
From: Ilan Zeroni [mailto:ilan.zeroni@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2012 10:44 AM
To: undisclosed-recipients:
Subject: Reminder - Hollydale Public Meetings and Comment Period

Hello to all. This is to remind everyone of the two upcoming public meetings. The first is scheduled for tomorrow, Thursday the 7th, at 6-9 PM. The second meeting will take place on Friday the 8th, at 1-4 PM. Both meetings will be held at the Wayzata High School. Please see the attached for more information. Following these meetings, a public comment period will run through 4:30 PM, Friday, June 22nd. Written comments can be mailed or emailed to:

The Honorable Eric L. Lipman
Office of Administrative Hearings
P.O. Box 64620, 600 North Robert Street
St. Paul, Minnesota, 55164-0620
Fax: [651-361-7936](tel:651-361-7936)
Eric.Lipman@state.mn.us

Please note the following:

1. All comments and route alternatives included in the December 2011 Hollydale Environmental Assessment Scoping Decision **ARE** included in the draft scoping document and will be evaluated in the environmental impact statement ["EIS"]. This means that **you do NOT have to resubmit your comments and alternate routes.**
2. Having said that, this is a great opportunity for all to submit additional comments and alternate routes, to express your concerns and present concrete steps that you would like to see implemented. Comments can include, but are not limited to: alternate routes, environmental impacts (number of properties impacted, proximity to line, EMF, noise, aesthetics, schools, walking paths, safety issues), economic and sociological impacts (the personal and community-wise ramifications of property devaluation and moving), as well as suggestions for EMF mitigation measures, modified designs, layouts and scale (under grounding, power, pole design).

3. If your alternate routes are based on guiding principles, such as minimizing overall impact and routing along major thoroughfares, as opposed to cutting directly through densely populated areas in straight lines and at right angles, please indicate those thoughts, so the alternative law judge is aware of your rationale.
4. It is critical that as many people attend the public meetings, even if they do not plan on speaking. This is the best way for the alternative law judge to visualize how contested this project is and how many residents it potentially impacts. Please forward this email to as many people as possible and help spread the word.
5. As I understand it, the alternative law judge, as well as representatives from Xcel, GRE, the PUC and the Dept. of Commerce will be in attendance. If I understand correctly, if you choose to submit oral commentary to the record during the public meetings, you may also ask any of them questions and address them directly as part of the record. I would encourage you to keep your oral comments and questions concise and to the point, to afford courtesy to your fellow resident.

If this email was forwarded to you, and you would like to get on my email list, please let me know. No need to respond to this email, unless you have questions.

Hope to see you there, and thank you for your continuing engagement.

Ilan.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Ilan Zeroni** <ilan.zeroni@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, May 25, 2012 at 1:30 PM
Subject: Hollydale Public Meetings and Comment Period
To:

Hello, Plymouth and Medina residents. Regarding the Hollydale 115kV transmission line project, I attach the notice of public meeting and public comment period.

Public meetings will take place Thursday, June 7th and Friday, June 8th at the Wayzata High School.

Please encourage your neighbors and any interested party to attend, so the Applicants, the PUC, and the ALJ understand how contested this case is. If there is a registration form, please be certain to register, so your presence is officially documented and tallied.

The public meetings and comment period allow the public the opportunity to provide input for the scoping document, which determines what is in and out of scope for the environmental impact statement ["EIS"]. Any concerns, alternate routes, or other comments can be submitted orally at the time of the meetings and / or in writing.

Written comments can be submitted until 4:30 PM, Friday, June 22.

Unless I misunderstand, it appears as though the public comment period will commence **only after** the

meetings, giving the public a two-week window to submit written comments (June 9 through 22). Please make certain that your comments are prepared in advance.

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Please note that I was in error in my previous email. All issues and route alternatives included in the December 2011 Hollydale Environmental Assessment Scoping Decision **ARE** included in the draft scoping document and will be evaluated in the EIS. This means that you do NOT have to resubmit your comments and alternate routes. However, this is a great opportunity for all to submit additional comments and alternate routes, and to express your concerns and present concrete steps that you would like to see implemented.

No need to respond to this email, unless you have questions.
Hope to see you there,
Ilan Zeroni.

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: DAVE TRUAX <davetruax@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2012 11:25 AM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: ROUTE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR HOLLYDALE 115KV TRANSMISSION LINE
Attachments: POWER LINE LETTER PDF.pdf

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED LETTER REGARDING FEEDBACK FOR THE SUBJECT PROJECT.
DAVE TRUAX
612-210-9133

June 22, 2012

Dave & Jeanne Truax
355 Lakeview Rd.
Medina, MN 55391

Hon. Eric L. Lipman
Office of Administrative Hearings
600 N. Robert St.
St. Paul MN 55164

Dear Judge Lipman:

I am writing in regard to the matter of the Route Permit Application for the Hollydale 115KV Transmission Line Project in Plymouth and Medina, MN.

I noted that one of the proposed, possible routes is known as the CSAH 24 Alternative Route, which would pass along the south shore of Holy Name Lake in Medina. This route would impose sight-line issues for many of us who do not currently have a power line in our view. It would also, possibly, interfere with the environmentally sensitive lake and city park, thereon. Therefore, we would like to register our opposition to the CSAH 24 Alternative Route.

By way of further input, I assume that the "path of least resistance" would be to place the line in the current right-of-way. Those affected on that route have already purchased their homes at a value reflecting their proximity to the power line. In other words, they have already, by default, accepted the location of the power line. Meanwhile, those of us who have not had these issues in the past, have paid whatever premium could be attributed to the lack of negative issues surrounding a 115KV line.

I have noted that 10 of the 13 proposed routes take the existing route to the north of Cheyenne Trail. I can only suggest that is so because in 10 of 13 criteria it came out as the best alternative...and is the route currently being used for that segment in Medina.

We understand that these are sensitive issues and can involve property values, as well as people's emotions. Please feel free to call if you would like additional input from us or verify our comments directly, etc.

Sincerely,

Dave & Jeanne Truax
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davetruax@msn.com

The Honorable Eric L. Lipman
Office of Administrative Hearings
P.O. Box 64620, 600 N. Robert St.
St. Paul, MN 55164-0620
Eric.Lipman@state.mn.us

Re: PUC Docket No. E002/TL-11-152, comments from Bridlewood Farms, Churchill Farms and Walnut Grove neighborhoods

Dear Judge Lipman,

On behalf of numerous residents of the neighborhoods of Bridlewood Farms, Churchill Farms and Walnut Grove we hereby submit additional analysis and evaluation of our previously submitted routes (F1, F2, F3, G and G1), and we are submitting one new route (E2 - see attached Exhibit B), all of which are compared in the attached Exhibit A for your review. Please note that this letter commentary and the attached Exhibit A is limited to the proposed route location starting from the west at approximately 800 feet west of Holy Name Drive and ending at Hwy 101 to the east.

As you will see, our analysis of these alternate routes illustrates and quantifies the significant improvement versus the proposed route. We have studied the criteria used in preparing environmental impact statements and have applied that same criteria to the best of our ability to evaluate each route in a manner similar to how we anticipate that the Department of Commerce will evaluate the routes when preparing the EIS. We have noted our assumptions in as many of the criteria as possible.

