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**From:** Julie\_Rothstein@cargill.com  
**Sent:** Friday, June 22, 2012 2:06 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** OAH Docket No. 8-2500-22806-2

Dear Honorable Judge Lipman,

Thank you for listening to the issues and concerns brought up during the public information hearings at Wayzata High School. I attended the session on June 7<sup>th</sup> and strongly oppose the proposed route for the Hollydale 115 kV power line.

My family and I live in the Bridlewood Farms neighborhood, within 150 feet of the proposed line. I am extremely concerned about the health and safety of my children, the significant impact on my property value, and the negative overall effect on the community.

I would like to make two main points in regards to the upcoming EIS study:

**1. A more acceptable solution must be found west of 101**

At the high school meeting, there was quite a bit of discussion about “alternative route E” along 494 and 55. However, this solves only part of the problem. There are just as many people concerned and negatively affected by the proposed route west of 101. I am convinced that a route affecting far fewer homes can be found and am in support of alternative routes F and G, as well as the new alternative route E-2 that is being suggested as part of the scoping process. I am less familiar with alternative route H (CSAH 24), but this has an advantage of being along major roads (where I assume the line would be farther away from homeowners). All of these alternatives could connect up with alternative route E and be a much better solution for the Plymouth community overall.

**2. I would also like to propose another route to be considered as part of the EIS study—a short section of underground line in the most densely populated area**

Route description:

Follow the proposed route from the Medina substation. Before the line reaches highly populated neighborhoods (just east of alternative route F-2), the line would be undergrounded. It would remain underground for approximately 1.25 miles until it reaches the Hollydale substation. The line would then connect up with alternative route E. I am not suggesting that the entire line be underground, which I understand is cost prohibitive—just a short section through the most densely populated area.

My understanding is that many cities in the U.S. and around the world are putting new power lines underground (including part of the Hiawatha power line). The incremental cost of undergrounding could be offset by savings from weather related outages and reduced compensation costs to property owners along the new line. Remaining costs could potentially be spread across the community (or just to those positively affected) as nominal rate increases.

I am not an expert on power lines and don't know which of the above alternatives is best. I simply ask that you consider all of these alternatives carefully during the EIS study—weighing the human elements as more important than total cost. Again, there **MUST** be a better solution west of 101, rather than going right through densely populated neighborhoods and having such a huge impact on the Plymouth community.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Julie and Myron Rothstein

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**From:** Carl Niemi <cpniemi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 22, 2012 10:24 AM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** OAH Docket No.8-2500-22806-2

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

Honorable Eric Lipman,  
We live within 35 feet of the proposed Hollydale 115 kw line that Xcel wants to install. Our home is West of County Road 101, at 3475 Zircon Lane North, Plymouth, Minnesota. When we bought this beautiful lot to build our dream home on we had to pay a premium for the land. We spent 13 years looking for a place to build that we could afford and love the neighborhood. The best solution for this size of power line is to go along existing major highways and freeways only. However, if your office is to look at alternative routes we would appreciate your office looking at routes that are away from the highly populated human settlements and would impact the least amount of homes. The alternative routes we would like you to consider are: F1, F3, G, G1, and E2.

Sincerely,

Carl and Patricia Niemi  
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**From:** Brad Hill2 <dghplyhill@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 21, 2012 8:56 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** OAH Docket No 8-2500-22806-2  
**Attachments:** Hollydale Transmission Line Ltr.pdf

Honorable Judge Lipman,

Please include the attached document comments to the EIS process for the Proposed Hollydale 115kV Transmission Line Project.

Thank you,  
Brad Hill  
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Date: June 21, 2012

Honorable Judge Eric L. Lipman  
Office of Administrative Hearings  
600 North Robert Street  
P.O. Box 64620  
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OAH Docket No. 8-2500-22806-2

Dear: Judge Lipman:

I am writing in regards to the proposed Hollydale 115kV Transmission Line Project - OAH Docket No. 8-2500-22806-2.

I would like to express my opposition to routing the proposed 115kV transmission line on the Alternate Route H along Highway 101.

The proposed transmission line should be routed along the current GRE 69kV transmission line alignment for the following reasons:

1. The 69kV transmission line was located in its present route before the majority of landowners moved into their present homes. Much of the June 7, 2012 testimony stated this fact.
2. Comments at the June 7, 2012 meeting stated that home values would go down because of the proposed line. If this is true, then the landowners located near the existing transmission line purchased their homes at a discount and stand to increase the value of their homes at the expense of other homeowners located where the transmission line would be moved.
3. As an Xcel Energy customer I do not want my electric rates to increase over the base cost of proposed Xcel Energy route due to additional costs of a longer transmission line, costs of new easements, etc.

In the EIS process I request that you investigate the following myths and misinformation stated in testimony at the June 7, 2012 Public Information Meeting:

1. Please inform the public of the difference between transmission lines and distribution lines. There were statements made about lines down on the east coast due to storms that took weeks to repair. Those were distribution lines not transmission lines. Transmission lines are required to be designed to a higher standard than distribution lines by the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC). Transmission lines have higher reliability than distribution lines.
2. Please inform the public that wants the transmission line to be buried that the cost of the line would be 7 to 10 times more expensive than an overhead transmission line. All of Xcel Energy's customers should not have to pay for this additional cost. The landowners adjacent to the transmission line who want underground line should have to pay the entire cost difference between the proposed overhead line and an underground line.



3. Please inform the public that wants the transmission line to be buried that they would not be allowed to plant any trees or shrubs or add soil in the underground line easement because it would adversely affect the cooling of the underground cables and decrease the electrical capacity of the line.
4. Please inform the public that wants the transmission line to be buried that constructing the underground line would require excavations in their property that may be open for weeks. Some landowners would have large concrete manholes buried on their property for cable splicing or sharp alignment turns.
5. Please inform the public that wants the transmission line to be buried that the EMF field is higher directly over the cables than under the overhead transmission line. The high EMF level would be located over the entire length of the underground transmission line as opposed to just at the low sag points of the overhead transmission line.
6. Comments at the June 7, 2012 meeting stated that some homes are currently too close to the GRE transmission line. It sounds to me that these homes are encroaching upon GRE's easements. GRE and the City of Plymouth should not have allowed the construction of the homes or appurtenances within the easement. The proposed transmission line would have to be designed and built to meet the NESC minimum clearances to buildings.
7. Comments at the June 7, 2012 meeting stated that FHA loans are not available for properties adjacent to transmission lines. This is not true. There are FHA bureaucrats that misapply FHA's rules. When Xcel Energy receives a letter from FHA regarding this issue, Xcel Energy sends a letter to the FHA stating that the transmission line has been designed in accordance with the National Electric Safety Code so the FHA fall distance requirement should not be required for the property. Transmission lines are designed to withstand 90 mph winds. Most homes are not able to withstand this wind speed and their debris often hit and damage transmission lines.
8. Comments at the June 7, 2012 meeting stated that the proposed transmission line be routed along State Highway 55. This route is not feasible because the transmission line would have to be located outside of the road right-of-way. To do that any structure within the transmission line easement would have to be removed to provide adequate clearances to the proposed conductor. This would be additional cost to the project to pay for removal of buildings and their lost use. The transmission line cannot go over buildings because the building owners may not be able to get insurance because fire departments will not fight fires under transmission lines unless the lines are de-energized.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments,

Brad Hill

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**From:** Erin Nelson <enelson.rocks@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 21, 2012 8:33 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** OAH Docket No.8-2500-22806-2

Honorable Judge Lipman,

We are OPPOSING the re-routing of the transmission lines down Medina Road.

I am expressing my deep concern with this "alternate route" via Medina Road. As it appears, everyone seems to want the transmission line in someone else's backyard. We have been living in this neighborhood for 20 years. We know our young daughter can play safely in our backyard. When we built our home we knew what we were buying and what hazards were around us. Just because those who built and purchased their homes near these lines, obviously not doing their own research should now decide to move it to someone else's backyard. I find this very concerning. Is it the loudest voice that wins, is that right?

Why not keep the existing route and bury the transmission lines?

We are OPPOSED to the re-routing of the transmission lines down Medina Road.

Edana Nelson

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**From:** cwind923@aol.com  
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**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** OAH Docket No.8-2500-22806-2

My wife and I continue to strongly feel that the best route for the Hollydale 115KV transmission line would be east on Highway 55 and north along 494 to a substation to be located at Site A. All other routes proposed would have adverse effects on homeowners.

We adamantly oppose alternative route B and B1 as both of these routes run along the railroad tracks within approximately 30 yards from our 3 unit condominium building. Proposed route B would directly affect 6 buildings in our 43 unit complex. The major problems caused by either of these 2 proposed alternative routes would be negative resale value of the buildings directly along the railroad tracks. We already suffer that because of the volume of daily rail traffic and the addition of power poles would be too much of a financial burden to the owners.

The removal of the wooded areas required for installation of the poles would also create the loss of a sound barrier as well as visual barrier for the trains during the summer months when homeowners most frequently have their windows open!

In the event of a train derailment...and we have had that occur near the Providence Academy section... power poles and lines would not withstand the weight of the railroad cars which would open the possibility of fire from woods as well as the contents of the rail cars....some explosive fertilizers are daily transported along this line.

We are also worried about the magnetic field and noise of this type power line causing interference with our pacemakers, TV and electronic equipment.

If either Alternate Route B or B1 is selected we feel that any installation of power lines that negatively effects the safety, aesthetics or resale value of Conor Meadows Coach Home property should require that the power lines be buried.

Gerald and Gail Cullinan  
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**From:** Pam Lane <plane@williamspaper.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 21, 2012 11:00 AM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** OAH Docket No.8-2500-22806-2

I reside at 3930 Zircon Lane North, Plymouth, MN, and have live here almost 20 years. I strongly oppose the Medina Road Alternative Route.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Pam Lane  
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Plymouth, MN 55446

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**From:** Jennie Nyren <jhnyren@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 20, 2012 8:10 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Cc:** Rodrigo Fuentes  
**Subject:** OAH Docket No.8-2500-22806-2

Dear Eric,

Below are the comments we sent to Scott Ek last year regarding the proposed Hollydale 115k transmission line.

**In summary, we strongly oppose the initially proposed route for the reasons stated below. Instead, we firmly support the 55/494 alternative route.**

Best Regards,  
Jennie Nyren & Rodrigo Fuentes

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

**From:** Jennie Nyren <jhnyren@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Mon, Oct 31, 2011 at 12:32 PM  
**Subject:** PUC Docket No. E002/TL-11-152 - Hollydale 115k Transmission Line Project  
**To:** scott.ek@state.mn.us  
**Cc:** Rodrigo Fuentes <rodrigo.c.fuentes@gmail.com>

Hi Scott,

My name is Jennie Nyren, and my husband (Rodrigo Fuentes) and I live on 4355 Niagara Lane N.

**We strongly oppose the proposed 115k power lines through our neighborhood** for the following reasons:

\* **Health Concerns** - As we heard in last week's Town-Hall meeting from physicians and others, there is a heightened risk (70% higher it seemed) of certain types of cancers (leukemia) in children who live close to high-power transmission lines, and there also seem to be a heightened risk for adults. In other progressive countries in Europe and Canada, those types of lines are not allowed in neighborhoods for that reason. One lady in the meeting said that she treats people with magnetic fields in her job (she is a medical doctor) and it does affect people, so having that around all the time would be very dangerous to people living in our neighborhood.

\* **Property Value Decline** - When we bought our house, we were told that there was no power going through the lines across the street and that those had not been used in a very long time (abandoned), and if we would have been told that they were used (even with 69k) we would not have bought our house, and we most certainly would not have done so had we known that there was a proposal to install a 115k high-power line. Having such a tall and big structure with high power will scare away future buyers for the same reasons we do not want them there (health concerns, property value decline etc), and one realtor in the meeting mentioned that in similar situations property values could go down 10-40%. That would mean a huge decrease in property taxes for the city to support schools etc. Plymouth was chosen the best city to live in in 2008 - we need to keep it that way. Also, buying a house is the biggest investment for most people, so it would be unfortunate if a project like this could "ruin" that investment when we did not agree to that when we bought the house.

\* **Legality of Proposal** - Per Matt Knutson (who was at the Town-Hall meeting and lives across the street from us), it seems that the way the easements and right of way are setup in our neighborhood, it would not even be possible to install the new power lines within the existing legal limits (he had gotten that info from the City Of Plymouth I believe). Also the existing easement contracts specifically state 69k not 115k from what I was told, so is it even legal to increase that without approval from the home owners? Those contracts were also created at a time when there were no people living in that area, it was just farmland and there was no intention to have power through those lines around people.

\* **Wildlife** - There are many paths and parks close to where we live and along the path of the proposed route - and that was one of the reasons we decided to purchase a house in that neighborhood to begin with. The installation of new power lines would seriously damage the existing wildlife there.

\* **Aesthetics** - The proposed structures are much taller and not wood-based, and lots of trees would have to be cut down etc, so the look of the entire neighborhood would change for the worse - a lot worse.

With all these things in mind, there really is **only one valid and correct option and that is to have the new 115k lines go down 55 and up 494.**

At the Town-Hall meeting last week, everybody in the room (I believe close to 200 people, from many different neighborhoods along the proposed/alternative routes) agreed to that option, and no one was against it. The City Of Plymouth has also endorsed that option (and no other option). It is simply the right thing to do.

Please confirm that you have gotten this message and filed it.

Best Regards,  
Jennie Nyren and Rodrigo Fuentes

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**From:** Pam Rogers <progers@finnshapiro.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 22, 2012 12:47 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** OAH DOCKET NO 8-2500-22806-2

Judge Eric L. Lipman  
Office of Administrative Hearings  
600 North Robert Street  
St. Paul MN 55164

Re: OAH Docket No: 8-2500-22806-2

Your Honor:

I was deeply saddened to hear that there is a proposed power line project that may come through what is now my front and side yard. Deeply.

I own the house on the north-west corner of the intersections of Highway 101 and County Road 24. This will affect me more than anyone else in the area, as I own property on both 24 and 101. The proposed power lines will be directly in front of my home and directly on the side of my home.

I moved into my "tiny castle" in June of 2004 – which wasn't that long after the original expansion of the once small, stop-sign controlled intersection. The trees that were provided by the City after the expansion were still in their early stages. The very trees that were provided as a noise barrier and sight line barrier.

I am a single woman – I work very hard to maintain my yard and home. To say that I love my home would be an understatement. After eight years, I still get butterflies just thinking about being there – and the things I have accomplished to make my home and yard my happy place – and pleasing to the neighbors and people passing by. After eight years of dreaming, I have nearly completed a six-foot privacy fence along the County Road 24 side of my property. A project that took my friend and I several months to accomplish ALL BY OURSELVES. I would likely lose that fence due to the easement that would be required.

I recently tried to refinance my home, and due to the housing market crash, found out that my home had lost a substantial amount of value (this is nothing new to anyone – but it was certainly a shock to me). The appraisal broke my heart. One of the things that took away from the value of my home was that I am on a busy intersection. This is also not new – I bought it that way. However, the fact that my value is already substantially less because of the

intersection – I have to believe that the impact of those towers on two sides of my property will definitely deplete any value I may have. I am desperately sick about this.

This intersection has already taken a substantial hit when it was widened. The City has no idea what we as homeowners put up with at this intersection. The fact that County Road 24 was widened and then brought down to one lane has created a fantastic race-way for people jockeying from the stop light to be the first in line when it goes to one lane. Incredible speeds are reached to out run the others. The fact that the intersection has a constant flow of traffic, my yard is forever filled with litter. McDonalds bags full of garbage – coffee cups – and liquor bottles. The amount of emergency vehicles that need to travel this route is also incredibly high – a steady stream of sirens at times. I also put up with people constantly walking through my yard to get to the neighborhood and also, on many occasions, those who DRIVE through my yard. This intersection already has more than its share of issues – and yet I call it home.

The homeowners along this route have already given up so much – it would be a shame to burden us with more – the poles will be incredibly unsightly and incredibly loud. **Please, please, please – do not let this happen.**

Respectfully,

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**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Cc:** Vassilios Morellas  
**Subject:** OAH Docket No. 8-2500-22806-2      PUC Docket No. E002/TL-11-152

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

From:  
Vassilios Morellas  
Venetia Laganis  
4750 Empire Lane North  
Plymouth, MN 55446

Re: Proposed Hollydale 115kV transmission line project

Honorable Judge Lipman:

We would like to voice our 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 .

Our main concerns are as follows:

1. When we built our home, we were 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. We even needed to attend a sound check of the wind tunnel testing facility before we could purchase our lot. After seventeen years of being in our home, we did not feel the need to worry about a new high voltage substation located within 1200 feet of our home being built on land that the City of Plymouth had proposed building ball playfields when we built our home.
2. 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 1200 feet to our property and even closer to other properties in our 46-home development of Savannah.

3. Minimizing the risk to people must be the first concern. Being that there are several alternatives to the proposed route, we implore 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.

4. 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.

We have additional questions:

1. What are the known health effects of living so close to not only the power lines, but the substation? A review of the literature, that is independently conducted by someone other than Xcel/GRE, would be extremely beneficial.
2. By burying lines, does that eliminate or reduce the EMFs associated with high voltage lines? Does it affect the EMFs as it comes into/leaves the substation? Again, a review of the literature, conducted independently and not by Xcel/GRE, would be helpful.

Thank you for adding these comments into the public record.

Vassilios Morellas and Venetia Laganis

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**From:** Nickel, Jamie <Jamie.Nickel@mcgladrey.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 21, 2012 3:45 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** Hollydale 115 kv Project OAH 8-2500-22806-2

Judge Eric Lipman,

I am a resident of the Saddlebrook neighborhood in Plymouth, and would be negatively impacted by certain of the alternative routes presented in connection with the Hollydale 115 Project.

I am writing to express my opposition to the following proposed alternate routes:

- Alternate route F (1-3)
- Medina Road Alternate Route

My house is in the northwest part of the Saddlebrook neighborhood, near the intersection of Medina Road and Brockton Lane. The alternate routes which I oppose would have a significant negative impact on my property, and for the ability for my family to enjoy the property that we purchased in 1999 and have resided at since that date. Like others following this project, I have concerns about the negative health concerns and the negative impact on property values. These factors would affect our ability to enjoy the property where we have resided for the past 13 years. Moving the route to benefit some residents at the expense of others should be avoided.

The existing route (the proposed route) was in existence from the date that the neighborhood was developed. Those who now oppose the proposed route purchased their homes with the existing power lines in place, and now have an opportunity through the environmental and permitting process to attempt to move the route to the "backyard or other people". This is simply moving the problem to other people and is not in the best interest of a community. Despite the need for utilities, nobody favors having utilities in their backyard. Those who now oppose the proposed route purchased their homes with the existing line in place, knowing that the lines existed and presumably had knowledge that because of the easements that existed along their properties that some changes could occur in the future. Similarly, those along the proposed routes of Medina Road and Alternate Routes F(1-3) purchased their homes without power lines in their backyards. I oppose any support that would allow some people to benefit at the expense of others, with no betterment of the community.

One of the arguments made by those opposed to the proposed route is that it could reduce property values within the entire neighborhood, by as much as 10-30%. If this is true, because the existing line was in place since the time the neighborhood was developed, those who purchased property along the existing route presumably would have recognized some discount when they purchased their properties. Similarly, because the route didn't affect my property when I purchased it, I presumably would have not received a similar "discount". Moving the route at this time would presumably increase the value of those properties where the route previously existed and thereby benefit some, while having a negative impact on others who purchased their properties which were not along the existing route. Moving the route in a manner that will benefit some at the expense of others, is not an equitable solution and is not in the best interest of the project or the community.

The proposed alternate route F (1-3) may not currently affect a significant number of residents residing along Brockton Lane. However, it is probable that the land will be developed into residential property in the future. As such, constructing the line along this route is not a long-term solution. The tract of land has been discussed for development several times, and most likely has not yet occurred only due to the weak housing market experienced in recent years. Development of the property, which is along both of the alternate routes that I oppose, is likely in the future and therefore does not better the community in the long-term.

Again, I oppose Alternate route F (1-3), and oppose the Medina Road Alternative.

Thank you,  
Jamie Nickel

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**From:** lisa.hedin@netzero.net  
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**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** Hollydale 115 kV Transmission Line - PUC Docket No. E002/TL-11-152

Honorable Judge Lipman,

I am writing to you to let you know my opinion on the proposed route of the Hollydale 115 kV transmission line. I live at 15100 42nd Place North in Plymouth. Our backyard contains the line currently owned by Great River Energy that is not being used. The line is approx. 40' from our patio door. Obviously having Excel turn this into an active high voltage line would greatly affect our health, property values and wildlife/environment. I am sure you have heard most of the "cons" from everyone opposed to the line. What I would like everyone to consider when the route is selected is: What is best for the residents? In my opinion, the best route to have the least negative impact on the city residents is to have the line go along Hwy. 55 and Interstate 494 where the land is mostly commercial. Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my comments.

Lisa Hedin

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**From:** Cort Cieminski <cjcieminski@stkate.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 20, 2012 3:39 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** Hollydale 115 Kv transmission line project comments - OAH Docket No. 8-2500-22806-2

Judge Lipman,

My name is Cort J. Cieminski and my wife and I and our three children live at 16515 39th Place North in Plymouth, MN. Back in the fall of 2011 I had written my concerns in regards to the proposed Hollydale 115 Kv transmission line project. I am writing to you now to add my further comments that follow to the public record in regards to the proposed Hollydale 115 Kv transmission line project. The preferred 115 Kv route that Xcel Energy has proposed would run in our backyard along our back property line with our neighbor. We are located in a part of the proposed line where currently the existing line has been "dead" since 2006. If this route were to be approved along Xcel Energy's preferred route, we would go from, in effect, having no active power line to a 115 Kv line, not the move from a 69 Kv to 115 Kv line, as put forth by Xcel Energy.

In addition, the proposed 115 Kv line would be no more than 50 feet from my children's bedroom, which are on the second floor of our home. Xcel Energy has also published alternate routes. These alternate routes, however, simply shift the burden of this 115 Kv line from one Plymouth neighborhood to another. Instead, the City of Plymouth, our Westbranch Estates neighborhood and myself are in agreement that we support alternate route E, which runs along Minnesota Highway 55 to I-494. It would be my preference to bury the line along this route. If this alternate route is not found feasible in deliberations by yourself and the Minnesota Department of Commerce, then I suggest that the new 115 Kv line be buried to minimize the numerous negative effects that result from high voltage power lines running through residential areas.

I do not doubt that power needs to the west metro region are expanding, however, there are, in my opinion, a better route than the preferred route as put forth by Xcel Energy, with the Highway 55 route creating the least hardship and safety concerns for the residents of Plymouth.

Sincerely,  
Cort J. Cieminski

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**Collins, Denise (OAH)**

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**From:** Deborah Price <dl.price@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 21, 2012 10:27 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** Hollydale 115 kV Transmission Line Project

June 21, 2012

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

Dear Mr. Lipman,

My family lives about 40 feet from the proposed route for the 115kV Hollydale Transmission Line Project at 3465 Zircon Lane North, Plymouth which is west of County Road 101. At the present time the transmission line is 69kV. I believe if a high voltage line is needed, an alternative site should be used to remove it from a highly populated human settlement. The following alternative routes are a greater distance from existing homes and should be considered over the proposed route:

**Alternative Routes: F-1, F-2, F-3, G, G-1 and E-2.**

If any route is considered in a highly populated area, underground installment should be a priority.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip and Deborah Price  
3465 Zircon Lane North  
Plymouth, MN 55447

**Collins, Denise (OAH)**

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**From:** Charles Wilson <cdwilson68@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 22, 2012 12:28 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** Hollydale 115 Transmission Line

Dear Mr. Lipman:

I am a resident of Churchill Farms neighborhood in Plymouth. I was not able to attend any of the local meetings but wanted to add my comments regarding the proposed EIS for the Hollydale 115 Transmission Line. It is my understanding that one of the proposed routes runs through our residential neighborhood passing very close to many of the existing homes. In addition, it runs along the existing recreation trail that many of us use on a daily basis. This area was part of a conscious design by the private developers and city planners in Plymouth. The proposed line would have disproportionately negative impacts on this residential area by destroying the planing that went into this area in addition to the health, safety, and environmental impacts. I agree with my neighbors that the most important factor to consider in the EIS is how the proposed routes impact residents (Human Settlement).

Best regards,  
Charlie Wilson  
3225 Xanthus Lane N.  
Plymouth MN 55447

**Collins, Denise (OAH)**

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**From:** Don Wright <don\_and\_lorrie@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 22, 2012 1:37 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Cc:** Don and Lorrie  
**Subject:** Hollydale 115kv project  
**Attachments:** WillowRt.pdf

Dear Judge Lipman,

Attached you will find a letter from my wife and me objecting to the proposed Xcel Energy Hollydale 115KV project. We have also added another alternative route that we feel should be reviewed.

