposed route regarding the future usage of the existing right-of-way / utility easement, particularly given that the 69 KV transmissions lines are constructed;
- The amount of compensation received by property owners along the existing 69KV transmission line for the right-of-way / easement either in direct payment or discounted home purchase price;
- The fact that almost all of the impacted property owners would have purchased or built their home with complete knowledge of the existing utility easement;
- The cost associated with acquiring a new easement and/or land rights to relocate the existing transmission lines to property where no such easement and/or land rights exist;
- The complications of securing an easement and to acquire land rights to construct power transmission lines to run along (in-line) with the existing railroad lines; and
- The estimated decrease in property value of 15-20% for owners along alternative routes.

Based on the above, I am strongly against consideration of Alternative Route B as a viable option to potentially re-route the proposed project route. There is no doubt that none of us want the transmission lines along our property. And, while I understand the concerns of the property owners along the proposed route, the arguments presented to relocate the upgraded lines to a new route do not offset the impact to new residents or support transferring their concerns to other residents. Having said that, I would be supportive of efforts to bury the upgraded 115 KV Transmission Lines along the proposed route, particularly through the most impacted neighborhoods – even if this means a rate increase.

Respectfully,

Erik Cochran
4810 Narcisuss Court N
Plymouth, MN 55446

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Terry Ottinger <tottinger@flagshipbanks.com>
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2012 1:33 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: Plymouth Power Line Project Opposition

Dear Honorable Judge Eric L. Lipman,

I am emailing to indicate my support for the power line placement on the existing route proposed by Xcel Energy and Great River Energy. If this is not feasible, then I support the northern alternative routes. I strongly oppose the CSAH 24 Alternative Route due to the residential impact that it will cause in our neighborhood (Heather Run – Hwy 101). I feel strongly that our property value will decline and would be concerned about resale of the property as well. I am also concerned about the health risk the added power line could pose.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Homeowner – 3505 Olive Lane N, Plymouth, MN 55447 (Heather Run Neighborhood)

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Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Sandy Hodgkin <shodgkin@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 11:19 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: Plymouth Substation A opposition

To:
Judge Eric L. Lipman,
Office of Administrative Hearings

From:
Sandra Hodgkin
14015 48th Ave N
Plymouth, MN 55446

Judge Lipman:

I would like to voice my opposition to:

1. The location of Substation Site A
2. The proposed route of new transmission line. Specifically, the proposed route that follows Cheshire Lane to Schmidt Lake Road .

We specifically purchased our home in Plymouth 15 years ago because of its proximity to work. We have loved living in Plymouth and the quality of life it has afforded our family. Over the years, people have asked why we haven't moved and I always said it is because of our great neighborhood. You are effectively killing the vibrancy of our neighborhood with not only an eyesore, but potential health effects from high voltage lines. It seems like the cheapest option is being pursued and our neighborhood is "acceptable" collateral damage. I am extremely concerned living so very close to the new Plymouth substation. So will any family looking to purchase a home in our neighborhood. Thus, we will be forced to raise our kids a stones throw away from a substation.

I would hope you will consider alternatives, such as Substation Site B. If Substation A is the only alternative, it needs to follow Alternate Route E and not make our neighborhood take the entire fall for the addition of a new substation. Please give our neighborhood the protection and integrity it deserves.

Respectfully,
Sandra Hodgkin

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Alexander Källebo <alexander@kallebo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 10:10 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: Potential Power Line Placement on Heather Run C.R. 101 Berm
Attachments: Heather Run Power Line.pdf

J. Alexander Källebo, CFA
Ph. (407) 712-3708
Alexander@Kallebo.com

3440 Lawndale Ln N
Plymouth, MN
USA

June 14, 2012

The Honorable Judge Eric L. Lipman
Office of Administrative Hearings
P.O. Box 64620 600 North Robert Street
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We are writing to indicate our support for the power line placement on the existing route proposed by Xcel Energy and Great River Energy. If this is not feasible, then we support the northern alternative routes. We strongly oppose the CSAH 24 Alternative Route due to the residential impact that it will cause.

Thank you the opportunity to comment and for your consideration.

Sincerely,

J. Alexander Källebo

Alexander and Lisa Källebo
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Plymouth, MN 55447

June 14, 2012

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Thank you the opportunity to comment and for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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J. Alexander Källebo

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: ar <alssherm@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 8:14 AM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: Power Line Placement

James and Allison Sherman
3455 Olive Lane North
Plymouth, MN. 55447

June, 14, 2012

The Honorable Judge Eric L. Lipman
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We are writing to indicate our support for the power line placement on the existing route proposed by Xcel Energy and Great River Energy. If this is not feasible then we support the northern alternative route. We strongly oppose the CSAH 24 Alternative Route due to the adverse residential impact that it will cause.

It would be negligent to adversely impact the lives of so many residents when these lines can be run in a place with minimum effects to homeowners.

Thank You for the opportunity to comment and for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
James and Allison Sherman

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Kellie Hurwitz <kelliehurwitz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 9:45 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: power line placement

Kellie Hurwitz
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June 14, 2012

The Honorable Judge Eric L. Lipman
Office of Administrative Hearings
P.O. Box 64620 600 North Robert Street
St. Paul, MN 55164-0620

Dear Judge Lipman,

I am writing to indicate my support for the power line placement on the existing route proposed by Xcel Energy and Great River Energy. If this is not feasible, then I support the northern alternative routes. I strongly oppose the CSAH 24 Alternative Route due to the residential impact that it will cause. This will directly affect me and my family as my house faces this route. We have ponds and wetlands with lots of natural wildlife, that I don't want disturbed. Not to mention, that I don't want to look at electrical poles obstructing my views and disrupting the nature that I appreciate. It is one of the reasons I moved to Plymouth a little over a year ago. Please help our neighborhood remain as beautiful as it is.

If you have any further questions for me, please email me at kelliehurwitz@yahoo.com or feel free to call me anytime, 763-591-5927.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,
Kellie Hurwitz

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Salisbury, Stephanie Ruth <stephanie.salisbury@medtronic.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 10:11 AM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Cc: Stephanie Salisbury (saliss35@gmail.com); noel@calhountech.com
Subject: Power line Project in Plymouth
Attachments: Heather run petition letter_June2012.PDF

Importance: High

Dear Honorable Judge Eric Lipman,

Attached, please find, our letter in support for the power line placement in the existing route proposed by Xcel Energy and Great River Energy.