All of our suggested alternative routes significantly reduce the effect of the line on human settlement. In fact, two of our proposed routes, Route G1 and Route E2, will impact only *five* homes in comparison to the proposed route, which negatively impacts *98* homes.

In reviewing the Department of Commerce's draft EIS scoping document, we have noted discrepancies in the Department's description of our previously submitted routes. Routes F1, F2, F3 and G were submitted on November 6, 2011 and Route G1 was submitted on March 30, 2012. The draft scoping document states on pages 9 and 10 that our proposed Alternate Routes F1, F2, F3 and G and G-1 routes: "exit(s) the Medina substation north and head east along County Road 24." Contrary to the description provided by the Department, our proposed routes exit the Medina substation north, follow the proposed route north, travel east for 2.8 to 3.3 miles (depending on the route) at which time the alternate routes go directly north at various described locations. None of the suggested alternate routes F1, F2, F3, G or G-1 go along County Road 24.

Furthermore, on page 10 the last sentence in the 2nd paragraph states "Alternative Route Segment F using section F-1 is approximately 3.4 miles, Alternative Route Segment F using segment F-2 is approximately 3.3 miles, and Alternative Route Segment F using Section F-2 is approximately 4.4 miles." The last reference to F-2 should be F-3 and our measured distance for this route is 3.6 miles, not 4.4 miles.

We trust that the actual EIS will characterize our proposed routes accurately to eliminate any confusion. Unfortunately, this erroneous information may have already misled individuals trying to understand all

of the information that has been sent to homeowners potentially affected by the Hollydale 115KV Transmission Line Project.

The affected homeowners in the above referenced neighborhoods appreciate your review of our evaluation and corresponding comments submitted here and we are available for any questions you may have of this material.

Sincerely,

Jeff Minea, on behalf of residents of Bridlewood Farms, Churchill Farms and Walnut Grove neighborhoods of Plymouth

Exhibit A - Hollydale 115kV Proposed vs Alternate Route Comparison

No.	EIS Criteria	1	2	3	4	5	Proposed	Route F-1	Route F-2	Route F-3	Route G	Route G-1	Route E2
Number of Homes within 200 feet of Powerline													
A	Environmental Setting												
	Adverse			Neutral		Favorable	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
B	Socioeconomic												
	Adverse			Neutral		Favorable	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
B	Cultural Setting												
	Adverse			Neutral		Favorable	1	5	5	5	5	5	5
C	Human Settlement												
	Noise (number of homes within 200 ft)	>80	61-80	41-60	21-40	0-20	1	3	4	4	5	5	5
	Aesthetics	>80	61-80	41-60	21-40	0-20	1	3	4	4	5	5	5
	Proximity to Homes (number of homes within 200 ft)	>80	61-80	41-60	21-40	0-20	1	3	4	4	5	5	5
	Existing utilities	Adverse		Neutral		Favorable	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
	Property Values - Economic Impact - (\$Millions)	[Avg Prop Value = \$375k, 25% Devaluation] \$ (9.2) \$ (3.8) \$ (2.8) \$ (2.5) \$ (1.5) \$ (0.5) \$ (0.5)											
	Property Values (economic impact to community \$ millions)	>(\$8M)	(\$6-8M)	(\$4-6M)	(\$2-4M)	<(\$2M)	1	4	4	4	5	5	5
	Property/Right of Way Acquisition	Adverse		Neutral		Favorable	5	1	1	1	1	1	1
	History of existing 69kV line & existing residential dev.	Adverse		Neutral		Favorable	5	1	1	1	1	1	1
D	Health & Safety												
	Construction & Operation/Maintenance	>80	61-80	41-60	21-40	0-20	1	3	4	4	5	5	5
	Electric & Magnetic fields	>80	61-80	41-60	21-40	0-20	1	3	4	4	5	5	5
	Implantable medical devices	>80	61-80	41-60	21-40	0-20	1	3	4	4	5	5	5
	Stray voltage	>80	61-80	41-60	21-40	0-20	1	3	4	4	5	5	5
	Induced voltage	>80	61-80	41-60	21-40	0-20	1	3	4	4	5	5	5
E	Recreation (Parks & Trails) -	>80	61-80	41-60	21-40	0-20	1	3	4	4	5	5	5
F	Transportation & Public Services												
	Emergency Services	Adverse		Neutral		Favorable	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
	Airports	Adverse		Neutral		Favorable	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
	Railroads	Adverse		Neutral		Favorable	3	3	3	3	3	3	1
	Schools	Adverse		Neutral		Favorable	1	5	5	5	5	5	5
	Mosquito Control	Adverse		Neutral		Favorable	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
G	Interference	Adverse		Neutral		Favorable	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
H	Archaeological & Historic Resources	Adverse		Neutral		Favorable	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
I	Land Use	>80	61-80	41-60	21-40	0-20	1	3	4	4	5	5	5

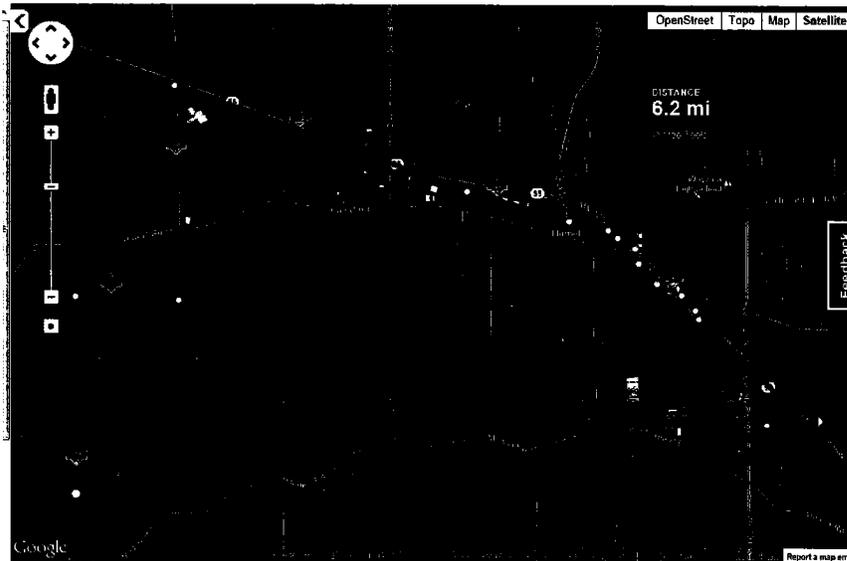
Exhibit A - Hollydale 115kV Proposed vs Alternate Route Comparison

No.	EIS Criteria	1	2	3	4	5	Proposed	Route F-1	Route F-2	Route F-3	Route G	Route G-1	Route E2
	Number of Homes within 200 feet of Powerline Zoning & Compatible/Federal State & Local Govt.						98	41	30	27	16	5	5
J	Planning	Adverse		Neutral		Favorable	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
K	Water Resources												
	Rivers, lakes, wetlands and other surface waters												
	Floodplains	Adverse		Neutral		Favorable	1	5	5	5	5	5	5
L	Soil & Groundwater	Adverse		Neutral		Favorable	3	5	3	5	3	3	3
M	Flora (plants)	Adverse		Neutral		Favorable	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
	Vegetation removal	Adverse		Neutral		Favorable	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
	Mature tree removal	Adverse		Neutral		Favorable	4	3	5	2	2	3	1
N	Fauna (wildlife)												
	Wildlife management areas	Adverse		Neutral		Favorable	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
O	Scientific & natural areas												
	State & federal parks and forests	Adverse		Neutral		Favorable	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
	National wildlife refuge/waterfowl production areas	Adverse		Neutral		Favorable	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
	Avial collision & electrocution	Adverse		Neutral		Favorable	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
	Threatened/Endangered Rare & Unique Natural Resources	Adverse		Neutral		Favorable	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
	Total						84	112	122	121	130	131	127

Exhibit B

Description and Picture of Route E2

- * From where Hwy 55 and proposed route E intersect, follow Hwy 55 Northwest to Rail line (maximize distance from homes in this area and affect the least number of homes in this area)
- * Continue on Rail line or Hwy 55 along south side to County Road 118;
- * Proceed south on County Road 118 (use existing easement on east side of road) past (cross) Hamel road for 1 mile;
- * Proceed west on south side of Dellcroft farms Property 1/2 mile;
- * Proceed south approximately 1mile to existing rout.



Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Natalie Carlson <nataliejoycarlson@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 11:23 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: PUC Docket no. E002/TL-11-152

Honorable Judge Lipman,

I am writing regarding the Route Permit Application for the Hollydale 115kV Transmission Line Project, asking that Alternative Route E be chosen, which has the power line running along highway 55 and 494.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Natalie

Natalie Carlson
15010 43rd Place N
Plymouth, MN 55446
763-234-0311
nataliejoycarlson@gmail.com

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: steve <sballinger@usfamily.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 10:46 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: PUC Docket No. E002/TL-11-152

Dear Mr. Lipman,

I am a resident of Quail Ridge housing development in Plymouth. I ask that alternative route E be chosen with the power line running along hwy 55 and hwy 494.

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Colleen TwoFeathers <dosplumas@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 10:14 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: PUC Docket no. E002/TL-11-152

Dear Judge Lipman -

Please count me among the many folks who feel that the *Alternative Route E* should be chosen for the proposed *Hollydale 115 Kilovolt (kv) transmission line project*. Aligning the *Alternative Route E* along Hwy 55 and 494 makes more sense for the project rather than impacting neighborhood settings. I live in the Quail Ridge neighborhood of Plymouth and my house is only one block from the power line. Why disrupt the neighborhood? It makes more sense to use the high powered lines system already in place along *Hwy 55 and 494*.

Thank you for your consideration,
Colleen TwoFeathers

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Your sacred space is where you can find yourself again and again.
- Joseph Campbell

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Chad Strunk <chad.strunk@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 9:48 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: PUC Docket No. E002/TL-11-152

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

Dear Judge:

I am writing regarding PUC Docket No. E002/TL-11-152. I live across next to the current 69K power line, and I am opposed to the application to upgrade the line to 115K. Whether or not there are negative health effects by such a line, many potential buyers will believe there is an affect. With such a belief, less people will want to live here and my property value will drop with compensation. I ask you to chose route E along Hwy 55 and I494, which will neither alienate current residents nor dramatically affect property values.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Chad A. Strunk
4325 Niagara Ln N
Plymouth, MN 55446

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Gail VonWahlde <gvonwahlde@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 9:20 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: PUC Docket No. E002/TL-11-152

Dear Sir:

I currently live across the street from the Hollydale transmission line. I do not want a 115 kV transmission line to run in front of my house. Please choose the alternative route E where the power line runs along Highway 55 and 494.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gail C. VonWahlde

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Sunil.jp.paul <sunil.jp.paul@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 9:13 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: PUC Docket No. E002/TL-11-152

Dear Sir,
I live in the following Address

4375 Niagara Ln N
Plymouth MN 55446

The proposed Route for the power line is passing just in front of our my house and very close to the drive way. There was several neighbourhood meetings in which we all expressed our concerns of this power line being so close to our homes and also passing by densely populated neighbourhoods. The neighbourhood meetings were attended by several city council members and **we all unanimously suggested the proposed Route E** as that is has minimum impact for Plymouth residents alleviate many of the concerns we have .

I would request you to consider the citizen's concerns in this matter and advice PUC for taking Proposed Route E for the Project.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

Sunil

Sent from my iPhone

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Reena Thomas <reena.c.thomas@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 9:09 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: PUC Docket No. E002/TL-11-152

Dear Sir,
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4375 Niagara Ln N
Plymouth MN 55446

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Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

Reena

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Jain Philip <jainpaulphilip@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 9:05 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: PUC Docket No. E002/TL-11-152

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Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

Jain Philip

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Thomas Cotter <fctotter@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 9:00 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: PUC Docket No. E002/TL-11-152

Dear Judge Lipman:

I am writing to express my view that Xcel Energy and Great River Energy's proposed routing of the Hollydale 115kV transmission line should be rejected in favor of Alternate Route E along Highway 55 and 494. I live in Plymouth, and the route that Xcel and Great River are proposing runs right past my house over a power line that I understand is no longer (or only infrequently) in use. (I understand that this line was built many years ago, when much of the land over which it runs was unoccupied or only sparsely occupied.) In my view, the alternative route would be less disruptive to, and less potentially damaging to the property values and health of, the many homeowners like myself whose houses lie along the proposed route. Given the existence and viability of the alternative, I believe that the selection of the alternative would be in our community's best interest.

Sincerely,

Thomas F. Cotter
15025 43rd Place North
Plymouth MN 55446

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: carlsonpianotech@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 8:03 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Cc: carolkay@comcast.net; nataliejoycarlson@gmail.com
Subject: PUC Docket no. E002/TL-11-152

Honorable Judge Lipman,

I am writing regarding the Route Permit Application for the Hollydale 115kV Transmission Line Project, asking that Alternative Route E be chosen, which has the power line running along highway 55 and 494.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Larry

Larry Carlson
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Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Mark Frank <frankfamily6@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2012 3:51 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: PUC Docket No. E002/TL-11-152 -- Choose Alternative Route E

Judge Lipman,

I am writing to voice my displeasure with the proposed route of the Hollydale 115kV Transmission Line Project through residential areas of Plymouth. The proposed line would run directly across the street from my home and through our neighborhood park. Why should these lines come through neighborhoods filled with young families, running through the front yards of homes, with children playing under the lines, when there is an alternative which would not have as great of impact on families' daily lives? The alternative route E would be running along state and county highways (494 and Highway 55) where no one lives and where there are already power lines. The impact, both environmentally and to our community, would be minimal if added voltage were given to the lines

on route E. The proposed route would ruin our neighborhoods aesthetically and could harm us economically, by lowering our property values, and could potentially harm our overall health.

Ask yourself, would you want this power line running through your front yard? Please save our neighborhood. Choose Alternative Route E.

