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Honorable Richard Luis, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, Energy Facilities Permitting Staff, Great River Energy Staff:

I find that I am late on commenting on the Transmission Line Project, but this hot weather has been complicating nearly all aspects of farming.

To date I've only been approached about having the entire length of the new power line being moved about 5 to 7 feet to the south of the existing line. I'm fine with that as the movement will not interfere with the three irrigation systems I own on the south side of the hiway. I have always been concerned about how the line would effect Bruce Jahnkes' residence and Lowell Dittberners' pine trees, but I have assumed the land owners and Utility had come to terms. Now I hear that someone would prefer to be on the North side of Hiway 6 (Alignment 4). NO ONE has discussed this with me. Price Discovery has Not been undertaken. The irrigation well would have to be abandoned and sealed, the irrigation system shortened and moved, new well installed as per Minnesota Department of Health standards and Utility Setbacks, and the land owner Donald Carlson will lose rentable acres.

With that said I know that Lake Region Electric Coop needs the power and the line will go in. My preference would have been to modify Alignment 1 to have one (1) steel pole just north of Bruces house on the North side of the hiway. I believe it could be placed in a manner that would minimize Irrigation infringement, save Bruces' windbreak, and eliminate EMF concerns if any. BUT if the Southern land owners have come to terms with the Utility, and Alignment 1 is the Utilities' perfered route, I believe that is where the line should be placed.

Sincerely,

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