*Best Regards,
Stephanie Salisbury*

3420 Olive Lane North
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(Heather Run Neighborhood resident)

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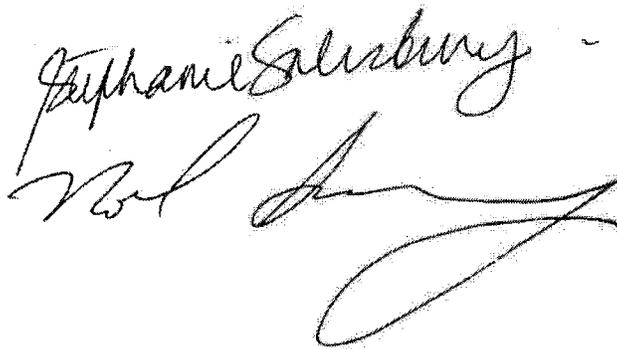
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We are writing to indicate our support for the power line placement on the existing route proposed by Xcel Energy and Great River Energy. If this is not feasible, then we support the northern alternative routes. We strongly oppose the CSAH 24 Alternative Route due to the residential impact that it will cause.

Thank you the opportunity to comment and for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Aleksandr Andzelevich <aga@convey.com>
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 11:17 AM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: Proposed Hollydale 115KV Transition Line Project – Public Trail

Your honor

Let me one more time emphasize the importance of the project for the wellness of the city once wotted as the best one to live in the USA. I'm absolutely convince the best city to live and overhead power line cannot combine. On the public information meetings held on Jun 7th and 8th there were several suggestions to bury the power line. The suggestions were emotionally supported by public with applauses. As a former electrical engineer I know that buried power line costs 6-10 times more than overhead one. but they are chipper to maintain. So, when for the Plymouth community overhead power line is going to cause a permanent damage, on long run the costs of buried and overhead line will be not that much different for Xcel.

I view this situation as the community challenge rather than just minor inconvenience for few unlucky families. And as a such I think it deserves bigger discussion involving all Plymouth residents. Regardless of which plan is chosen it's going to affect population wider when 400 households in the easement corridors. In case of overhead line a loss in property value will be suffered by all Plymouth households through future appraisals based on comparable sales in the area. Buried power line, however can become a property value buster, if on top of it we put a public trail. The households will not only preserve their value, but will get a new feature – access to the trail. I think the choice is clear when you have to decide between permanent good versus permanent evil.

Private citizens and regional municipalities and public officials should be encouraged to consolidate effort on building underground power line in the existing corridor and putting on top of it a public trail. If this idea resonates with people, the project can seek to be partially funded by the cities, county, state, private donations and, since this might be in line with some "green" development programs, federal grants

Sincerely
Aleksandr Andzelevich

Owner of property at: 3945 Garland Ln N
Plymouth, MN 55446
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Plymouth, MN 55446

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From: karina GRAZOVSKI <karinagrazovski@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 12:16 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: Proposed Hollydale 115KV Transmission Line Project

TO: ERIC L. LIPMAN

FROM: EDWARD AND KARINA GRAZOVSKI
3963 Garland Lane North
Plymouth, MN 55446

*We came to United States from Soviet Union in 1991 with lot of hope to build new life, bright future for us and our kids, we new in that time that people here have a human rights and also private properties and health are protected by **LAW and GOVERNMENT.***

We bought our house in November of 2000 and we had low voltage power line in very close distance (its in our rear side of backyard), but it is a low voltage not a high voltage power lines.

We paid more money for a house just because we wanted to be in Plymouth, in Wayzata School District, now Excel Energy is proposing upgrade existing low voltage power line to new high voltage line

without thinking about people's health and finance but trying to save their own money.

In the same time everybody knows doesn't matter how much Excel Energy will spend, they will increase our bills, we are the payees and Excel Energy eventually will get their money back.

I am a Real Estate Agent my self, I know how much prices will go down, it is not 20-30% but much more, for us who lives on proposed line it means not just risk to ours and our kids health but also financially we will loose lot of money and financially we will have a very cloudy future.

Without consulting with people (with us) Excel Energy have chose list expensive route (for them) to build new HIGH VOLTAGE POWER LINES IN OUR BACKYARD, they put companies interest and profitability first and peoples interest and health in second.

WE ARE AGAINST HIGH POWER LINE TO BE BUILD IN OUR BACKYARD AND STRONGLY SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE LINE GOING VIA MAJOR ROUTES BUT NOT RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS OR SECOND CHOICE EXCEL SHOULD BUY OUT OUR HOUSES.

We hope that Government Representative will make a right decision and protect people's interest, health and investments over profitability of Excel.

It is exactly the reason why we moved to USA and thousands of other people from other countries keep moving here because we all wanted to have a sense of security and prosperity and protection.

We are strongly supporters of alternative line going via major routes but not residential neighborhoods.

*Sincerely,
Edward Grazovki*

Karina Grazovski
06/11/2012

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: K Diemand <diemandk@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 8:06 AM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Cc: admin@heatherrun.org
Subject: PUC Docket No. E002/TL-11-152

June 13, 2012

The Honorable Judge Eric L. Lipman
Office of Administrative Hearings
P.O. Box 64620
600 North Robert Street
St. Paul, MN 55164 – 0620

eric.lipman@state.mn.us

Dear Judge Lipman,

Re:
Xcel Energy and Great River Energy
Hollydale 115 kV Transmission Line Project
PUC Docket No. E002/TL-11-152

We are writing to indicate our support for the power line placement on the existing route proposed by Xcel Energy and Great River Energy. If this is not feasible, then we support the northern alternative routes.

We strongly oppose the CSAH 24 Alternative Route due to the severe and negative impact it would have on our neighborhood; families and homes that would only be a few yards from these high power lines. The effect on property values would be immediate and the effects on the health of our children are of obvious concern.

We urge you to support a less intrusive and endangering route for this project.

Sincerely,

Kim and Jan Diemand
3265 Olive Lane North
Plymouth, MN 55447
612-819-9326
diemandk@hotmail.com

cc: Heather Run Home Owners Association
admin@heatherrun.org

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Jennifer Eisenmann <jjeisenmann@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 10:04 AM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: Xcel Energy and Great River Energy Hollydale 115 kv Transmission Line Project

June 13, 2012

The Honorable Judge Eric L. Lipman
Office of Administrative Hearings
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We are writing to indicate our support for the power line placement on the existing route proposed by Xcel Energy and Great River Energy. If this is not feasible, then we support the northern alternative routes. We strongly oppose the CSAH 24 Alternative Route due to the residential impact it will cause.

Thank for the opportunity to comment and for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jon and Jennifer Eisenmann
3365 Olive Lane North
Plymouth, MN 55447

RUDOLF & EVA GUTMANN

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June 12, 2012

Re: Hollydale 115 KV Transmission Line

Dear Mr. Lipman:

I am writing you to ask for your help in preventing Xcel Energy from using the Hollydale Line to increase the capacity from 69KV to 115KV.

It is difficult to see any reasons why such an 115KV Line would be projected through highly populated neighborhoods especially since alternative routes through less populated areas are available. The negative economic and environmental impact to our neighborhoods will be considerable. Therefore alternative routes would greatly reduce the negative impacts.

The obvious concern, that we who live in this highly populated impacted area, are property devaluation, noise, aesthetics, health issues, and many others. Despite health issues resulting from being exposed by living and playing close to these power lines are not proven, it is a major concern to all families.