Sincerely,
Mark Frank
4365 Niagara Lane
Plymouth, MN 55446

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Matthew Frank <matthewfrankthetank1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2012 4:32 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: PUC Docket No. E002/TL-11-152

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From: Frank, Maureen
Date: Friday, June 22, 2012
Subject: Send this email
To: Matthew <matthewfrankthetank1@gmail.com>, Marshall <babyshaqfrank@gmail.com>, Morgan Frank <mfrank17@bsmschool.org>

Eric.Lipman@state.mn.us

Subject Line: PUC Docket No. E002/TL-11-152

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Sincerely,

M Frank

4365 Niagara Lane

Plymouth, MN 55446

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Morgan Frank <mfrank17@bsmschool.org>
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2012 4:25 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: PUC Docket No. E002/TL-11-152

On Friday, June 22, 2012, Frank, Maureen wrote:

Eric.Lipman@state.mn.us

Subject Line: PUC Docket No. E002/TL-11-152

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Sincerely,

Morgan Frank

4365 Niagara Lane

Plymouth, MN 55446

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Peace, Love, and Happiness
Morgan Frank

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Frank, Maureen <mfrank@hclib.org>
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2012 3:49 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: PUC Docket No. E002/TL-11-152 - Choose Route E

Judge Lipman,

I am writing to voice my displeasure with the proposed route of the Hollydale 115kV Transmission Line Project through residential areas of Plymouth. The proposed line would run directly across the street from my home and through our neighborhood park. Why should these lines come through neighborhoods filled with young families, running through the front yards of homes, with children playing under the lines, when there is an alternative which would not have as great of impact on families' daily lives? The alternative route E would be running along state and county highways (494 and Highway 55) where no one lives and where there are already power lines. The impact, both environmentally and to our community, would be minimal if added voltage were given to the lines

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Maureen Frank

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Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Shawn Larkin <shlarkin17@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2012 11:27 AM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: PUC Docket No. E002/TL-11-152

June 22, 2012

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

Re: PUC Docket No. E002/TL-11-152 - Hollydale 115 kV Transmission Line Project

Dear Judge Lipman,

I am a resident of the Quail Ridge Neighborhood and live on Niagara Ln N in Plymouth.

I'm asking that Alternative Route E be chosen with the power line running along Hwy 55 and 494.

Sincerely,

Shawn Larkin
4350 Niagara Ln N
Plymouth, MN 55446

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Underwood, Lynn <Lynn.Underwood@startribune.com>
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2012 11:23 AM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Cc: Stephen Ballinger
Subject: PUC Docket No. E002/TL-11-152

Dear Mr. Lipman,

I am a resident of Quail Ridge housing development in Plymouth. I ask that alternative route E be chosen with the power line running along hwy 55 and hwy 494.

Thank-you,

Lynn Ballinger

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: doug.haugen@netzero.net
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2012 10:39 AM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Cc: lisa.hedin@netzero.com
Subject: PUC Docket No. E002/TL-11-152

Judge Lipman,

Thank you for listening to the concerns of Plymouth residents regarding the proposed route for this new high voltage power line.

Xcel Energy is putting the spin on this that this project would be a power upgrade, helping residents. This is false. The lower voltage capable line has different ownership (not owned by Xcel), is not currently active and has never served the power needs of residents adjoining or near this power line.

If Xcel were allowed to build this new high voltage line it would have definite repercussions to my health, the health of my family, affect the aesthetics of my backyard, affect wildlife in the area, and will definitely affect the value and saleability of my home.

My mother wears a pacemaker. I understand (from past meetings facilitated by Mr. Scott Ek), that I may not be able to have my mother even visit my home, let alone stay overnight - due to interference potentials to the functionality of her necessary pacemaker. This winter, my parents were overnight guests on many occasions due to their traveling back and forth to cancer treatments at the Mayo clinic. I wonder how much it will cost me, if I have to provide a hotel room whenever I want to host my parents. They are at an age where accessibility is an issue, and my mother does face further health care procedures in Rochester.

I was recently diagnosed with diabetes. I am insulin dependent, and currently use a syringe to administer the insulin. I administer high dosages of time-released insulin. It is a distinct possibility that future therapies for my disease could include an insulin pump. I understand from the past meetings that this is yet another device whose functionality might be at risk, with close proximity to a high voltage power line. This is even mentioned in Xcel Energy's own pamphlets on EMF's - of which I am sure that they provided to you.

My wife and I love to be outside in our backyard. We are often trying to improve the property with gardens and spaces to be enjoyed by family, friends and our pets. A healthy backyard is our oasis - we have no need to go to a lake cabin with an enjoyable back yard. We have seen and heard a variety of wildlife in our neighborhood - from hummingbirds and orioles, cardinals, robins, finches, varieties of herons, egrets, ducks, geese, pileated (somewhat rare in MN) and common woodpeckers, hawks, owls, rabbits, raccoons and rare sightings of mammals such as mink and coyote (not thrilled seeing a coyote - but that is something that I have to live with). This new high voltage line would definitely upset the balance of nature in our neighborhood. If you haven't seen the proposed route personally, it would plow right through backyards, front yards, parks, bike trails, recreational areas (Turtle Lake), wetlands and even impinge upon a large school campus. This is not wanted by anyone that I have spoken to that lives, attends school in or recreates in the area.

If Xcel is allowed to build on the proposed route, it will affect the value and salability of my family home, along with countless others, whose yard will be plowed through with a high voltage power line.

I am a real estate agent. Every time I show a home to a buyer client, and there is an adjoining high voltage power line, my legal responsibility is to ask my clients to research fully the health impacts and economic impacts of living close to such a structure. The potential and real health threats still are being uncovered in medical studies. Xcel even offers to do an EMF study of a home that you are interested in purchasing. Of course, that information could be used by an agent representing a buyer, to use as a wedge to get a better price for their buyer clients. A great tool if you are a sales person representing a buyer. Yet, Xcel never mentions that the worth of homes would go down, when they propose to build a new high voltage line adjoining existing homes. High voltage lines decrease property values, when they are allowed to be built next to existing homes. If I were needing to sell my home (with either a pending or already built high voltage line adjoining my property), it will lower the value of my home anywhere from 10-40%. This is the impact shown in university studies, which are available to me, as a member of the National Association of Realtors. The market time would also be affected. If the market time of a similar home in Plymouth would be 60-90

days, I could really only expect it to sell in 180-360 days, and with a discounted price. If my home's value, at the time of sale, is anywhere close to 40% lower than the comparable homes that will seriously affect my ability to enjoy my golden years. Our main bedrooms are upstairs (close to the emf danger). I may need to sell if my diabetes therapy needs to turn to an insulin pump or if either my wife or I need to find a one level home for accessibility issues (so common in advancing years). We may never be able to recover from such an economic pressure as that.