Sincerely,

Don and Lorrie Wright

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](mailto:Eric.Lipman@state.mn.us)

Dear Judge Lipman,

Our names are Don and Lorrie Wright and we are residents of Plymouth's Bridlewood Farms Development. Our home is located on Zircon Lane North. We are writing to advise you of our opposition of the proposed Hollydale 115kv power line that will end up being approximately 35 feet from our home.

We attended the June 7, 2012 public information meeting held at the Wayzata High School and the primary concerns that we felt were delivered by the residents were 1. the increased EMF levels from the power lines and its impact on human life and 2. the negative impact on property values to the residences along the proposed route and surrounding neighborhoods. These concerns are justified and serious consideration needs to be given to the people in the impacted areas.

We know that a number of alternative routes have been submitted for consideration that significantly reduce the number of homes affected and keep the power line along major thoroughfares as well as through undeveloped land. We are writing for two reasons. First, we want to voice our support of alternative routes F1, F2, F3, G and G1. In addition, we have studied the satellite view of the area from the Medina substation to the Hollydale substation and even further to Highway 494. We would like to propose another alternative route. I have attached the aerial view for consideration (exhibit A). Refer to it as alternative route "Willow":

- From the Medina substation, go north .2 miles on Willow Drive to County Road 24.
- Go .1 mile west on County Road 24 to the intersection of Co. Rd 24 and Willow Drive.
- Go 1.3 miles north on Willow Drive staying on the east side of the road to County Rd 115 (Hamel Rd).
- Go .1 mile east on County Road 115 staying on the south side of the road until the road turns north. Continue east .9 miles along the following property lines:
  - R&D Goetz
  - Dellcroft Farms Llp
- Go north at the east end of the Dellcroft Farms / R&D Goetz property lines for .3 miles to County Road 115 (Hamel Rd).
- Cross over County Road 115 and continue north on County Road 118 along the west end of the Dellcroft Farms property line for .6 miles.
- Continue north on County Road 118 along the west end of the County of Hennepin property line to Highway 55 for .2 miles.
- Go east on Highway 55 following the highway for 3.8 miles to the Hollydale substation.

The total distance is estimated to be 7.5 miles. Despite the increased distance, this route significantly reduces the number of residences impacted and keeps the power lines on undeveloped real estate and

along a major thoroughfare which could be expanded in the future. **Please note that this route could continue to 494, the alternative route that seemed to have support at the public hearing.**

Again your Honor, with the number of Plymouth residences this project is anticipated to negatively impact, it makes sense to give serious consideration to the proposed alternative routes that reduce the financial impact and health concerns of the Plymouth citizens.

Sincerely,

Donald and Lorrie Wright  
3605 Zircon Lane N.  
Plymouth, MN 55446



**Collins, Denise (OAH)**

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**From:** Jennifer Wuollet <jennifer.wuollet@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 21, 2012 9:40 AM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** Hollydale 115kV Transmission Line Project

June 21, 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 for the Hollydale 115kv Transmission Line Project. We strongly oppose the CSAH 24 Alternative Route (commonly referred to as Proposed Alternative Route H) due to the residential impact that it will cause.

Our family lives at 17800 32<sup>nd</sup> Pl North and our oldest child goes to Greenwood Elementary School. We have significant concerns with our children being exposed to the proposed power lines for significant periods of time every day. The placement of the power lines on CSAH 24 Alternative Route is asking our family and our neighbors to pay for the power lines with significant loss in the value of our homes and the potential health risk to our children.

We implore you to support a route that does not impact additional residential areas and to consider options that have the least impact on all Plymouth residents with the cost of such options being a minimal factor. Any increase in cost for power lines, including the burying of such power lines, should be borne by all residents who benefit from the lines, not those who would find the lines in their backyards.

Thank you the opportunity to comment and for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Matthew and Jennifer Wuollet

## Collins, Denise (OAH)

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**From:** Jeff Huston <jlhuston@mediacombb.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 21, 2012 11:05 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Cc:** Jeff Huston  
**Subject:** Hollydale 115kV Transmission Line Project Comments

Judge Lipman:

My wife and I purchased our home on 5+ acres in Medina back in 1989 -- when much of the impacted and overbuilt neighborhoods of Plymouth did not exist. We have some 800 feet of the existing 69kV low voltage line running over fenceline bordering our property and can see up to 7 poles clearly in winter. Our kid's swingset is under the line; our vegetable garden is under the line; our land zoned for horses is under the line; our bedroom is 100 feet from the line -- and the equity we have built in our home over nearly a quarter of a century is now ON THE LINE.

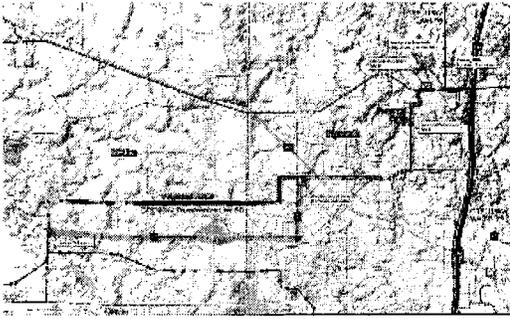
I have been active against the Hollydale 115kV HIGH VOLTAGE Transmission Line Project from the beginning. I have attended most meetings, addressed the Medina City Council, twice distributed informational flyers, sent countless emails, met with neighbors, and have submitted 2 absolutely viable route alternatives that easily connect the Xcel Hollydale Substation with the Medina Substation via existing roadway corridors (shown on all current project maps and attached in its original form below).

Public utilities belong on public roadways. Utilities should be moved to roadway corridors whenever possible -- and certainly in conjunction with upgrades. Roadways are the arteries of towns and cities where utilities are common, accepted, and can co-exist. And, roadways provide the easiest access, installation, and maintenance. It's a no-brainer.

This part of Plymouth and Medina is no longer farmland -- like it was when the old powerline was built. Our views are now of bumper-to-bumper houses; our night sky is no longer pitch-black and star-filled; our countryside is no longer still and quiet; and our rural low voltage power line -- draped across old friendly crooked wooden poles -- is obsolete. It's time to remove these outdated lines and poles from our residential backyards, school yards, hiking trails and hobby acreages and re-route new and dangerous HIGH VOLTAGE lines along existing and ever-expanding roadway corridors where they belong. It's time to simply do the right thing for the community and the environment.

To say nothing of the frightening health risks associated with EMF exposure, the humming line noise, the unsightly taller metal poles, and the plunging property values. It's time for some responsibility and common sense; this new HIGH VOLTAGE powerline should never have been proposed to be built on the old LOW VOLTAGE route in the first place!

We are adamantly AGAINST this project as proposed by Xcel and GRE. We SUPPORT our neighbors in Plymouth who want this powerline re-routed along the existing Highway 55 roadway corridor -- and we submit and adamantly SUPPORT either of the following 2 route alternatives along existing roadway corridors through Medina:



1. **SHOWN IN YELLOW:** From the Xcel Hollydale Substation, re-route the new line heading west along the existing roadway corridor of Medina Road. Note that Medina Road provides a perfect angular roadway corridor to the Medina Substation.

2. **SHOWN IN ORANGE:** From the Xcel Hollydale Substation, re-route the new line heading straight south along the existing roadway corridor of Highway 101; at the intersection of County Road 24 in Plymouth, continue straight west along the existing roadway corridor of CR24 to the Medina Substation.

Both of these route alternatives through Medina utilize existing and ample roadway corridors and easily accommodate connectivity to both substations. These roadway corridors also provide convenient truck access for more efficient line installation and maintenance as well as a more natural, safe, and accepted environment for utilities.

In conjunction with the need for a greater power supply is the need for greater planning and responsibility. Xcel and GRE must take advantage of this RE-BUILD to also RE-ROUTE; high-voltage powerlines belong on our roadway corridors - not in our backyards.

Jeff and Kathy Huston  
200 Cheyenne Trail, Medina

**Collins, Denise (OAH)**

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**From:** Lisa Keller <ljceller@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 22, 2012 11:51 AM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** Hollydale 115kV Transmission Line Project

Dear Judge Lipman,

We live in the Bridlewood Farm neighborhood of Plymouth that is west of County Road 101 and north of County Road 24. We are writing in opposition to Xcel Energy's proposed route as submitted for the Hollydale 115kV Transmission Line Project. Of the alternate routes, we are in favor of Route E east of 101 and Route F west of 101.

First, I would like to thank you for your time listening to our concerns at the public information meetings on June 7th and 8th. We appreciate that we were given a voice in this very important decision and we hope you take our concerns to heart when making your recommendation to the PUC.

We are very concerned about the effect this line will have on the health and safety of our residents, the students who attend nearby Greenwood Elementary School and the children who use the ballfields. We are also concerned about how it will negatively impact our property values. Noise and aesthetics are also a concern. It seems that a line such as this should follow industrial areas as much as possible and when not possible, that it should follow a path that affects the fewest number of residents. Going right through our heavily populated neighborhoods does not seem right just to save a little money (especially for a company that ranks number 246 on the Fortune 500 and made 841.2 million dollars in profit last year.) Please do not make cost the overriding factor in your decision, but consider how this line (if indeed necessary) can affect the fewest number of people. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jim and Lisa Keller  
18605 37th Ave N  
Plymouth, MN 55446

## Collins, Denise (OAH)

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**From:** Strauss, Tony <anthony.strauss@colliers.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 22, 2012 4:21 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** Hollydale 115kV transmission line

June 22, 2012

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

RE: Hollydale 115kV transmission line

I am writing to express my concerns and opposition to the route that Xcel Energy is pursuing for the 115kV transmission line. My family and I reside in the Holly Creek neighborhood which will be negatively impacted if the line is not re-routed. Our neighborhood is packed with children. I have numerous concerns but most importantly it is the safety and health risks to children living under the EMF produced by this type of power line. I understand that alternate routes are possible that minimize this impact. I pray that your decision will direct Xcel to use an alternate route and take the power line along major thoroughfares instead of going through densely populated neighborhoods.

It's also ironic that the front page of Xcel Energy's website boasts about corporate responsibility when they are fighting for this. I've attached a link to Xcel's Corporate Responsibility Report. In the report, their CEO lists their four areas of focus for 2012, one of them being environmental responsibility. It appears to me that Xcel's own stated goals would also be served by putting a this power line a safe distance from our families.

Link to Xcel Energy's Corporate Responsibility Report  
<http://www.xcelenergy.com/staticfiles/xcel/Corporate/CRR2011/about-us/message.html>

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this letter. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Anthony Strauss  
16700 40<sup>th</sup> Ave N  
Plymouth, MN 55446

## Collins, Denise (OAH)

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**From:** Kathy Huston <kathy@tadware.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 22, 2012 9:17 AM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** Hollydale 115V Transmission Line

Dear Honorable Judge Lipman:

I am writing you to express my concerns regarding the proposed high voltage transmission line routed through the cities of Plymouth and Medina. As a long term (23 year) resident of Medina, who has the lower voltage line running along my property, I am deeply concerned about and opposed to this proposed upgrade. We have attended the meetings, participated in comment, and I have yet to be convinced of the validity of what Xcel Energy wants to do.

My concerns are not only for the property values of those who bought in areas developed from farm land who didn't sign up for this, but also for the health and safety of all of us living anywhere near these things. It seems to me to make abundant sense to bar Xcel Energy from pursuing this line through what are now heavily residential areas **along the entire route** or to force them to invest in order to bury them. I see no reason why the route cannot follow major highways, zoned for commercial use, instead of going through people's back yards and affecting their livelihoods.

There has been a lot of activity from the city of Plymouth, but let's not forget that Medina residents are also slated to be deeply affected and deserve as much protection and input. There is no amount of compensation that can be provided to make it OK for these unsightly, dangerous, and environmentally questionable lines to be strung through our neighborhoods anywhere along the proposed route.

For our property values to drop 30 to 40% while Xcel Energy focuses on saving money via direct routes and high wires that totally disregard residents and the environment is an outrage!

I ask that you look carefully at minimizing the impact on residents by limiting these high voltage lines to major thoroughfares and burying the lines as a step toward providing for future energy needs, but with sensible planning and decency toward humanity as key measures in the process.

Thank you,  
Kathy Huston

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**Collins, Denise (OAH)**

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**From:** rim1985@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 20, 2012 9:31 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** Hollydale 115V Transmission Project

The Honorable Eric L. Lipman  
Office of Administrative Hearings

Your Honor,

This communication concerns the Hollydale 115V Transmission Line Project. We have been a homeowners in the Quail Ridge development in Plymouth for 20 years. Unfortunately we were unable to attend one of the public hearings recently held. We are opposed to the portion of the proposed route that runs directly through neighborhoods. Just as major transportation routes don't cut through neighborhoods, major electrical routes shouldn't either, especially when reasonable alternatives exist. The proposed electrical line represents a significant increase in capacity over the current line, making it a major electrical route.

Thanks for you consideration of this serious matter.

Paul and Jo Rimmereid  
14990 44th Avenue North  
Plymouth, MN 55446  
763-553-0724

**Collins, Denise (OAH)**

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**From:** Ek, Scott (COMM)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 20, 2012 9:57 AM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** Hollydale Comment Letter  
**Attachments:** Bremseth\_061812.pdf

Dear Judge Lipman:

Please find the attached comment letter on the proposed Hollydale Project. It was sent to the Department of Commerce, so I am forwarding to you.

Have a nice day,

**Scott Ek**

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## Collins, Denise (OAH)

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**From:** enhuston@mediacombb.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 21, 2012 9:24 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Cc:** Jeff Huston  
**Subject:** Hollydale High Voltage Powerline Comments

Hello Judge Lipman,

My name is Elly Huston and I am a sophomore at the University of Iowa. I'm currently back home for the summer with my parents, Jeff and Kathy Huston, 200 Cheyenne Trail, Medina, where I have lived my entire life.

I am contacting you because I am very concerned about the Hollydale 115kV high voltage electrical line project that would affect many residents of Plymouth and Medina. I understand that this project is proposing a HIGH VOLTAGE transmission line built with 60-80 foot tall steel poles, much taller than the wooden poles currently in place. I am strongly opposed to having this transmission line upgrade following the current path which includes our backyard and field.

Installing such a line would decrease our property value so much that it would affect our family's future. Aside from being incredibly unattractive, these sorts of power lines have many human and environmental risks. Transmission lines emit energy in two fields, electric and magnetic. While most humans cannot sense the presence of these fields, our bodies can. Current research states that 400 feet is the MINIMUM distance that a human should live from a transmission line (our house is SO much closer than that!). This distance will provide an adequate margin of safety from exposure to the magnetic fields. Despite this recommendation, it is also suggested that women who are pregnant should never be anywhere near a transmission power line, as even the most brief exposure increases the risk of a miscarriage--pregnant women should even avoid driving under a transmission line ([www.powerlinefacts.com/faq.htm](http://www.powerlinefacts.com/faq.htm)). The same can be said for those who use pacemakers or automatic defibrillators ([www.powerlinefacts.com/faq.htm](http://www.powerlinefacts.com/faq.htm)). These are only a few of the major documented risks of high voltage transmission power lines. Plymouth and Medina residents should also know that it is not recommended to be within 2,000 feet downwind from a transmission line ([www.powerlinefacts.com/faq.htm](http://www.powerlinefacts.com/faq.htm)). In terms of environmental impacts, the construction of these power lines can have a negative affect on migration routes for migratory animals.

I ask you to consider the emotional impact these new and more dangerous powerlines will have on our community. Resale values of houses in the affected areas will decrease substantially due to the prominent eyesore and health risks these high voltage lines create. As a college student who will soon be moving out on my own, I worry about my parent's future health and retirement. This project does not only affect the residents that

come in direct contact with the transmission line, but also the entire communities of Plymouth and Medina. Our two communities will no longer look like nice suburbs to raise a family, but tacky suburbs with poor electrical planning.

And I am completely appalled at the lack of information the communities have received. If you want to have an adequate view of what community residents are thinking, perhaps those involved with the project could make sure EVERY resident of the community is aware of this looming issue (our neighbors never even heard about the meetings you presided over--and the line is on the edge of their yard!). Residents of Plymouth and Medina have taken charge of getting the word out ON THEIR OWN rather than those directly involved in the project. But our resident's voices can only carry so far.

In conclusion, I suggest that the proposed high voltage powerline be rerouted along a road rather than through citizens' backyards. Roads in Medina such as County Road 24 or Medina Road are much more suited for handling a large transmission line. This dangerous transmission line negatively affects the health and environment of the affected communities not only in a physical way, but also economically and emotionally. I am completely AGAINST this project.

Thank you for taking the time to consider these comments.

Respectfully,  
Elly Huston  
University of Iowa

**Collins, Denise (OAH)**

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**From:** Tim/Amy Lundell <tim\_amy@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 20, 2012 9:11 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** Hollydale High Voltage Project

Please reconsider passing the Hollydale High Voltage Project. We are Medina residents, affected by the project, and are adamantly opposed to it.

Sincerely, Tim and Amy Lundell

## Collins, Denise (OAH)

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**From:** Deb Patchell <opatchells@visi.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 22, 2012 4:13 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** Hollydale High Voltage Transmission Line

Dear Sir,

Our family's home in Medina (275 Cheyenne Tr.) was a golden find at a time when we were experiencing a bit of a hardship. My son was five years old and my daughter only 6 months old when we moved to beautiful Medina. Excited at the anticipation of having our horses with us, while close to the city, and in the small, highly regarded Orono school district, we couldn't believe our good fortune! We had found the perfect site to safely raise our family, share with them our respect for nature, and yet, be able to help them form an appreciation for the arts and culture within the city. We were ecstatic!

Perfect as it seemed, we did voice our concern about the power lines running along the northern edge of our property line. Everyone to whom we questioned this concern sought to quell it as though they were based on unsubstantial fears. Thusly, we have lived amicably alongside the power line for 17 years, until now.

No longer may we rest going into our retirement years on the knowledge of the investment in our home. First came the downfall of real estate values with the recent recession, which we figured we can ride out. Now, we are faced with this massive increase of voltage in the power lines within 150 feet of our home that we love so dearly. We had dreams of grandkids playing in the yard and barn; of them learning to love nature as our kids did while young in the backyard. Those dreams will be dashed when this high voltage project is allowed to be constructed in our backyard! Unfortunately, so will our retirement plans.

I have been told by various real-estate professionals that once this line goes in that our property value will nose dive by 40%, and that it will be tough to sell our property just because of the sight of the lines. The ill effects of the high voltage lines on our health, ours, our kids' and our grandkids' are a major concern. I do not want to be responsible for allowing this harm on my future family!

So, now we will be facing a 40% reduction in our possible nest egg, or harmful affects to our future grandchildren, aside from the health effects on us. We won't be able to sell, or we might be able to sell at a substantial loss after nearly 20 years. Or, we could be facing harmful effects to our health if we don't sell. The options are dismal.

Please, don't allow this to happen! DO NOT ALLOW HIGH VOLTAGE POWER LINES ALONG RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY LINES IN MEDINA!!

Please rule in favor of the residents! Tell Xcel Energy and Great River Energy to install the lines along the public venues, such as Medina Road or County Road 24.

PLEASE, HELP US!!!

Thank you,  
Deb Patchell  
27 Cheyenne Tr.  
Wayzata, MN  
763-473-9241

**Collins, Denise (OAH)**

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**From:** Beidel, Debbie <Debbie.Beidel@medica.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 18, 2012 1:45 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** Hollydale Powerline Project

Mr. Lipman,

I'm writing to you today regarding the Hollydale Powerline Project. We are very concerned about the CSAH24 Alternative Route due to the impact it will have on our lives and property value. My husband is very ill with ALS and I'm concerned about the impact it will have on my husbands health and the impact it will have on our property value. Please support the originally proposed route by Xcel Energy and Great River Energy.

Please contact me with any questions at 612-816-4701.

Thank you for the opportunity and consideration.

Debbie and Robert Beidel

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**From:** Jeff Huston <jlhuston@mediacombb.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 21, 2012 10:06 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Cc:** Jeff Huston  
**Subject:** Hollydale Powerline/Providence Academy

Judge Lipman:

I was present at the first of two Public Informational Meetings held recently at Wayzata High School presided over by Your Honor. For the public record, I would like to submit a brief response to commentary made by a female representative of Providence Academy at the June 7th meeting regarding the Hollydale High Voltage Powerline routing:

Although I support the concerns of Providence Academy as presented by this representative -- to reroute the new high voltage powerline away from their school campus -- I was absolutely appalled that the representative then concluded her remarks by stating that Providence Academy would support the proposed route heading west of their campus...

Excuse me?

I live in Medina -- west of their campus! -- and have some 800 feet of the powerline on my property. How can anyone be so insensitive to the rest of us who are impacted by this project? So, the stance of Providence Academy is that the proposed powerline route is fine everywhere EXCEPT their campus?

Self-serving arrogance.

Jeff Huston  
200 Cheyenne Trail  
Medina

## Collins, Denise (OAH)

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**From:** The Napiers <the-napiers@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 19, 2012 9:56 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** Hollydale Project - PUC Docket No. E009/TL-11-152

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  
Eric.Lipman@state.mn.us

Judge Lipman,

I have several comments for your consideration:

- In considering the proposed project, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) should view the project as a new application. At least that portion of the existing Great River Energy (GRE) power line east of the Hollydale substation has been abandoned since 2006 and the owners of the property adjacent to the lines have been advised of that status by GRE. Prior to abandonment, specifically when we purchased our property in 1995, GRE was advising that the line was low voltage and used only as a standby.

Petitioning to the PUC as a "Transmission improvement," at least for this eastern segment of the project, is a misnomer.

- In early documents, particularly those sent to governmental agencies in August 2010, there is a 115kV power line south of the proposed route, labeled "Line 0831." Adding the proposed Hollydale 115kV circuit to the existing "line 0831" would eliminate this contentious Hollydale application.

<http://www.xcelenergy.com/staticfiles/xcel/Regulatory/Transmission/AppendixD-PublicCorrespondenceD-1toD-8.pdf>

This alternative was never suggested in earlier Hollydale public discussions because "line 0831" was not mentioned or labeled by the applicant in public notices.

Please consider this "line 0831" alternative path.

- During all public meetings to date, including the hearing at the Wayzata High School on June 7, the Public Utilities Commission representative, Scott Ek, sat at the same table as representatives of Xcel Energy. It's hard to imagine a more telling indicator as to the linkage between the PUC and the applicant. Even the representative of Great River Energy (GRE) returned to her seat in the audience after making a statement, and GRE has a monetary interest in the project.

In general, the feeling among the residents impacted by the project is that we are being presented a done-deal between the PUC and Xcel. The perception is that the proposed routing will be approved regardless of comments as opposed to the comments being thoughtfully considered. For example, at the public comments last year, there was overwhelming support for what is called option E. However, when Xcel and the PUC considered the comments and arrived at a course of action, they persisted in their original proposal and made the process even more complex by adding a certificate of need, etc. Why, if public comments were considered, didn't option E rise to the top? It has universal support by those residents north and east of Route 55.

A suitable proposal, eliminating the obvious bias of the PUC team, would be to juggle the proposed solution and the suggested "alternatives." Specifically I suggest removing all the labels for the paths. Call the route segments

“Solutions A through Z” with the proposed solution NOT being labeled “the proposal” to establish a fair assessment as to the merits of each of “alternative” proposals.

- The public in this project has never been apprised of the need of the project and where it fits in the “single, more efficient, higher voltage solution to these issues in the west metro” that has been mentioned by both the PUC and Xcel in other dockets. Specifically, I refer to the Scott County – Westgate docket. Though it’s unclear what solution this refers to, any overarching solution should be included and discussed in this docket.

In this light, it’s important to compel Xcel to at least present for questions and clarification their strategic plans for the northwestern suburbs. As participants in the Hollydale project we have no overall understanding of what Xcel has planned for the larger metropolitan area and how those plans might impact us. One of the commenters at the June 7 meeting said that the planning process pitted neighbor against neighbor, which by itself is true, but in a larger sense it pits neighbor against ignorance. We simply don’t know how or why this project fits into Xcel’s plans, thus compelling the impacted residents to expect the worst.

The Xcel planner at the June 7 meeting indicated that Xcel has ten-year plans for the area. Let us hear them.

I hope that you will understand these comments as positive response to the process. If you have questions or want clarification prior to the upcoming public comment period, please let me know.

Alan Napier

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**Collins, Denise (OAH)**

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**From:** David Folsom2 <davidfolsom@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 19, 2012 8:01 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Cc:** janefolsom@comcast.net  
**Subject:** Hollydale Transmission Line

The Honorable Eric L. Lipman  
Office of Administrative Hearings  
PO Box 64620, 600 North Robert Street  
St. Paul, MN 55164-0620  
Fax: 651.361.7936  
E-mail: [Eric.Lipman@state.mn.us](mailto:Eric.Lipman@state.mn.us)

Dear Judge Lipman:

My wife and I have lived in Plymouth for the past 20 years and have enjoyed our home. We are very concerned that the proposed Hollydale Line transmission that is close to our house will not only be an eye sore to our beautiful neighbor hood but effect our land value which has already taken a beating over the past few years due to the economic recession. A number of our neighbors that are immediately under the new transmission line also face not only economic but potential health problems due to this major increase to the level of power being transmitted if the proposal is accepted. It seems to us, Xcel could utilize the 55 corridor which would be better for all the neighbors in Plymouth and abandon the Hollydale proposed path.

We ask that you deny the license to upgrade the Xcel Hollydale transmission and have it re-routed via the highway 55 corridor.

Sincerely,

David & Jane Folsom

18830 34<sup>th</sup> Ave. No.

Plymouth, MN

55447

**Collins, Denise (OAH)**

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**From:** mjpribula@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Friday, June 22, 2012 12:50 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** Hollydale Transmission Line Project

June 22, 2012

The Honorable Eric L. Lipman  
Office of Administrative Hearings  
P.O. Box 64620, ^00 North Robert Street  
St. Paul, Mn 55164

Dear Mr. Lipman,

My family lives about 50 feet from the proposed route for the 115kV Hollydale Transmission Line Project at 3445 Zircon Lane North, Plymouth which is west of County Road 101. At the present time the transmission line is 69kV. I believe if a high voltage line is needed, an alternative site should be used to remove it from a highly populated human settlement. The following alternative routes are a greater distance from existing homes and should be considered over the proposed route.

Alternative Routes: F-1, F-2, F-3, G, G-1 and E-2

If any route is considered in a highly populated area, underground installment should be a priority.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott and Michelle Pribula  
3445 Zircon Lane North  
Plymouth, Mn 55447

## Collins, Denise (OAH)

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**From:** Kevin Fruechte <kevin.fruechte@prcm.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 21, 2012 1:55 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** Hollydale Transmission Line

We strongly object to the proposed route for the Hollydale 115kv Transmission Line. The current 69kv secondary-use line runs directly over our property at 16410 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, and we are greatly concerned that upgrading the line to a 115kv primary-use line will significantly impact our property's value, not to mention add considerably to our concern for our children's health.

WE SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE ROUTES C AND E, due to the fact that they directly impact far fewer residential properties and follow major roadways.

Kevin and Rebecca Fruechte  
16410 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Plymouth, MN

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**From:** Steve Podraza <spodraza@dailyprinting.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 22, 2012 8:35 AM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** I want ROUTE Alternative E!!!!

**Importance:** High

Good morning Honorable Eric L. Lipman,

You have to use Route E!! The route that is being proposed now will go almost directly overhead of our house! We are a young family with a new born, being this close to a 115kV line is very unhealthy! If this passes and my house decreases another 40-50% in value we will move out of this neighborhood!

You must use ROUTE E!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Thank you

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**Collins, Denise (OAH)**

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**From:** Brett Huston <baseball247@mediacombb.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 21, 2012 10:11 AM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** no powerline

i live in medina and the powerline goes right over my swingset and my moms garden.

**Collins, Denise (OAH)**

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**From:** John Kochevar <collisionmasters0@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 21, 2012 3:22 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** OAH Docket # 8-2500-22806-2

Dear Judge Lipman ,

Common Sense dictates the shortest distance between 2 points is a straight line !

Xcel Energy and Great Rivers Energy Have already spent their resources determining the "best " route for the Upgraded power lines to go ! Alternate routes will only add huge \$\$\$\$ to the project , Ultimately costing all of us !

Stick with the original Proposed / Existing route !!

Thank You for your Sensible ruling

Sincerely ,

The Kochevars , Lifetime Plymouth Residents !!

## Collins, Denise (OAH)

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**From:** Suzie Sween <dunebuggysuz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 20, 2012 2:25 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Cc:** jwraskob@gmail.com  
**Subject:** 8-2500-22806-2

Dear Honorable Judge Lipman,

I wish to voice my concerns regarding the proposed 115kV high voltage power line in the City of Medina. The properties I represent are located east of Holy Name Drive and is currently open farmland. Raskob Brothers property: Property ID # 13-118-23-44-0005 (31.37 acres), 24-118-23-11-0004 (38.81 acres), Sween property ID# 24-118-23-12-0015 (2.52 acres).

Unlike most others, I do not advocate moving the route of the line, even though it bisects the only build able property on our farm.

What I **do** promote is the burying of lines to minimize the potentially hazardous electro magnetic effects and to maintain land values.

I would suspect that burying lines on open ground is more cost effective vs. maneuvering around already developed areas.

Consider a public trail located on top of the buried line. This, too, could keep property values from suffering. To have an agreement that the residents are **truly** a part of, and not just meetings to appease, would hopefully be the goal of The Minnesota Department of Commerce, Xcel Energy and Great River Energy. This line will negatively affect health, aesthetics and property values and those residents that are directly affected should not be taking the burden "all for the common good".

Yes, we were paid \$50.00 for the massive easement over 30 years ago. In no way could we have foreseen the voltage now proposed and the potential for harm in health, environment and economics.

Who would want to build or live near these massive structures?

With the powerful profit making monopoly who wishes to minimize costs, it seems that the individual not only is at a disadvantage, but will be taken advantage.

Judge Lipman, please convey that this project should err on the side of safety for all residents and of course, the environment.

Sincerely,  
Suzie Raskob Sween

**Collins, Denise (OAH)**

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**From:** PATRICK NANCY SERVAIS <paservais\_1@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 22, 2012 4:32 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** 115 kV Hollydale Transmission Project

Dear Honorable Eric L. Lipman,

This message is to express my opposition to the 115 kV Hollydae Transmission Line Project. Please listen to the voices of the people and put a stop to the project.

Thank you,

Patrick and Nancy Servais  
3715 Urbandale Lane N  
Plymouth, MN 55446  
763-478-2053

**Collins, Denise (OAH)**

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**From:** Steve Sutton <stevesuts@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 22, 2012 12:18 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** 115k Power line Opposition Plymouth/Hollydale

Eric, Please take a look at some of the re-route options that have been presented that are more logical than the one that Excel has proposed. I know that you are not being affected by this power line, but just imagine if you were. You would immediately think about your family and their health. You would not want this in your backyard, please do something to prevent it from happening in ours.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Steve Sutton  
612-387-9965 (cell)

## Collins, Denise (OAH)

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**From:** Steve Lerum <slerum@q.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 22, 2012 1:18 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** 115kV Hollydale Transmission Line Project

E-mail to [eric.lipman@state.mn.us](mailto:eric.lipman@state.mn.us)

June 22, 2012

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

Dear Mr. Lipman,

My family lives less than 50 feet from the proposed route for the 115kV Hollydale Transmission Line Project at 3470 Zircon Lane North, Plymouth which is west of County Road 101. At the present time the transmission line is 69kV. When we considered purchasing our home 12 years ago, the existing transmission line existed. Before purchasing, we reviewed the utility easement that specified a transmission line with a "single wood pole". Finding the aesthetic nature of the transmission line and wood pole acceptable, I located and utilized a gauss meter to measure the electromagnetic field around the transmission lines. Far from an expert in this area, I tested the gauss meter against our TV and Microwave at various distances to gain a sense of the readings. What they say is true, don't stand too close to a microwave as the reading was off the scale. But a couple feet away and no reading at all! I then tested the gauss meter at various distances from the existing power line. Standing directly under the power line was a slight reading that dropped off to zero as I moved toward my home. So, finding both the existing single wood pole and transmission line aesthetics and gauss meter readings acceptable, we felt safe and comfortable and proceeded to purchase our lovely home.

The proposed route for the 115kV Hollydale Transmission Line Project replaces the wood pole with a larger steel pole. It is difficult for me to understand, let alone accept, how the "single wood pole" as allowed for in the utility easement can be replaced with a larger steel pole. The transmission line proposed increases capacity from 69kV to 115kV, less than double in size, but the actual increase in EMF is roughly 10 times! Obviously this is very concerning to the wellbeing of our family and neighborhood. There are many neighbors at risk of considerably higher EMF exposure with this proposed transmission line. We understand the need to provide electric power to our communities. However, we also understand there are thoughtful approaches that are safer and more aesthetically pleasing that must be considered. We are blessed in this country to have the utility infrastructure that provides us with the reliable and economical power to serve our needs. I believe most residents are willing to pay slightly more to ensure the safety of others from routing high voltage transmission lines away from populated areas. If a high voltage line is needed, an alternative site should be used to direct it away from a highly populated human settlement. The following alternative routes are a greater distance from existing homes and should be considered over the proposed route:

**Alternative Routes: F-1, F-2, F-3, G, G-1 and E-2.**

If any route is considered in a highly populated area, underground installment should be a priority.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely

Stephen and Roxanne Lerum  
3470 Zircon Lane North  
Plymouth, MN 55447

**Collins, Denise (OAH)**

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**From:** Peggy Roush <pocroush@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 22, 2012 3:21 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** 115kV Hollydale Transmission Line Project

June 22, 2012

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

Dear Mr. Lipman,

My family lives about 80 feet from the proposed route for the 115kV Hollydale Transmission Line Project at 3430 Zircon Lane North, Plymouth which is west of County Road 101. At the present time the transmission line is 69kV. I believe if a high voltage line is needed, an alternative site should be used to remove it from a highly populated human settlement. The following alternative routes are a greater distance from existing homes and should be considered over the proposed route:

**Alternative Routes: F-1, F-2, F-3, G, G-1 and E-2.**

If any route is considered in a highly populated area, underground installment should be a priority.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy & Bill Roush  
3430 Zircon Lane N  
Plymouth, MN  
55447-1086

**Collins, Denise (OAH)**

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**From:** Scott Johnson <Scott.Johnson@ci.medina.mn.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 20, 2012 2:49 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Cc:** tcrosby@tcrosbylaw.com; TCrosby; Liz Weir; EWeir; M Martinson; MSitari; Jeff Pederson  
**Subject:** City of Medina Letter for PUC Docket No. E002/TL-11-152  
**Attachments:** Council Hollydale Letter to Judge Lipman.pdf

Honorable Judge Lipman,

I am sending you the attached letter on behalf of the Medina City Council. Please include this letter as a part of the public record for the Hollydale 115 kV Transmission Line project.

Sincerely,  
Scott Johnson  
City Administrator  
City of Medina



CITY OFFICE  
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June 20, 2012

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

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

Honorable Judge Lipman:

This letter is in reference to the route permit application for the Hollydale 115 kV Transmission Line Project in Medina. The Medina City Council at their June 19, 2012, Meeting directed staff to send a letter in support of the following recommendations:

- The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) requires the project to install single pylon poles for the transmission lines.
- The PUC requires the undergrounding of transmission lines near residences and where future residential development is probable in Medina.
- The PUC mandates insulating transmission lines to reduce the impact of electric magnetic fields on residents and property.

The Medina City Council supports these recommendations to make the Hollydale project as safe as possible for our residents.

Thank you for all of your work on this important issue. Please contact me at (763) 473-8840 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

The City of Medina

By   
Scott Johnson, City Administrator

**Collins, Denise (OAH)**

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**From:** Maksim Belov <maksimb7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 22, 2012 11:09 AM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** Comments on Hollydale 115 kV Transmission Line Project - OAH Docket No. 8-2500-22806-2

Maksim & Tatyana Belov  
3950 Alvarado Ln N  
Plymouth, MN 55446

Your Honor,

We would like to express my strong opposition to the proposed alternative routes for the Hollydale 115 kV Transmission Line Project, specifically the routes F (with multiple options,) G (with multiple options,) and MEDINA ROAD ALTERNATIVE ROUTE. It is our belief that while it may have a potential of affecting fewer households compared to the Proposed Route, the impact will still remain significant enough.

Our property backs to the Medina road at its intersection with Brockton Lane and would therefore be directly affected by all of the mentioned alternative routes. When we bought the property over 10 years ago we were attracted by the views from our backyard that were not obstructed by other houses or structures. We understood that additional development would eventually come for those open spaces but we were willing to accept that along with the inconvenience of a 40mph road in our backyard. While we are not extremely happy with change of appearance that a potential high voltage transmission line would bring, we are not too worried about that aspect of it. What we are the most concerned about are the potential health hazards that the transmission line may bring to us and our neighbors, many of whom, just like us, have small children. Even though most of the objective scientific studies to date are inconclusive, they also do not conclusively prove that long term exposure to EMF generated by high voltage transmission lines above background levels is safe. There are some studies that point to the evidence of a link between childhood leukemia and higher EMF exposure. For a 115kV line, the intensity of the EMF magnetic component within 50 feet would be 6.5mG or more - significantly higher than a typical level of 0.5 - 4 mG in a modern household.

Moreover, we are somewhat frustrated with the way the project's communications have been handled to the point when the alternative routes have been identified and drawn out without any knowledge or input of those directly and indirectly affected. By the time the newly affected households were notified, there did not seem to be a way to propose any additional alternatives.

Our main disappointment with the current situation is that the vast majority of the residents along the current 69kv transmission line route have purchased their property being well aware

of the presence of high voltage transmission line next to their property. Regardless of whether it was active or not, it should not have been so hard to imagine that with the population growth over time it could be put into active use and upgraded to higher voltage. It is just a risk that those residents should have understood and accepted just as we have accepted a risk of additional development and increased traffic on Medina road. The fact that there may be fewer residents who live along the Medina road (or any other alternatives) and who would be affected by the alternative routes, in our -- and we think we can speak for many of our neighbors -- opinion should not be a deciding factor at all. If there was a route that did not affect any new household, we would be all for that but we don't think it is acceptable to shift the burden from those people who knowingly bought into the risk to even a single household away from the current route.

Respectfully,  
Maksim & Tatyana Belov

**Collins, Denise (OAH)**

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**From:** Jim Weinand <jkweinand@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 16, 2012 2:25 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** Comments on the 115kV Hollydale Transmission Line

Judge Lipman,

I am opposed to the Medina Road alternative route for the Hollydale transmission line project. The Medina Rd route would place the transmission line within 50 of my house and roughly 30 other homes in the Bridlewood neighborhood.

I am in favor of moving the current line that passes by Greenwood Elementary school to another route that has a lower impact on nearby homes and out elementary school.

Thank you,

Jim Weinand  
18600 39th Ave N  
Plymouth, MN 55446

## Collins, Denise (OAH)

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**From:** Mark Flaten <mflaten@amrisk.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 22, 2012 10:37 AM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** Docket No E002/TL-11-152 - Hollydale 115 kV Transmission Line Project in the Cities of Plymouth and Medina, Hennepin County

Honorable Eric Lipman,

I want to state my objections to the construction of the above ground Hollydale 115 kV Transmission Line Project in the Cities of Plymouth and Medina, Hennepin County. It is well understood that ongoing provision of electric power will always be needed, but instead of the proposed above ground power line I would be in support of an underground power line or simply rerouting.

The scientific evidence of the health impact to continuous exposure to high voltage transmission lines is inconclusive and therefore should be avoided. In addition to obstruct the natural beauty of the area with unsightly power lines and pole is a sin.

Mark

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"When governments fear the people, there is liberty. When the people fear the government, there is tyranny. The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government." Thomas Jefferson

## Collins, Denise (OAH)

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**From:** mark.scheidhauer@wellsfargo.com  
**Sent:** Friday, June 22, 2012 12:16 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Cc:** Ek, Scott (COMM)  
**Subject:** FW: Hollydale power line extension

Honorable Eric Lipman,

I am writing to you with my concerns of the Hollydale power line extension upgrade. I believe the route should stay as the original route that was proposed. This is already where most of these power poles are at the present time. The homeowners that this effects already new that this was one of the primary power lines. These homes have already had their home prices reduced due to these power lines. This route would be less of a tax base decline to Hennepin county and Medina.

I appose the option that brings it down Medina road which was figure number 10 in the documents that where sent out.. To bring this power line down Medina road would cause many homeowners to loose most if not all of their front yards due to the closeness of their homes to the road. Also there are many old Oak and Maple trees that would need to be taken down which would really effect the appearance of Medina and Medina road at this time. There are many curves to this road which would make for a longer route and more poles that would need to be erected. This road is heavily used by foot and bike traffic due to the unique nature of this road and is why they have widened the road for walkers and bikers. There are many better option than Medina road. Hwy 55 would also be a better option like the power lines that come down other major road ways like 494 in Plymouth etc. Thank you for your time in reading my concerns and issues.

Mark Scheidhauer  
582 Medina Road

763-473-2087

**Collins, Denise (OAH)**

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**From:** Matt.Nelson@allianzlife.com  
**Sent:** Friday, June 22, 2012 2:01 PM  
**To:** Lipman, Eric (OAH)  
**Subject:** Heather Run

The Honorable Judge Eric L. 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.

Sarah and I purchased our house in the Heather Run neighborhood in February of 2011. Had the power lines been in place at the time of our search, we would have considered other alternatives. If the CSAH 24 Alternative Route is chosen, we will begin searching for a new neighborhood.

Regards,  
Matt, Sarah, Noah(4), and Maya(1)  
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