Knowing what we know today, we would not have considered buying a home in our neighborhood. The future decline in our home values and the reduced desirability in our neighborhoods will be devastating should the project move forward.

Please work with our elected officials to put an end to this proposal and to find an alternative solution. We greatly appreciate your consideration. Many thanks.

Sincerely,


Rudolf & Eva Gutmann

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Re: Xcel Energy and Great River Energy
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Dear Sir:

We are residential property owners in Medina abutting CSAH 24.

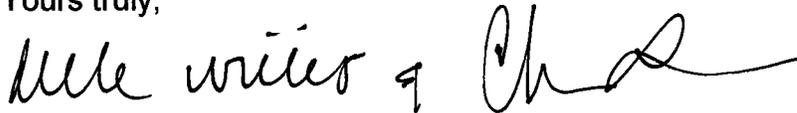
We respectfully but strongly disagree with any proposal to replace the existing power line route in Medina. The Alternative Route to which we object is illustrated in Figure 11 of the draft scoping document.

The existing route in Medina has been in place for generations and development occurring over the years has been done in harmony with the power line. It is disingenuous for some to now suggest that it be rerouted for no apparent justifiable reason other than to place it in someone else's 'back yard'.

We fully recognize that both Xcel Energy and Great River Energy must strengthen their power line infrastructure to meet the growing demands of our developing northwest Hennepin County Area and for reliable electric energy service. Their power line upgrade proposed routing recognizes the wisdom of utilizing existing power line easements for such upgrades insofar as is practical. Figure 1 in the May 25th scoping document illustrates, in our view, a rational approach to upgrading the existing 69 kV line to 115kV without substantially longer routes, and cost, to reach the proposed substation in Plymouth.

Thank you for considering our concerns and views are you proceed to evaluate the subject proposal.

Yours truly,



Mele Willis & Charles Lazarus
1055 Oak Circle
Medina, MN 55391

June 15, 2012

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Re: Hollydale 115 KV Transmission Line

Dear Mr. Lipman,

I believe that the proposed installation of a 115KV transmission line between the two neighborhoods of Walnut Grove Pond and the Orchards of Plymouth is irresponsible. Excel Energy has displayed a complete lack of consideration for the health and economic welfare of the approximately thirty homes that border on both sides of this EMF corridor.

If the route proposed by Excel is forced upon us, then I urge that the line be routed underground through the wetland area between our two communities. This would hopefully reduce the often stated harmful effects to our properties of the above ground line.

Thank you for your consideration.

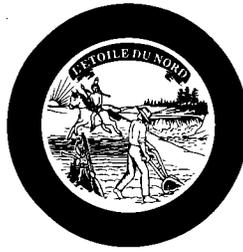
Sincerely,



William K. Whitmore
18110 39th Ave. No.
Plymouth, MN. 55446
Ph. 763-478-3506

Sarah Anderson
State Representative

District 43A
Plymouth and Medicine Lake



Minnesota House of Representatives

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Dear Judge Lipman,

As a State Representative for the Plymouth community, I have received many requests from my constituents to intervene on the proposed Hollydale 115kV high voltage transmission line project. I know you received public comments last week on this matter. I would like to share my concerns with you at this time.

Though the Hollydale neighborhood in Plymouth has an existing transmission line running through the property, the proposed new line would be larger. Homeowners are concerned about the impact this bigger line would have on their property values. Given the tough housing market, this new line limits their ability to realize the full value of their home and property.

The Plymouth City Council has also expressed concern over the new line. In fact, they took a vote encouraging the use of the 494/55 highway corridor for this purpose. Everyone understands the need for the line. However, they are asking that we use this opportunity to place the line along a highway rather than running through a neighborhood.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this alternative proposal. I know your schedule is full and I appreciate all you do in finding solutions to disputes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Anderson".

Sarah Anderson
State Representative
Plymouth and Medicine Lake



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Plymouth, MN
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Thank you the opportunity to comment and for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Aaron & Lisa Amic



612-281-7014

aaronjamic@gmail.com

Kathryn Wangenstein
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Plymouth, MN 55447

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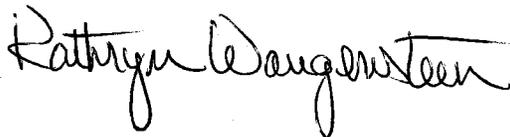
Hollydale 115kV Transmission Line Project for the cities of Plymouth and Medina,
Hennepin County, MN

Route Permit Application Docket No. E002/TL-11-52
Certificate of Need Application Docket No. E002/CN-12-113

I am writing to indicate my support for the power line placement on the existing route proposed by Xcel Energy and Great River Energy. If this is not feasible, I support the northern alternative routes. I strongly oppose the CSAH 24 Alternative Route due to the residential impact it will cause.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for your consideration.

Sincerely,



COMMENT FORM

Public Information Meetings – June 7 and 8, 2012
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Name: CARL & Pat Niemi
Address: 3475 ZIRCON LN N.
City: Plymouth State: MN. ZIP: 55447

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We would like Xcel to rethink and choose an alternative route in place of the proposed 115 K line that runs through Churchill Farms, (our neighborhood) Bridlewood, Walnut Grove, The Orchards and the other heavily populated neighborhoods.

We have serious concerns regarding the unproved (per Xcel) health issues, the reduction in property values and the humming sounds the line will emit.

This current line (69K) is not used very often and runs across the length of my front yard.

Signature: Pat Niemi & Carl Niemi Date: 6-14-12

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This front yard is where my 5 beautiful grand children run and play. My flower garden is and would be directly under the line where I love to spend many hours. We recommend running & choosing lines that go down major roads, not through human settlements.

Is there a possibility the lines could run from the west going east to the areas where the power is needed NOT from heavy populated Plymouth when the service is for the far out western suburbs.

Signature: Pat Niemi & Carl Niemi Date: 6-14-12

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We ask that you choose routes with the least impact among the neighborhoods with the most homes where real people & families live.

Thank you for your consideration on this important issue.

Signature: Pat Niemi & Carl Niemi Date: 6-14-12

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Signature: Richard S. Graft Date: 6/11/12

My name is Richard S. Graft, II. I live at 242 Medina Road. My property is north of Medina Road where Holy Name Drive intersects with Medina Road. I attended the Public Hearing on June 7 at Wayzata High School. I prefer putting my comments in writing versus public speaking.

My concerns are focused on Figure 2. I am totally opposed to the option(s) of running the new line down Medina Road (Alt I) and/or Routes F, F1, F2 or F3. Medina Road is very winding and not much room on either side and Alts F repeats the same problems as we have now.

What I would prefer would be to use the "proposed route" and when it reaches the neighborhoods- Bridlewood and Saddlebrook, bury the line.

We have a problem in our country- we never learn from the past. What we are experiencing is not new, just new to us. Concerns of power line route widths, rights of way, noise, health issues, the potential impact on property values etc. have all been vetted many times and in many parts of the country. Why do we continue to allow this to happen?

