

From: [Aaron Ridley](#)
To: [Birkholz, David \(COMM\)](#)
Subject: Comments on TL-12-1245 / CN-12-1235
Date: Sunday, October 13, 2013 8:34:17 PM
Attachments: [Comments on CN-12-1235.doc](#)

Hello David. Please see the attached file for my comments on the Elko, New Market & Clearly Lake Transmission line project. In case you need my contact info for the record, it is:

Aaron Ridley
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If possible, could you please respond to this message stating you received the comment letter? If I don't hear anything back I'll also submit via fax before the end of day 10/15 just to make sure I didn't have any hiccups in the submission process.

Thanks again for your time,
Aaron Ridley

From: [Jackie Kath](#)
To: [Birkholz, David \(COMM\)](#)
Subject: Elko New Market-Cleary Lake Area 115kV Transmission Project (TL-12-1245)
Date: Monday, October 07, 2013 10:09:57 PM

Hi David,

I live in the area that will be affected by the upcoming Transmission Line Project. I have been following all the meetings and wanted to reach out to you with my thoughts on the project.

I have observed in our city of Savage, and the vast majority of other cities I have ever encountered, that the standard is for power lines to follow the street line. I feel that for a consistency standpoint, this is the best solution. It also minimizes the impact of having power lines in any one group of family yards, being that the majority of the line would be above the sidewalk following suite to the rest of the city.

When it comes to maintenance of the lines, having these close to the road would be a great help with accessibility. The transmission line as it currently sits is mainly in an uneven wetland/swamp area and has many fences, trees and play sets built underneath it. These obstructions are, not only going to make it harder to complete the replacement of the existing lines, but will also make each maintenance occurrence much more difficult and obtrusive to families.

I appreciate you taking the time to go over this information with our community last Tuesday Night. I look forward to hearing the results of your assessment on this subject. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jackie Schuldt
(651) 235-9425

From: [Ryan Higginbotham](#)
To: [Birkholz, David \(COMM\)](#)
Subject: Elkton, New Market, Clary Transmission Line Project (PUC # ET-2/CM-12-1225 & ET-2/TL-12-1245)
Date: Monday, October 07, 2013 1:15:05 PM

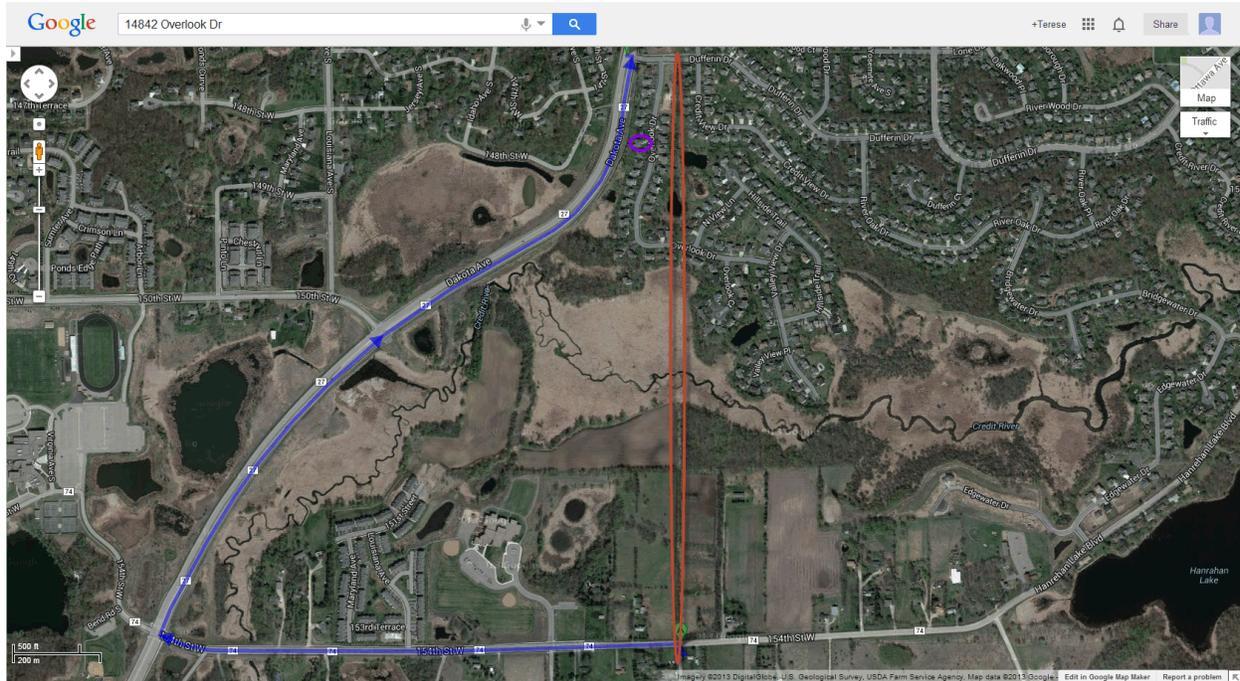
My Property Address: 14842 Overlook Dr, Savage, MN. 55378