Along with affecting the value of my home in particular, this new high voltage line will affect the property values of every property in NW Plymouth - due to comparable home sales being used in the appraisal (for financing) and valuation (using comparables to arrive at the marketing price of a home) processes. The proposed route adjoins an alarmingly high number of residential properties of all types - condos, town homes and single-family homes. I believe that the price points of home values - that adjoin this new high voltage line - range from \$60,000 to \$850,000. Every one of these homeowners will face unbelievable economic pressure if this route is permitted to be built adjacent to their homes. There is no anecdotal or factual data that shows that lower voltage lines have value impacts on homes - so please do not believe the 'upgrade' language that Xcel energy is using. This is a new pressure that will face Plymouth - not a familiar one. In fact, Plymouth does not have any residential neighborhoods that would compare to this project (number of homes negatively impacted by a new high voltage line). This would become an abhorrent neighborhood in Plymouth. Right now, it is a typical neighborhood in Plymouth. In fact, Scott Ek (at a previous meeting) said that he has never seen a proposed project for a high voltage line that would adjoin as many homes as this new line would affect (nor as close in proximity to existing homes). Hundreds of concerned citizens heard those words at that meeting. If the proposed high voltage line had been built as a high voltage line initially, there would have been buffer zones in the residential development of this land. I am confident that the city would only have approved development with open spaces next to the line. City staff and elected officials have shown concern with Xcel's proposed route, though they have no legal say in this. They only have the ability to approve new development with setbacks that follow code and make economic and aesthetic sense for new homes. Only the PUC can make Xcel change their route to a route that does not endanger the health and well being of current Plymouth residents, nor place current residents in economic peril.

No question that Medina, Corcoran and Plymouth are growing in population, and that infrastructure for electricity needs improvement. I do not think that anyone would question that. What is troubling everyone is that Xcel has alternative routes that would not affect residential neighborhoods. I believe that their own research shows that building their new line would cost \$800,000 more if they follow a route that follows 494 to 55 and then goes west. This route would have little to no encroachment on residential, recreational, or natural areas. They can pass these costs on to all of their customers. My own home (which is less than 40 feet from this new proposed project) will lose between \$30,000 - \$120,000 in value if the new line is allowed to be built where proposed. I would likely never recover economically. Neither would all of my neighbors, whose home values will be affected.

A final point is again that comparable home sales are used in the appraisal and valuation processes in marketing and selling any home in this country. So, whenever a home is put up for sale in Plymouth, now or in the future, the negatively impacted homes do bring down the values of all Plymouth homes. It is only logical that the goal would be to negatively impact as few homes as possible. My hope is that you approve the project be built on a route that impacts as few residential neighborhoods as possible.

Thank you for hearing my concerns.

-Doug Haugen
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Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Kevin D. Erion <erio0002@umn.edu>
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2012 10:30 AM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: PUC Docket No. E002/TL-11-152

Judge Lipman,

We write you concerning the Hollydale 115kV line project. As proposed, the transmission line will run through a substantial amount of residential neighborhoods. This includes our own. We will live only a few hundred feet away from this if Xcel Energy builds the line.

If this proposal goes through as planned, Xcel Energy will "have its cake and eat it too." We say this because at present many of the neighborhoods that will be affected by this project pay a premium to Xcel for underground utilities. However, Xcel would effectively nullify the benefits of such utilities if they build this transmission line.

We are also concerned that the property values in these neighbors will lower with the presence of the line. This would be a double blow when one considers the fact that all homeowners in the area lost property value after the recent financial crisis.

Lastly, these affected neighborhoods have many children residents. I am concerned that Xcel will force many children, probably hundreds of children, to live very near, in some case directly below, these lines. They would not be exposed to this line just six or eight hours a day while at daycare or school. Instead, they would live with this line all the time, until they grew up and moved away from their parents.

This is why we propose that Xcel builds this line using what we believe is called Alternative Route E, and this route will run along Highway 55 and 494. We say this because most of this area is commercial or industrial zones. Therefore, the effect the line would have on people's homes, their children, their property, and their lives would be minimized. Xcel Energy can easily do this, and if they have any respect for the community they operate in and for personal property, they ought to do this.

Thank you,

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Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Janet B. C. <iammejl@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 11:41 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: PUC Docket No. E002/TL-11-152
Attachments: Objection to Xcel filing 6-21-2012.doc

Also see full text of letter in attachment

Hon. Eric L. Lipman
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RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE ROUTE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE
HOLLYDALE 115 KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT IN THE CITIES OF
PLYMOUTH AND MEDINA, HENNEPIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA
PUC DOCKET NO. E002/TL-11-152
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Please do not allow the applicant to interpret Minnesota Rules to their own advantage and deprive the public of due process.

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Thank you for your due diligence in this matter.

Sincerely,

Janet B. Clarke
17004 39th Court N.
Plymouth, MN 55446

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Plymouth, MN 55446

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Bill <wajarvey@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2012 11:36 AM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: Power Line Placement - Xcel Energy & Great River Energy

Dear Honorable Judge Eric L. Lipman:

I am writing you to request your support for the placement of the power line on the existing route proposed by Excel Energy / Great River Energy. I strongly oppose the CSAH 24 Alternative Route.

I believe this power line needs to remain essentially where it is today. It seems like this is a convenient time for those who live close to the current route to try and dump (or as they might state *relocate*) the route on other homeowners, who bought their real estate because of the beauty of the surrounding property and absence of structures like power poles.

The CSAH 24 alternative route would turn the recently rebuilt and burned / re-landscaped section of County Road 101 into an eyesore for many who travel along it daily, as well as the neighborhoods directly adjoining it on both sides of 101. It would result in falling property values for those homeowners as well - who wants to view power line poles of this size out their front or rear windows and from decks and property ?

Those who live by the existing power line today chose to buy their property / house knowing full well what they were doing, and probably getting their homes for a price which reflected the power line situation. In my opinion, we can not deteriorate property values of others who made a home purchase of significant \$ which reflected a clean view of the immediate skyline.

Please, please keep this power line off County Road 101, which is residential. (Highway 55 would be acceptable and appropriate.) Please call me if you would like my assistance in any way. I would also be happy to have you see for yourself the perspective from my neighborhood and house.

Thank you Judge Lipman.

Sincerely,

Bill Jarvey
3390 Olive Lane N.
Plymouth, MN 55447
(Heather Run Subdivision)

612 220-4683 cell

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Jennifer Johnson <jenhjohnson@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 17, 2012 8:39 AM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: Power Line Placement

I support 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.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jennifer Holcomb Johnson
3500 Lawndale Ln N
Plymouth, MN 55447

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: lgarvert@comcast.net
Sent: Saturday, June 16, 2012 11:28 AM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: Power Line Placement Heather Run
Attachments: Power Line Letter.docx

Please see my attached letter.

June 16, 2012

Mr. and Mrs. Terry J. Garvert
3450 Olive Lane North
Plymouth, MN 55447

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 and financial impact it will cause.

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

Sincerely,
Terry J. Garvert
Linda W. Garvert

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: bcrasmussen@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2012 2:39 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: Power line placement

Bryan and Christina Rasmussen
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June 20, 2012

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Sincerely,

Bryan and Christina Rasmussen

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Mitch Ottinger <mitch.ottinger@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 11:03 AM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: Power Line Project Opposition - CSAH 24 Alternate Route

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. Many residents of the Heather Run neighborhood have small children that attend Greenwood Elementary, which is directly across Highway 101, including myself. I frequently walk my 9 year old daughter to school by walking through my back yard, right where this CSAH 24 Alternate route would be. Many children also go sledding in the backyards and would be very close to this route and would be very dangerous. The sidewalk on Hwy 101 is very busy as well with children and their parents and this proposal could cause potential dangers to people who frequent that area.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mitch Ottinger

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

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Eric Sunde <ericsunde@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 5:19 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: Power Line

Eric,
I have learned much about the the dangers of EMF and a-pose any too large power line too close to homes with people and pets in them.
I do support solar or wind power however.

Eric Sunde
3935 Zircon LN, N.
Plymouth MN 55446

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Kittridge <kittridge@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, June 17, 2012 10:24 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: Power Lines - opposition to Alternate Route H/CAH 24

The Honorable Judge Eric L. Lipman

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600 North Robert Street

St. Paul, MN 55164-0620

As a resident of a Plymouth neighborhood, we just learned of Xcel Energy and Great River Energy's proposals to install high voltage power lines in the area. We have reviewed the map of the options and are writing to indicate our support of the originally proposed route. Xcel Energy and Great River Energy's proposed route makes most sense as the posts and infrastructure already exist. If this is not feasible, then we support the northern alternative routes.

We are **strongly** opposed to the Alternate Route H/CSAH 24. This route would cause negative impact to the residential area this route borders...particularly my backyard.

Thanks for your consideration.

Mark and Sara Kittridge

17810 32nd Place N

Plymouth, MN 55447

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Judith Boylan <judygboylan@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2012 3:02 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: power lines

June 20, 2012

To: The Honorable Judge Eric L. Lipman
Office of Administrative Hearings

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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.

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

Sincerely, Judith G Boylan
3175 Olive Lane North
Plymouth, Mn 55447

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: joe <jrfeder@vzw.blackberry.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 5:41 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: Proposed Hollydale 115 Kv high voltage transmission line project re: specifically my exact address: at 2412 Holy Name Drive. (Please confirm you received this)

My name: Joel R. Feder

Address: 2412 Holy Name Drive

Medina , Minnesota 55391

Email: jrfeder130@cs.com

Dear Judge lipman:

I am strongly opposed to this proposed new line.

I looked at over 500 homes , before purchasing this house here in Medina, after Carefully considering all other homes in the same price range and within Medina and Wayzata city limits.

I almost did NOT buy, only, because of the current line that is very close to(within 30') my home. (Largest factor having the MOST negative impact on dollar value)

I have saved my whole life(46 years working Full time) to make the largest purchase I have ever invested in, and after going through some terrible setbacks, decided to buy in the country with acreage, and at the time of purchase in 2007, the listing agent in wayzata, promised me that no future larger kv or metal poles would be put in.

I have contacted the largest real estate agents , in the western suburbs who specialize in Medina and Wayzata, and they all have agreed on potentially a 25-35 percent drop in future market values if this line runs through the current and proposed route.

I have family living in the home that have huge medical concerns relating to the EMF and cancer related diseases as a result of these lines being in such close proximity.

I would be willing to pay a large increase in my utility bill to BURY ANY AND ALL LINES AND HAVE NO POLES or WIRES SHOWING.

I have a second , unattached garage that is within the 200' route width right of way and the main criteria I used when buying the house was for the extra garage that is within (Super Close) 20' of one of the existing main poles.

I am proposing the alternative Route 1 which directly follows Medina Road or alternative F2 or F3, to move these lines as far away as possible from my residence.

I can NOT ACCEPT , the Proposed Route(Almost on my property line) because my whole life's earnings are invested in this property, and will REDUCE My Retirement earning potential , which is almost 80 percent in this home investment.

I can not emphasize enough how this project can and will affect my life in a huge and most negative way.

When cancer strikes a family, it is never good, and these new potential higher 115KV lines are proven to cause cancer , which is prevalent In my family history, and is the MOST Important. Factor to consider.

The economic project cost, seems to be the #1 factor here, and as discussed in the meetings(which I have been to all,) comes up with all the residents, who all agree, and Xcel continues to not admit that this is their real objective.(To spend the least amount of dollars and not consider property value DECREASES)

Finally, it appears that this is highly contested, and all Plymouth and Medina residents agree and stated at the meeting that the lines either be BURIED or Run Along Medina Road and Hwy 55 to follow the Farm land AWAY FROM RESIDENCES.

Please feel free to call me, or email me at anytime, to discuss further.

I would like to meet you in person, if possible to discuss all of the points I have made here, today, in this email.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read through this.

Kind Regards,

Joel R. Feder

612 810 2572

Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Erik L. Sass <elsass@Johnstech.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2012 9:14 AM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Cc: Ek, Scott (COMM)
Subject: Proposed Hollydale 115 kV transmission line

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We strongly oppose the CSAH 24 Alternative Route due to the much greater impact on existing homes that that this alternative would cause.

Thank you the opportunity to comment and for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Erik and Christine Sass
17805 32nd Place N
Plymouth, MN 55447

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Jerry Ranallo <jerpatran@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2012 12:12 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: Proposed Hollydale 115KV Project

Jerry Ranallo
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June 20, 2012

Judge Eric L. Lipman
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Dear Judge Lipman,

My wife and I live at 16215 38th Place in Plymouth. We attended the "Public Information and Scoping Meeting" on the "Hollydale Project" that was facilitated Scott Ek f on October 26, 2011, at the Best Western Kelly Inn in Plymouth. We also attend the Public Information Hearing on June 7th that was facilitated by you at Wayzata High School on June 7th.

We found this meetings were very well attended. I was very impressed by how the meetings were facilitated and how well all attendees were informed about the issue at hand.

I believe that all the Plymouth residents that were at these meeting were adamant about not having these 115kV high output lines running through their Plymouth neighborhoods. and that all the attendees agreed that Xcel Energy should run these lines East down Highway 55 and then North on 494 to Xcel's new substation on 494 and Schmidt Lake Road. Also I believe the majority residents of Plymouth believe putting the wires underground would be both beneficial to the city of Plymouth and in the long run also to Xcel Energy.

Both my wife and I are retired and our home is one of our major investments. We had purchased our home about ten years ago and at that time we were aware of the 60kV power lines running behind our property in the wet lands. This did not pose a problem for us as we understood that these lines were low voltage and were actually used for power over loads. In fact these lines are no longer used to transmit power.

The concern I have is that if Xcel runs these 115kV high power lines down their purposed route, which is directly behind our house, it will further decrease the value of our property.

Due to the current economy our property value has already been devaluated considerably. We can not afford another substantial devaluation.

Therefore my wife and I also recommend the 55/494 route, or remove the proposed route lines and poles and place the 115kv lines under ground.

It is also hard for me to understand why Xcel Energy is still pursuing their proposed route, when after all the public hearing meetings, the majority of individual living along the proposed route do not want this route to happen. It seems like we are spending a lot of money and energy going forward with something the individuals of Plymouth do not want.

"Government's first duty is to protect the people, not run their lives." -Ronald Regan

Sincerely Yours,

Jerry Ranallo

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Ward Hamlin <wardhamlin@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 11:01 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: Proposed Xcel Hollydale transmission line

Dear Judge Lipman:

We were very impressed with your concern and patience as you elicited our thoughts during the June 7th meeting regarding this project. Our own feelings on this matter were also reflected in many of the opinions offered by so many others during this time. We assume your meeting on the following day would have again included most of these and hopefully a few new concerns .

Rather than try to restate a great deal of what you already have on record, to us it would seem to boil down to one main point. Nobody wishes to see this line passing through their neighborhood. The only satisfactory solution, which would be a real solution for all, would be to bury the line wherever it would impact upon residential property. In doing this, we feel any additional cost to Xcel would be more than offset by the savings to all the affected people as it would avoid the resultant disastrous effect on their home values, not to mention the multiple other objections raised to this project as proposed.

No recent areas that have been developed seem to have transmission lines running through them. They are underground even though it might have been more cost effective to have them overhead. Now would be a wonderful opportunity to extend to homeowners in established areas these same benefits.

Respectfully,

Carole Hamlin and Ward Hamlin
18085 39th Pl. N.
Plymouth, Mn 55446

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Larry & Annie Marczak <lmarczak@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 10:13 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: Power Line Placement - Hollydale Project
Attachments: CSAH 24 route.docx

Please see attached letter.

Thank you.

Larry & Annie Marczak
3345 Olive Lane North
Plymouth, MN 55447

June 20, 2012

The Honorable Judge Eric 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. 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. In addition this is along a route with traffic to and from Wayzata High School and poses a traffic safety concern.

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

Sincerely,

Larry Marczak

Annie Marczak

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Pasha Quaas <pkquaas@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 8:17 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: OAH Docket No. 8-2500-26806-2

Hello - I would like to voice my opposition to Xcel's proposed Hollydale Transmission Line project.

I am very concerned that these high-voltage lines would be near a school, playgrounds, soccer fields, baseball diamonds, and a walking path. This alone should be reason enough to alter the current plans.

Additionally, running these new lines through existing neighborhoods would significantly affect home values. We recently moved into our home in the Bridlewood Farms neighborhood, and we would not have purchased here if we knew that the power company's thoughtless decision would cost us tens of thousands of dollars. It is unfair to put that kind of strain on homeowners already struggling in this economy.

I understand Xcel's need to put up new power lines. It is my firm belief, however, that they should do this along a major thoroughfare like Highway 55, or along undeveloped areas.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,
Pasha Quaas

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: lorning <lorning@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 1:10 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: OAH Docket No. 8-2500-222806-2

I am opposed to the Medina Road alternative route. The homeowners who live along the current transmission line bought their homes knowing that this was a transmission line corridor. **If** the current route must be changed, then the Hwy 101-Co. Rd. 24 route would be the prime alternative. This latter route already has wide thoroughfares accommodating the additional traffic flow and would impact the least the neighborhoods of western Plymouth.

Thank you,

Lanny Orning
lorning@comcast.net

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: B G ENGEL <bethgregengel@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2012 6:33 AM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Cc: asinghsb@gmail.com
Subject: OAHU docket 8-2500-22806-2

Dear Judge

I urge you to oppose the Medina Road alternative and reconsider a route that does not affect existing housing developments. It appears that alternative route segment G would be one such solution, which would be a relatively minor reroute and move the line to less developed areas.

I think you can understand the unfairness of moving the line to Medina rd, where it will be close to the many homes that were purchased when no line existed.

We are a few blocks away from it in either case, but we are concerned for our neighbors whose homes are very close to the proposed routes.

Thanks for hearing our concern.

Sincerely,
Greg and Beth Engel
3845 walnut Grove Ln
Plymouth

Sent from my iPad

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Brian Peters <Brian.Peters@genmills.com>
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2012 9:34 AM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Cc: Ek, Scott (COMM); Kirsch, Raymond (COMM)
Subject: Oppose Hollydale Alternate Route CSAH 24

I am the homeowner of 3525 Olive Ln N in Plymouth, MN **and I am writing to strongly oppose Alternate Route CSAH 24** in the Hollydale Power Line Upgrade. I understand this was a single citizen who proposed this route and is not the proposed route or one the ATF has identified, however it make no sense to take this approach basis the following:

- The current proposed route already has an existing line and is significantly less impactful to the environment (people, properties, kids, etc) than the CSAH 24 proposed route. This CSAH 24 route make no sense whatsoever from an environmental impact. This route would run a new line within 200' of 103 housing units THAT CURRENTLY DO NOT HAVE an existing high voltage power line. In addition the new route would put the new power line within 400', and in some cases 200' of two large schools (Greenwood and Holy Name) as well as two churches (Holy Name and Peace Lutheran). It makes no sense to impact 103 new homes with a new power line when the line and proposed route already exist. In addition the proposed route(existing) only impacts 43 homes and no schools and churches.

While my main purpose of writing is to oppose the new CSAH 24 route, my preference in general is to route this line away from any residential areas and though open fields, marsh and industrial areas.

Brian Peters
Heather Run Neighborhood
3525 Olive Ln N
Plymouth, MN

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Mary Shimshock <Mary.Shimshock@genmills.com>
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2012 10:03 AM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Cc: Ek, Scott (COMM)
Subject: Opposed to option 10 of Hollydale extension

Honorable Eric Lipman,

I am writing in opposition of the Hollydale route extension shown as Figure 10 in the Minnesota Department of Commerce documentation sent Dec 8 2011.

This option would not be a favorable route for the following reasons:

- 1) Medina road has more curves than Marilyn Monroe, which would create obstacles for installation. Several of the other road options have straight roads, which would make them a much better fit.**
- 2) Medina Road has numerous residential properties that sit very close to the road (30-50 foot setbacks), and the cost for eminent domain and the hardship placed on those properties would far exceed any value that would be obtained by placing the transmission line on this road.**
- 3) While Medina Road does not have a "scenic roadway" designation, it is one of the few roads remaining that give riders a glimpse of rural Medina, rolling past wetlands, farms and rural homes. Many of the other roads proposed (hwy 55, 101 etc) have already lost this rural appeal.**
- 4) Medina road is home to several colonies of spring peepers, choral frogs and is filled with wetlands, and remnants of the big woods and should be protected.**

I believe the route should stay on the original proposed route as the homeowners affected in those areas bought at home prices that reflected the current power line, have paid lower taxes based on the current power line and have built houses/ additions/landscaping with full knowledge of the power line.

It would create an economic hardship for folks on Medina Road if Medina road option 10 was chosen.

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Padmaja Yahoo <sp_bajjuri@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2012 12:06 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: Opposing high voltage power line

Eric

We oppose the proposed high voltage holydale 115kv transmission project lines thru our neighborhood. A better alternative must be found west of 101hwy

Regards

Satya and Padmaja

Resident of Bridlewood farms

Sent from my iPhone

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Nobles5 <nobles5@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2012 10:59 AM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Cc: 'MATT NOBLE'
Subject: Opposition letter re: substation

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

From:
Matt and Amy Noble
14005 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 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 1000 feet to our property and even closer to other properties in our 46-home development of Savannah. A local park entrance begins in our cul-de-sac. We are also concerned with how close the substation will be located to the park.