I want to be very careful in my next remarks- I am not blaming any particular people, companies or governments. This is a collective problem. But to allow housing to be built so close to exiting power lines simply invites problems in the future. To allow these developments to proceed, with the lack of adequate zoning allowances, building codes (more than adequate distance), to have realtors downplay their existence, and for homeowners to believe they will never have issues is misleading, naïve, and lacks long term thinking. To create this same scenario in land that just happens to be more vacant now, is very bad planning.

But it is very counter-productive to pit one neighbor against another. And particularly when you have more home/landowners negatively impacted than not. We are just kicking the can down the road.

Having said that, I totally understand the issues and I strongly feel we need to help these homeowners. I repeat, it is not right to "stick them" with this problem. It seems to me that a buried line addresses all the concerns. Therefore, regardless of cost, this is the fairest solution. The cost can be absorbed by all beneficiaries of the increased power line capacity. I would even be willing to pay a modest assessment to pay for this option since it would benefit me in the long run. Another alternative might be to compensate these homeowners with cash.

I am expecting to read a full cost based analysis of each of the alternatives. This would include weathering steel poles. We still do not have enough facts to make a wise decision.

Thank you.



Richard Graft

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Darrin and Greta Homme
3340 Olive Lane North
Plymouth, MN 55447

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Honorable Judge Lipman:

After a very long search, we purchased a home in the Heather Run development in Plymouth in August of 2010. Although we love the neighborhood and are very happy here, Heather Run was not our first choice. We would have loved a home on the Luce Line. We deliberately did not purchase a home there because our children would have attended Gleason Lake Elementary school, which is located in close proximity to an electrical substation. Electrical lines and substations played a big role in our home selection process. We are writing today to strongly oppose the CSAH 24 Alternative Route for power line placement proposed by Xcel Energy and Great River Energy. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Darrin and Greta Homme

June 13, 2012

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Re: Hollydale 115KV Transmission Line

Dear Mr. Lipman

I wrote to you recently regarding the closeness of the proposed route A to two of the homes in our Walnut Grove Homeowners Association. These homes are 20 feet from the proposed route. Mr. Lowell Turner and Mr. Barry Altman, owners of these two homes spoke at the public hearings at the Wayzata High School on June 7 and 8. Many of our other nineteen homeowners are also concerned because of the closeness of the proposed line and the potential necessity of removing mature Black Walnut Trees.

The proposed line would go through a wetland along our properties. The proposed route would also run along Orchards of Plymouth Homeowners Association and have an adverse affect on their properties.

We're still hopeful that either alternate routes G or G1 will be used. However, if the line would follow the first proposed route, I'm wondering if it can be an underground buried line through our wetland, thereby reducing the damaging effect to our properties and those of Orchards of Plymouth Association.

Thank you for your consideration to this.

Respectfully,



Verne Palmberg
President Walnut Grove Homeowners Association
18140 39th Avenue North
Plymouth, MN. 55446-6800 Phone 763-478-6280

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Re: Hollydale 115 KV Transmission Line

Dear Mr. Lipman,

I am writing to ask your help in preventing Xcel Energy from using the Hollydale Line to increase the current capacity from 69KV to 115KV.

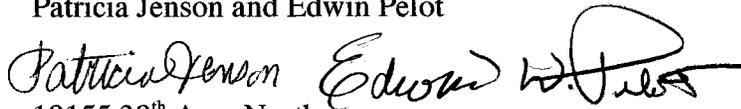
We are aware of other proposed routes that could be implemented which would greatly reduce the negative economic and environmental impact of this project to our community.

The obvious concerns that we who live in the highly populated impacted area are the property devaluation, EMF, noise, aesthetics, and health issues.
Please take a minute and think of the decline in home values and the reduced desirability of our community based on the project going forward.

Please work with our elected officials to put an end to this proposal.

With appreciation for your service,

Patricia Jenson and Edwin Pelot


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I would not be supportive of the proposed route since the long term health impact at close distances from 115 kv lines is not proven to be insignificant.

There are mixed results from studies and Europe, per my understanding does not allow this.

The route passes closer to Greenwood Elementary — long term effects on the health of children is uncertain

Signature: Kalyani Subash Date: 6/10/12

Ron Hanson and Diane Frick
3260 Olive Lane North
Plymouth, MN 55447

June 14, 2012

The Honorable Judge Eric L. Lipman
Office of Administrative Hearings
P.O. Box 64620 600 North Robert Street
St. Paul, MN 55164 – 0620

We are writing to indicate our support for the power line placement on the existing route proposed by Xcel Energy and Great River Energy. If this is not feasible, then we support the northern alternative routes. We strongly oppose Alternative H due to the residential impact that it will cause.

Thank you the opportunity to comment and for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Ron Hanson



Diane Frick

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I would not be supportive of the Proposed Route since the long term health impact at close distances from 115kv lines is not proven to be insignificant. Especially long term effects on children. This passes next to a large elementary school. (There are mixed results from studies and Europe, per my understanding does not allow this.)

Signature: Subash Date: 06/11/2012

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Name: TOM KUBINSKI
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Honorable Eric L. Lipman
Office of Administrative Hearings
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Dear Honorable Eric L. Lipman,

First of all, I'd like to say thank you to you for conducting the meeting last night. I thought you did an excellent job handling the sometimes difficult comments, emotions and direction that it went. It is very comforting knowing that we the people do have a voice and we the people can change the direction of what was presented as the only option.

Originally, I was made to feel like Xcel was simply going through the motions with no intention of listening or changing what they felt was in their best interest. An interest that would make them the most money with the least amount of cost, time and effort to complete.

So, I wish to thank you for that!!

Yet, the process and the proposed plan vs

- a) Xcel's alternative plans (which made no economic sense or production sense and felt like they submitted something that made their proposed looked golden and only option
- b) All the others submitted by the many communities being affected
- c) Forced each person to try to become an expert in something that they are trained for and don't have a clue on what to be doing, researching, how to proceed, evaluate what's been stated etc.
- d) Pitted each neighborhood against each other situation.

What should have been done, is one that brought the need/benefit to the many with the fewest side effects to;

- 1) Number of households being affected
- 2) Health concerns / issues
- 3) Damage to nature, wet lands etc
- 4) Then the last element should be cost.
- 5) Not cost being the number one and only concern!!

Questions:

- 1) I still need to ask, "How do we the community ensure that we are being protected?"
- 2) "Do we need to pull together and hire an attorney?"
- 3) "What percentage of proposed plans actually get changed due to the communities efforts?"