Comment:

There has been a proposal made to move the power lines to follow the contour of County Road 27 in Savage. As it stands now, I can see the power lines from my front yard (they are currently between Overlook Dr and Credit View Dr). So, one way or another, I will be viewing the power lines from either my front yard or back yard. With that said, I hope my comments will be viewed as unbiased.

I strongly recommend the power lines to be replaced remain where they are currently positioned. First of all, it would require an estimated 1.25 to 1.5 miles of additional power lines to be constructed to follow the contours of CR-27 (see map below... the red oval is the current positioning of the lines and the purple circle is my house). Also a path has already been made for the existing power lines. To move the lines along CR-27 would require additional funds to clear trees and brush. Secondly, there is an elementary school on 154th St W where the lines would be installed. My personal opinion is it would be safer for the lines to go through the back yards of about 10 extra homes with maybe a dozen or two kids at the most than going through a school yard where a few hundred of kids could be playing.

From a cost and safety standpoint, I highly recommend the upgraded power lines to be constructed along the existing path.



Thank you for your time to this matter

Ryan Higginbotham
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From: [Cindy](#)
To: [Birkholz, David \(COMM\)](#)
Subject: Environmental Concern for PUC ET-2/TL-12-1245
Date: Saturday, October 12, 2013 11:30:00 AM

Dear Mr. Birkholz,

I am very concerned that the Minnesota Department of Commerce is presenting environmental concerns about EMF fields, high voltage wires and health concerns as if ET2/TL-12-1245 has no historic precedent. For over 30 years, school districts across the country have insisted on EMF measurements, monitored cancer clusters and in many cases, have determined appropriate conservative easements under high voltage wires. You do not need to wait until there are cancer clusters, increased rates of asthma and unacceptable EMF measurements to notify the public of the potential risk of living in the areas of these high voltage transmission lines.

I recommend that the easements for the 115 kV transmission lines be at least 150' as the EMF measurements outside that zone should remain under 2-3 mG (the threshold for increased childhood cancer risks indicated by the by the Wertheimer-Leeper and Savitz studies). This type of safety zone is also supported by a 2011 study, demonstrating that a mother's exposure to weak power-frequency magnetic fields during pregnancy substantially increases the chances her child will develop asthma, according to [De-Kun Li](#) and coworkers at [Kaiser Permanente](#) in Oakland, CA. An average magnetic field exposure of just 2 mG (0.2 μ T) during pregnancy more than triples the child's risk of getting asthma by the age of 13, they report in a [paper](#) released by the *Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine*, a publication of the American Medical Association ([AMA](#)).

Affected property owners should have the right to know about the potential risks of living near the 115 kV lines.

Sincerely,
Dr. Cindy Sellin

From: [staff.cao \(PUC\)](mailto:staff.cao@puc.com)
To: [Birkholz, David \(COMM\)](mailto:Birkholz, David@comm.com)
Subject: FW: Great River Energy Transmission Upgrade Elko New Market project- Objection to possible route on Panama Avenue
Date: Tuesday, October 08, 2013 1:59:47 PM

From: Hope Wixon [<mailto:hope@wixonjewelers.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2013 1:38 PM
To: staff, cao (PUC); Ham, Hwikwon (PUC)
Cc: cschmidt@greenergy.com; pschaub@greenergy.com
Subject: Great River Energy Transmission Upgrade Elko New Market project- Objection to possible route on Panama Avenue

October 8, 2013

We are writing this letter to inform the commission that we strongly object to the possible west option route for the 115kV double circuit transmission line. We live on the North West corner of Panama Avenue and 86. We have 280 acres dedicated to conservation. We have a large wetland that we put into a permanent U.S. fish and wildlife easement. They were suppose to discuss the feasibility of the transmission lines with us before the project was okayed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service. This did not happen. