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October 8, 2012

Mr. William C. Storm  
State Panning Director  
Energy Facility Permitting  
85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 500  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

Ref: SWTC 115kV Transmission Line Upgrades to the  
Chaska Area 69kV System

**And relating to the Historical Site located at 3250 Chaska Blvd.**

Dear Mr. Storm,

The enclosed comments and illustrations are a follow up in reference to our conversation at the Wednesday, September 26, 2012 Public Meeting.

This property known as the Andrew Riedele House has been listed in the Carver County: Guide to its Historic and Prehistoric Places since 1978 and the 2003 Historic Chaska, Minnesota "Minnesota's Brick City" Downtown Preservation Design Manual prepared for the Chaska Heritage preservation Commission.

As mentioned at the meeting my concern relates to the; Right-of-Way vs. Route Width, Structure Types, Typical change to structures, and specifically to the **Vegetation Clearing**. The existing historical building is located 21 feet from the face of the County Road 61 curb. That puts the face of the building 18.5 feet from the center line of the power line.

Four of the major trees ( locust, maple and crabapples) located on the property are existing within 7 to 18.5 feet from the center line of the power line. If Vegetation Clearing is carried out as per your proposed guidelines all of these trees would be removed. If this was allowed to happen we feel that the visual setting and value of the historical building and property would be greatly affected as well as the streetscape. We feel that this will create a hardship on trying to maintain property value, retain a desirable setting for the structures and presenting a saleable piece of property to a potential buyer. At the present time these four trees are the only significant vegetation on the north side of the street from Hwy. 41 down to the west entry into to Firemen's Park parking.

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At the present time selective trimming has been taking place by the utility company over the years to keep the tree branches from interfering with the power lines. I understand and respect the reason why that has to be done. I admit that the remaining shape of the trees are far from desirable but it is better than totally removing the mature trees.

I have enclosed 3 different aerials photos ( these are old 2008 photos) illustrating my suggested choices. My Choices No.1 and No. 2 relocates the power line into abandoned railroad right-of-ways which in my opinion seems to be a natural location for these above grade types of structures.

My Choice No. 3 keeps the power line at the present alignment but I would request that the existing wood pole be removed from the front of the Historical building and the new proposed metal structure be installed 75-80 feet to the west. This would at least keep from having a major metal utility structure placed in front of a historical building and provide some additional space for the existing maple to spread horizontally under the power lines. If this was the final selected alignment I would like to have the opportunity to discuss with the company doing the clearing and trimming what we may expect as it relates to our trees..

If there are questions or additional information required please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,



Gene F. Ernst  
Lorraine K. Ernst

Encl: Plans and photographs

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3250 Chaska Blvd.

Choice No. 1  
SWTC 115kV Transmission

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Clear Area Fence

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Choice No. 2  
SWTC 115 kV Transmission

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**Choice No. 3  
SWTC 115kV Transmission**

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3250 Chaska Pkwy

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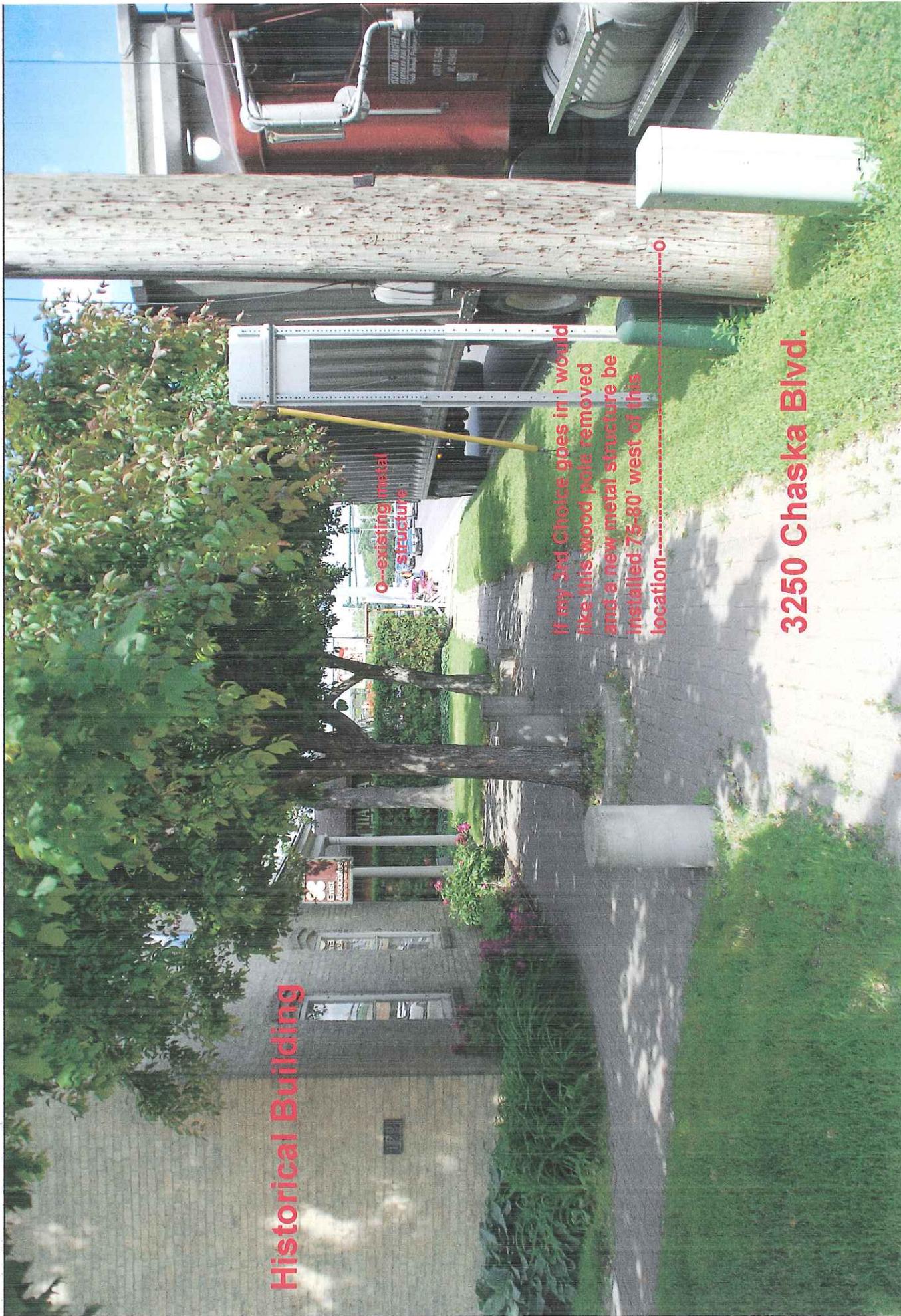
**Historical Building**



**o-existing metal structure**

**If my Sad Choice goes in I would like this wood pole removed and a new metal structure be installed 75-80' west of this location-----o**

**3250 Chaska Blvd.**







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FITZGERALD'S PARK