With that being said, here are some additional comments for the record and to be considered:

Location to my Home;

I have measured the distance from the existing NON-WORKING line in our back yard / home and found the following measurements:

- 1) Dead center wire to our fence=**1 foot**

- 2) Dead center wire to the front of our deck in the back yard=57 feet
- 3) **Dead center wire to the back of our home=69 feet**
- 4) This is well below the safe distance noted in all information given to us via announcements, public meetings etc IE Bell Curve shows after 200 feet....we are 69 feet or less from them!!!
- 5)

My Health:

- 1) **I am in the midst of surviving Stage 4 Throat Cancer** now 2 ½ years thus far. The Mayo Clinic considers me about 45% in the clear until year 4. Then I will be about 75%. At year 5, they consider me being in remission. The LAST thing I need, is anything to add to the threat of CANCER coming back to me or to anyone in my family. There are many studies etc that prove that there are links to cancer. See below for some to be reviewed for the record.
- 2) **More important**, that means just being in our home watching TV, in the kitchen etc puts us in the unsafe zones of the Bell Curve on a daily basis. **That's 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year!!!**
- 3) That means that when I, our family, friends etc sit on our deck / patio on a regular basis, will also be well within the unsafe zones of the Bell Curve.
- 4) ...in the past "unintentional harm" was done by power companies as they weren't aware of the health risks whereas currently xcel would be doing "intentional harm knowing that the high power lines do cause cancer and are proceeding anyway when they could just as easily do it another way / place.11

Kids Concern:

- 1) **What concerns me the most to point 3 above, is that it is to the wall of our kids and our master bedroom, which is on the top floor.** Once you factor in the wind sway of ever many feet Xcel says it should be, those wires will be somewhere between 50 feet from where we sleep every day for 8 hours at least a day.
- 2) **This is well below the safe distance noted in all information given to us via** announcements, public meetings etc IE Bell Curve shows after 200 feet....we are 69 feet or less from them!!!
- 3) Not to mention that the bell curve showing the emissions that decapitate on a bell curve where our bedrooms will be at the highest point of impact they can for emission's and not the lower end of the bell curve.
- 4) That means that our kids and all their friends that play in our back yard every single day for baseball, soccer, etc summer sports and we put up a portable hockey rink for the winter activities, are playing in a dangerous environment.

EMF Studies & Cases:

- 1) Here are some links to international organizations that study EMF;
 - a) <http://www.who.int/ph-emf/en/>
 - b) <http://www.niehs.nih.gov/health/topics/agents/emf/>
 - c) <http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/risk/magnetic-fields>

- 2) Here are some Studies for Reference's;
 - a) According to a study in the Internal Medicine Journal September 2007—People who lived within 328 yards of a power line up to the age of five were 5 times more likely to develop CANCER. Those who lived within the same range to a power line at any point during their first 15 years were 3 times more likely to develop cancer as an adult.
 - b) The California Health Department issued their first report on power frequency EMF in October, 2002. This 7 year, \$9 million study concluded EMFs can cause some degree of increased risk of childhood leukemia, adult brain cancer, Lou Gehrig's Disease, and miscarriage. The Evaluation further concludes that magnetic fields may cause suicide and adult leukemia. This study used a standard of causation, which is more rigorous test than the more common standard that seeks to demonstrate of an association between EMF and man of these diseases.
 - c) A major new study which appeared in the June 2005 British Medical Journal, concludes there is a statistical link between EMF from power lines and leukemia. More specifically, this study found that children whose birth was within 200 meters of an overhead power line had a 70% increased risk.
- 3) Most European countries, including the UK and Germany have prohibited the construction of transmission power lines near homes for many years. That has to tell us something and it is time we start to take care of each other vs chasing the almighty dollar!
- 4) Would cause concerns or increased medical issues with occupants—especially smaller children and adults. See all references of medical studies made by Elizabeth Lafrenz at public meeting.

Home Values:

- 1) I would never had purchased our single most important investment/purchase/ home had I known that this non-working line would not only be moved from zero working to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year and ampt up to 115!! We simply would have passed on this home and bought someplace else!!!!
- 2) Not to mention the very expensive fence we put up and a berm with mature evergreens that block the townhomes view of our property that we have worked so hard to bring to current stages and now can enjoy our backyard with portable ice rink, X-mas decorations etc during winter and entertaining during the summer. These lines may cause us to lose our fence and trees according to Xcel with maybe being replaced or not due to variance of old non-working line.
- 3) Also, the many figures of home depreciation values given by many experienced realators. IE the range is from 10% to 40% or more depending on proximity of lines and the perceived value of the market vs pure home value!! Since our home is again only 69 feet before wind sway, we are in the higher end of home deprecation value!!

The decreased home values of 10%-40% based on the findings of licensed realstate agents presenting at public meeting on 10-26-11

- 4) If Xcel would like to buy my home at a fair price not perceived value, it'd be more than happy to consider this and move to a safer place for not only myself, but my family.

Xcels Cat n Mouse game played:

- 1) Xcel has tried / played a very good game of cat n mouse & divide and conquer throughout this whole process and this is the most alarming of all!! Listed below are some of the things that they have done and said that is not only alarming, but very unreal how anyone could with good conscious do to other people!!
- 2) Originally, they mailed out only to homes that were 100 feet next to the wire on either side of it. This is absurd for homes in my neighborhood that have the lines in their back yard did not even get a notice due to they were not within this ridiculous measurement. ? What, 100 FEET of the line? This not only brought in few for attendance, but also resulted in very little objections, comments, options etc.
- 3) When I was asked as to why weren't all of the homes that were in the communities being affected or even better yet, ones say 500 feet away were not included, I was told by an Xcel employee, "We are NOT required to do this and simply did it as a good faith before presenting to the State" What?
- 4) I was also told that they could not find the home list to mail to others? What? I am in direct mail and printing and know that they could have very easily gotten a complete list to mail to every home association, town home association etc to mail to!!!
- 5) Not to mention that the set up for presentation was one of divide and conquer. They took each person individually, allowed them to ask their own questions and answered with not much information. So, if you were not an informed person, knew what questions to ask, you were left feeling that this is what is and there was nothing you could do to change it.
- 6) Then I proceeded to go from table to table to see and talk to almost each person there and found out even more information that should have been given freely, openly and to everyone vs only those who had some idea of what to ask
- 7) I found out that the line was NOT currently owned by Xcel and we were made to feel that they were
- 8) I found out that the line was a non working line and we were made to feel like it was all the time and simply being beefed up.
- 9) I found someone who actually put up the lines and proposed the alternative E option and he said that this option made the most sense because it would be the easiest and wondered why it was not even proposed by his company. What happened later was unreal, he was excused from the meeting and not seen again.
- 10) They also did not send any of the questions that were raised or written down by individuals so all would know or be informed. I then asked if they were going to send out a follow up mailer to those invited with those comments. They told me that they will make aware those options that make sense? Really? Is that only the ones that make sense to them? What criteria? It was again a divide and conquer / cat n mouse game.

- 11) Let's not forget to mention that when one looks at the alternative plans presented by Xcel, none of them make sense and drive one to feel that their proposed plan is the only option that is available!! They set the table to their benefit and required the public to try and figure it out on their own if at all.
- 12) I'd also like for Xcel to present a picture of the exact poles, arms, line thickness etc next to a home as close to mine so I and others may see how it will look vs the non threatening / concerning pictures of a pole on an empty dirt road next to a farm field. This again is a cat n mouse game being played.
- 13) Noise level from the voltage of the power line upgrade. It is well known that it will be present. Especially for how close my home is with it in my back yard. As well as for neighbors that are not aware of this issue/topic/concern due to not being informed. I'd like to know what the range of noise that will be heard from this line at all different kinds of environment's and what that compares to that a normal civilian will understand

Alternative Route & Suggetstion:

- 1) Burying Lines—The state of Connecticut passed by overwhelming margins in early May 2004 a law that requires power lines to be buried if they pass near residences, schools, hospitals and other sensitive facilities. As a follow up, the Connecticut Council study showed that Burying long lines is feasible.
- 2) Note I also asked about this at the very first meeting and was told that it was too expensive of an option and would NOT be looked at!!
- 3) At one of the Public meetings 10-26-11, There was a vote --last night for all in favor vs against the newly proposed plan to use Hwy 55 & Hwy 494 (which was alternate route E), all were in favor and NO one was against it. We never mentioned how many people were in attendance with the said votes. So, if you could add up the number of people who signed in, that could be the numbers used when the request of showing hands for those in favor of the proposed option vs those against. NOTE not one hand was raised for against, which would conclude all were in favor.
- 4) NOTE, at the first meeting, I did ask him about using the existing Hwy 55 & Hwy 494 path by beefing up those poles and lines, which would not affect any one differently. He told me something to this affect, that those lines are already spoken for other growth measures and we need to come up with additional sources for other needs. So, this will not be an option. With that statement, is felt that this was a dead end and then proceeded to come up with the option that I presented in the letter I sent to him that you will see in the following e mails documenting what was asked and how it was answered. So, if you wonder why it was not written in as an option, it was because of what was said at the meeting. I did not mention this last night in the public meeting, because I was pretty much exhausted from a full day of work and the long meeting with many emotions. I had to look back at my notes to remember it as well.
- 5) Let's not forget to mention that when one looks at the alternative plans presented by Xcel, none of them make sense and drive one to feel that their proposed plan is the only option that is available!! They set the table to their benefit and required the public to try and figure it out on their own if at all.

Let me know if there is anything that I/we may/should be doing with what we submit as well. Since we don't have a clue on what to do or how to do it, we are at the mercy of the process. This has required us to try to become an expert in a matter that we cannot and must rely on assistance.

I am an expert in my field and I am a consultant who helps make suggestions on how my clients can improve their marketing efforts in order to increase interest, sales and ROI. This is what I do and am known for it. Yet, this is completely unknown to me and I trust others to do same for me since they are the experts.

Thanks once again.

Name

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Tom Kubinski

From: Tami Carpenter [tamicarp@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2011 3:31 AM
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Cc: 'Sedarski, Joseph G'; mparlow@GREnergy.com
Subject: Hollydale 115 kV Transmission Line Project in the Cities of Plymouth and Medina, Hennepin County
Attachments: image002.png; Appendix H - Summary of Impacts.pdf; Appendix C - Maps C-1 to C-23.pdf
Importance: High

Dear Mr. Ek and Mr. Kirsch,

I am a homeowner in both the Holly Creek Homes Development AND the Holly Creek Townhome Development, so I urge you to weigh what I feel is the primary reason Xcel is supporting the proposed path versus the alternate paths – COST. While the submitted documents have tables and rationale that would indicate cost is just “one of the factors considered in their decision”, if you take a hard look at each data element, the rationale for the “preferred route” is not supported by the data provided. As a matter of fact, if we truly look at the full table contained in the attached Appendix H and compare all of the data elements, Alternate Route Segment D and Alternate Route Segment B have the LEAST impact in all areas except farmland (impacted in Alternate Route Segment B). Since the preferred Substation Site appears to be Site A and the push is to use Routes A and C, I would like to focus on those areas and ask that Xcel document clear answers to the following questions given their data and associated rationale before these segments are approved. In my view, the data and rationale given for the “preferred routes A & C” do not make sense given the increased property and human impacts associated with these routes.

Let’s look at Preferred Segment C compared to Alternate Segment C as an example: (The arguments for Segment A are similar)

From a simple visual glance given the maps in the attached appendix C, it is clear that there are far more “yellow dots” within as few as 20ft from the proposed path. Every one of those dots represents a family that will be clearly impacted both from a financial and health perspective by the proposed route. If you look at the Alternate Route C, you see FAR FEWER yellow dots. It’s not 0, so clearly there will still be some impact, but let’s look at the facts. As a reference, I have copied the table of data provided by Xcel in the application for Segment C:

Criteria or Consideration	Proposed Route Segment C	Alternate Route Segment C
Cost Considerations		
Length (miles)	0.7	1.0
Percent of route sharing existing transmission line route	100%	0%
Percent of route paralleling existing highway right-of-way	0%	95%
Residential Considerations		
Residents within 0-35 feet	2	0
Residents within 35-50 feet	14	0
Residents within 50-100 feet	25	6
Residents within 100-200 feet	27	13
Non-Residential Buildings within 0-35 feet	0	0
Non-Residential Buildings within 35-50 feet	0	0
Non-Residential Buildings within 50-100 feet	0	0
Non-Residential Buildings within 100-200 feet	1	1
Private Schools within one mile	1	1
Public Schools within one mile	3	3
Child Care Centers within one mile	5	5
Communication Towers within 200 feet	0	0
Environmental Considerations		
Archaeological Sites (0.5 mile)	0	0
Historical Sites (0.5 mile)	9 total (8 razed)	8 total (7 razed)
Prime Farmland (acres) within 200 feet	0	0
Total Number of Watercourse Crossings	1	1
Total Number of Public Watercourse Crossings	1	1
Total Number of Public Water Basin Crossings	2	1
Total Length of Wetlands Crossed (feet)	1,513	1,223
Acres of Wetlands within 200 feet	14.1	10.2
FEMA Floodway (acres) within 200 feet	4.6	2.2
NHIS Species within one mile	0	0
NHIS Rare Communities within one mile	0	0
MCBS Site of Biodiversity Significance (acres) within 200 feet	0	0
Scientific & Natural Area (acres) within one mile	0	0
Snowmobile Trails (feet) within 200 feet	479	2,973

The proposed route C impacts 68 homes versus 19 and over 50% of the homes impacted in the proposed route are within just 100 feet of the route. The application states that "typical" right-of-way distances are 75ft for the 115kV line, so 16 families in the "preferred" route C are within the "typical" right of way distances. These residents would have no ability to utilize their property freely as there will always be the need to have access to these lines. On many of these homes, this is the backyard space. In the alternate route only 6 homes would be impacted at this magnitude versus 31.

I won't even attempt to argue the medial impacts of power lines because each side can find a study to debate either side, but the list below includes just a few of the many studies that are difficult to simply

dismiss, so one would argue there is very good reason for health concerns and given this alone, why wouldn't we select a path that minimizes this potential impact if there is no other compelling reason?

List of Studies for Reference:

- According to a study in the Internal Medicine Journal September 2007;– People who lived within 328 yards of a power line up to the age of five were five times more likely to develop cancer. Those who lived within the same range to a power line at any point during their first 15 years were three times more likely to develop cancer as an adult.
- The California Health Department issued their final report on power frequency EMF in October, 2002. This 7-year, \$9 million study concluded EMFs can cause some degree of increased risk of childhood leukemia, adult brain cancer, Lou Gehrig's Disease, and miscarriage. The Evaluation further concludes that magnetic fields may cause suicide and adult leukemia. This study used a standard of **causation**, which is a more rigorous test than the more common standard that seeks to demonstrate of an *association* between EMF and many of these diseases.
- A major new study which appeared in the June 2005 British Medical Journal, concludes there is a statistical link between EMF from power lines and leukemia. More specifically, this study found that children whose birth address was within 200 meters of an overhead power line had a 70% increased risk of leukemia. Children living 200 to 600 meters away from power lines had a 20% increased risk.
- Most European countries, including the UK and Germany have prohibited the construction of transmission power lines near homes for many years.
- The State of Connecticut passed by overwhelming margins in early May 2004 a law that requires power lines to be buried if they pass near residences, schools, hospitals and other sensitive facilities. As a followup, the Connecticut Council study showed that burying long lines is feasible

So what are the "other compelling reasons" for the "preferred segment C"? Xcel documented the following points for their rationale and I have added my commentary on each point:

Topic 1 - The route permit application indicates the proposed route is preferable to the Alternate because it maximizes the use of existing utility right of way and minimizes use of new right of way. I am struggling to understand this conclusion since Table 8 suggests that there is no real differential between the proposed route C and the Alternate route C when it comes to right of way. Yes the current route would use an existing transmission right of way, but the alternate route parallels existing highway right of way for 95% of the length. I do not consider either of these "preferred" for this attribute" since they both have right of way access, hence this is not a compelling reason to disrupt more families in my view.

Topic 2 – Impact to Nature - The wet lands impacted with the Alternate route is also marginally smaller. Xcel notes a "negative impact to snowmobile trails" with the alternate route, but this is ridiculous. The "snowmobile trail" is simply the ditch along the highway and since you cannot snowmobile through neighborhoods on either side of this ditch until you reach the western side of Medina, I'm struggling to understand what snowmobilers would be impacted? (Just for reference, I am an avid snowmobiler and I would LOVE to use this "trail" but tell me – do I part my truck along HWY 55 to unload my sled and so I can access it?? The "sport impact" is not a valid argument for not utilizing the alternate route. Again – NOT a compelling reason for the "preferred" Segment C.

The Application's conclusion versus my conclusion:

On page 33 of the application, it **clearly notes the greater residence impact with the "preferred" versus alternate route C**, but this is offset with the comment that "no new impacts to these

residences would occur from using the proposed route segment C". I am frankly insulted by this comment and take great exception to this conclusion. The existing 69kV lines are wood and while I didn't physically measure one, I suspect they fall into the standard 50-70 ft. height. The new poles will be nearly twice the height (75-105 ft), have a larger concrete base and be made of steel. In addition, the EMF values will be different. So I absolutely cannot agree that there is "no new impact". Would you want a 105ft steel pole 20 feet from your back door? Would you consider this "no new impact" on your home? The only real advantage I can see for the proposed route C versus the alternate route C is cost (\$8 versus \$8.67 million) and this differential should NOT be the driving factor in the disruption of 68 homes versus 19 homes. As an additional point of reference, as I estimate distances looking at the photos in appendix B it would appear that 6 of the 19 homes on the alternate path would be impacted in either route. As a matter of fact, the costs associated with the various routes to Site A per Xcel are as follows:

- Proposed Route to Preferred Substation Site A \$8.00
- Alternate Route Segment A to Preferred Substation Site A \$8.20
- Alternate Route Segment B to Preferred Substation Site A \$9.48
- Alternate Route Segment C to Preferred Substation Site A \$8.67
- Alternate Route Segment D to Preferred Substation Site A \$8.23

Given the fact that the "preferred" route is the "cheapest" route, is there ANY doubt that the REAL reason for its preference/selection, is cost?

Certainly business revenue is important, but since I can see no viable reason other than cost for Xcel to select the "preferred" segments C and A. Are we truly willing as a society to accept this rationale and look the impacted families in the eye and say - saving Xcel money is more important than their potential future health or home value? Is reasonable to say "we shouldn't make Xcel spend more on this project", given the fact that the Chairman & CEO of Xcel, Mr. Richard Kelly. Has a total compensation in 2010 of \$7,024,885? (Per the Star & Tribune, April 2010) Is it more important to put the profits of Xcel above the health and well being of the very people paying for the services of Xcel? As our government leaders, I urge you to really take each data point used for selecting the preferred paths and ask yourself - is this REALLY a reason to impact the health and well being of MORE families. I feel strongly that if the data elements are evaluated without the cost bias, you will see that the alternate routes are actually the ones that impact the future financial and health well being of FAR FEWER families and hence should be chosen as the "preferred routes" for this project.

Sincerely,
Tami M. Carpenter

Appendix H

Summary of Impacts

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Proposed Route and Proposed and Alternate Route Segments

Feature	Distance from Centerline	Rebuild Portion of 115 kV Line (Medina Substation to Intersection with GRE 115 kV Line WH-PB)	New Portion of 115 kV Line (Intersection with GRE 115 kV Line WH-PB and Preferred Substation Site A)	Proposed Route Segment A	Alternate Route Segment A	Proposed Route Segment B	Alternate Route Segment B	Proposed Route Segment C	Alternate Route Segment C	Proposed Route Segment D	Alternate Route Segment D
Residences (# of features)	35 ft	13	0	7	1	10	0	2	0	0	0
	50 ft	63	0	20	6	44	3	16	0	0	0
	100 ft	167	0	62	11	123	4	41	6	0	0
	200 ft	286	0	90	33	202	105	68	19	0	0
Non-Residential (# of features)	35 ft	6	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
	50 ft	9	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
	100 ft	12	1	4	3	4	3	0	0	1	1
	200 ft	22	5	10	5	8	5	1	1	5	1
Private Schools (# of features)	1mi	4	0	3	4	4	2	2	1	1	1
Public Schools (# of features)	1mi	3	0	1	1	3	3	3	3	0	0
Child Care Center (# of features)	1mi	6	4	4	4	6	2	4	4	2	1
Towers (# of features)	35 ft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	50 ft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	100 ft	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	200 ft	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	3
Historical Features (# of features)	0.5 mi	16 total (14 razed)	1 total (1 razed)	1 total (1 razed)	2 total (2 razed)	12 total (11 razed)	7 total (6 razed)	9 total (8 razed)	8 total (7 razed)	1 total (1 razed)	1 total (1 razed)
Archaeological Features (# of features)	0.5 mi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prime Farmland (# of acres)	35 ft	6.08 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac
	50 ft	8.73 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0.02 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac
	100 ft	18.14 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	1.34 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac
	200 ft	38.60 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	6.89 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac
Watercourses (# of features)	35 ft	10	2	5	1	4	2	2	1	1	1
	50 ft	10	2	5	1	4	2	2	1	1	1
	100 ft	10	2	5	1	4	2	2	1	1	1
	200 ft	10	2	5	1	5	3	2	1	1	2
	Number of crossings	9	2	5	1	3	2	1	1	1	1
PWI Watercourses (# of features)	35 ft	5	2	4	0	3	1	2	1	1	1
	50 ft	5	2	4	0	3	1	2	1	1	1
	100 ft	5	2	4	0	3	1	2	1	1	1
	200 ft	5	2	4	0	4	2	2	1	1	2
	Number of crossings	4	2	4	0	2	1	1	1	1	1
PWI Basins (# of acres)	35 ft	3.92 ac	0 ac	0.95 ac	1.55 ac	2.77 ac	0.38 ac	1.79 ac	1.44 ac	0 ac	0 ac
	50 ft	5.58 ac	0 ac	1.35 ac	2.27 ac	3.93 ac	0.72 ac	2.55 ac	1.94 ac	0 ac	0 ac
	100 ft	11.12 ac	0 ac	2.75 ac	4.82 ac	7.85 ac	1.98 ac	5.04 ac	3.11 ac	0 ac	0 ac
	200 ft	21.63 ac	0 ac	6.04 ac	10.17 ac	15.82 ac	6.15 ac	9.49 ac	5.67 ac	0 ac	0 ac
	Number of crossings	4	0	1	1	3	1	2	1	0	0

Feature	Distance from Centerline	Rebuild Portion of 115 kV Line (Medina Substation to Intersection with GRE 115 kV Line WH-PB)	New Portion of 115 kV Line (Intersection with GRE 115 kV Line WH-PB and Preferred Substation Site A)	Proposed Route Segment A	Alternate Route Segment A	Proposed Route Segment B	Alternate Route Segment B	Proposed Route Segment C	Alternate Route Segment C	Proposed Route Segment D	Alternate Route Segment D
Wetlands (# of acres)	35 ft	17.89 ac	1.40 ac	5.57 ac	3.91 ac	6.81 ac	1.74 ac	2.60 ac	1.58 ac	0.29 ac	0.20 ac
	50 ft	25.03 ac	1.97 ac	7.39 ac	5.40 ac	9.61 ac	2.72 ac	3.68 ac	2.18 ac	0.41 ac	0.28 ac
	100 ft	48.30 ac	3.86 ac	13.43 ac	10.06 ac	18.77 ac	7.67 ac	7.28 ac	4.21 ac	0.89 ac	0.51 ac
	200 ft	93.12 ac	6.72 ac	27.61 ac	18.33 ac	35.47 ac	20.24 ac	14.08 ac	10.18 ac	2.61 ac	1.08 ac
FEMA Floodway (# of acres)	35 ft	7.51 ac	0.02 ac	0.83 ac	0 ac	2.48 ac	0 ac	0.56 ac	0.11 ac	0 ac	0 ac
	50 ft	10.84 ac	0.05 ac	1.17 ac	0 ac	3.61 ac	0 ac	0.82 ac	0.15 ac	0 ac	0 ac
	100 ft	22.46 ac	0.33 ac	2.65 ac	0 ac	7.44 ac	0 ac	1.82 ac	0.33 ac	0 ac	0 ac
	200 ft	48.07 ac	2.19 ac	7.50 ac	0 ac	15.55 ac	0 ac	4.57 ac	2.18 ac	0 ac	0 ac
NHIS - Species (# of acres)	1 mi	6	0	0	2	0	0	18	0	0	0
NHIS - Rare communities (# of features)	1 mi	3	1	2	1	2	3	8	0	1	1
MCBS Site of Biodiversity Significance (# of acres)	35 ft	0.63 ac	0 ac	0 ac	1.45 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac
	50 ft	0.92 ac	0 ac	0 ac	2.04 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac
	100 ft	2.0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	3.83 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac
	200 ft	4.38 ac	0 ac	0 ac	5.62 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac
Scientific & Natural Area (# of acres)	1mi	58.73 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac	0 ac
Snowmobile Trails (# of feet)	35 ft	200 ft		0 ft	0 ft	200 ft	202 ft	76 ft	2538 ft	0 ft	0 ft
	50 ft	285 ft		0 ft	0 ft	285 ft	288 ft	113 ft	2652 ft	0 ft	0 ft
	100 ft	570 ft		0 ft	0 ft	570 ft	576 ft	235 ft	2767 ft	0 ft	0 ft
	200 ft	1139 ft		0 ft	0 ft	1139 ft	1322 ft	479 ft	2973 ft	0 ft	0 ft

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Substation Sites A and B

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Feature	Distance	Substation Site A	Substation Site B
Residences (# of features)	35 ft	0	0
	50 ft	0	0
	100 ft	0	0
	200 ft	0	0
Non-Residential (# of features)	35 ft	0	0
	50 ft	0	0
	100 ft	1	0
	200 ft	3	0
Private Schools (# of features)	1mi	1	2
Public Schools (# of features)	1mi	0	0
Child Care Center (# of features)	1mi	2	0
Towers (# of features)	Within siting Area	0	0
	Within 200 ft	0	0
Historical Features (# of features)	0.5 mi	2 total (2 razed)	0
Archaeological Features (# of features)	0.5 mi	0	0
Prime Farmland (# of acres)	Within siting Area	0 ac	0 ac
	Within 200 ft	0 ac	0 ac
Watercourses (# of features)	Within siting Area	0	1
	Within 200 ft	0	1
PWI Watercourses (# of features)	Within siting Area	0	1
	Within 200 ft	0	1
PWI Basins (# of acres)	Within siting Area	0	0
	Within 200 ft	0.16 ac	0
Wetlands (# of acres)	Within siting area	3.5	3.2
FEMA Floodway (# of acres)	Within siting area	0	0
NHIS - Species (# of features)	1 mi	0	0
NHIS - Rare communities (# of features)	1 mi	1	2
MCBS Site of Biodiversity Significance (# of acres)	Within siting Area	0 ac	0 ac
	Within 200 feet	0 ac	0 ac
Scientific & Natural Area (# of acres)	Within siting Area	0 ac	0 ac
	Within 1 mile		
Snowmobile Trails (# of feet)	Within siting Area	0 ft	0 ft
	Within 200 ft	0 ft	0 ft