We are hopeful that all parties would want to minimize the risk to people. Being that there are several alternatives to the proposed route, I plead 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.

Benefit vs. burden is clearly the dilemma. **The burden of health concerns and property values cannot be reversed.**

Finally, with the location of proposed Substation Site A and the proposed location of the lines on the corner of Cheshire Lane and Schmidt Lake Road, affecting our neighborhood with the health risks and unsightly poles and building, we are very much concerned about the ability to maintain our home value in addition to our neighbor's home values which we all would invariably suffer.

With this economy, our home values cannot suffer anymore.

Thank you for adding these comments into the public record.

Matt and Amy Noble

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Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Karen and Brian Trygstad <kbtrygstad@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2012 9:19 AM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Cc: Brian Trygstad
Subject: Opposition of High Voltage Transmission Line

I am writing to you to oppose the proposed high voltage line that could potentially run through the Bridlewood Farms neighborhood in western Plymouth.

The most important factor to consider in the EIS is how the proposed routes impact residents.

Please consider an alternative route with the least impact to residents and families.

Karen and Brian Trygstad
3760 Yellowstone Lane North
Plymouth, MN 55446

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Thaddeus Jankowski <tjankowski@hostopia.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 7:24 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED HOLLYDALE 115KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT
Attachments: img003.jpg

Dear Judge Lipman,

Thank you for the work you do in your role, I appreciate your entertaining opinions regarding this proposal.

I believe a different route may exist that keeps those lines away from cutting right through any neighborhood, let alone right over many houses. The cost of the construction project pales in comparison to the revenues to be gained from houses that will be built farther west that will use those lines, so it would be best to pick the right route, not the one that's just the cheapest for Excel Energy to select.

Additionally, my neighborhood has organized and is retaining a lawyer to makes sure all legal means are exhausted to oppose the current proposed route.

For these reasons and those on the hand-written attachment, I respectfully request you reconsider the proposed route.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus L. Jankowski, PMP, MS-MOT

COMMENT FORM

Public Information Meetings – June 7 and 8, 2012
PROPOSED HOLLYDALE 115 KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT
OAH No. 8-2500-22806-2 | MPUC No. E002/TL-11-152

Name: Thaddeus L. Jankowski
Address: 18810 37TH Ave N
City: Plymouth State: MN ZIP: 55448

Comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, June 22, 2012.

Please turn this form in tonight or mail to: Judge Eric L. Lipman, Office of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, P.O. Box 64620, St. Paul, MN 55164-0620. You may use additional sheets, as necessary. Comments can also be e-mailed to Judge Lipman at: eric.lipman@state.mn.us with OAH Docket No. 8-2500-22806-2 in the e-mail subject line.

Dear Sir:

I am a Colonel of Marines and I'm a vet of both Iraq + Afgh.
I live on the proposed route, across the street. We
often use the path right under the lines, and my
children often play in the neighbors' yards right
under those lines.

Studies exist that suggest high-power lines
are unhealthy. I have contributed \$ to fight this
plan and continue to delay and oppose it by all legal means.

Will ^{Excel} ~~franchise~~ to pay ~~it~~ should my children encounter
health problems due to these lines? Respectfully,

Signature: TLJC

Date: 20120621

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Pam <PPerrine@usfamily.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 10:33 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: PCU Docket No. E002/TL-11-152

Dear Honorable Judge Lipman,

I am writing to you in regards to the Hollydale Project being considered by Xcel Energy and Great River Energy. I am asking you to choose alternate route E with the power line running along Highway 55 and 494.

One of my many concerns happened just this last week with the storms that came through the Twin Cities. Apple Valley had 14 high voltage power lines blow down. Luckily, the poles fell into a highway and no one was killed. Now, if they had been next to houses, more damage and possible lives may have been lost. Burying the lines may also seem to be a viable option.

As a home owner, I, too, am concerned about property values and the drop in the value of our home.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Pam Perrine
15000 43rd Place N
Plymouth MN 55446

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Howard Chan <chnhwr@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2012 6:27 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: Plymouth Mn excel 115kv substation - opposition

Hi Judge Lipman,

I am strongly opposed to Excel Energy's actions in my neighborhood.

Howard And Sherry Chan
4060 Everest Lane N
Plymouth , MN 55446

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Venky Narayanaswamy <venkyravi@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 10:46 PM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Cc: admin@heatherrun.org; Aparna Rao
Subject: Potential Power Line Placement on Heather Run C.R. 101 Berm

From
Venky Narayanaswamy and Aparna Rao
17605 35th avenue north
Heather Run neighborhood
Plymouth, MN 55447

June 21, 2012

To
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 (potential health issues, lowering of property value).

Thank you the opportunity to comment and for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Venky Narayanaswamy
Aparna Rao

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Shannon Podraza <shannon.podraza@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2012 10:18 AM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Cc: Steve Podraza
Subject: Power line concern

Mr. Lipman,

I am very concerned with the proposed power line that would directly effect my families health and properly value. The proposed power line is almost directly above our house and I feel that the NOT proposed line(route E) would not endanger humanity or the properties of it homeowners. . Costs should be of no concern when it comes to the health and safely of our States citizens...

Thank you for your time and please do the right thing for people of Plymouth, MN

Respectfully yours,
Shannon Podraza

Collins, Denise (OAH)

From: Tracy Crocker <tracy@tracycrocker.com>
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2012 10:34 AM
To: Lipman, Eric (OAH)
Subject: OAH Docket No. 8-2500-22806-2
Attachments: OAH Docket No. 8-2500-22806.pdf

Dear Judge Eric L. Lipman

Please print and read the attached comment on OAH Docket No. 8-2500-22806-2

Thank you,
Tracy A. Crocker

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Name: Tracy A. Crocker
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City: Plymouth State: MN ZIP: 55446

Comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, June 22, 2012.

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Office of Administrative Hearings
600 North Robert Street, PO Box 64620
St. Paul, MN 55164-0620

June 18, 2012

Dear Judge Eric L. Lipman

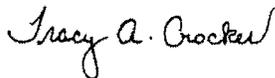
In evaluating the comments of the citizens of Plymouth that were made at the meeting on 6/7/12 at the Wayzata High School, it is apparent that there will be major impact caused by the high power lines that Xcel is proposing. The major impact that the power lines would have on health issues, land property values and negative esthetic effect on the city of Plymouth is in my opinion very upsetting. It appears from all the evidence given that the best alternative route for the power lines would be Alternate Route E (494 to 55) as outlined in the exhibits.

This route is through predominantly commercial property that would have the least impact on human health issues. It would not devalue home properties that would cause less tax revenue for the community that will be important to keep this city vital and viable.

Cost should not be the determining factor for Xcel as there are ways to absorb this cost. HEALTH should be the major factor in determining the best route. As real estate is the major investment that families make in their life time, this should also be a major consideration.

It is my hope that those in the power to make this decision really look at the impact as discussed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tracy A. Crocker
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Plymouth, MN 55446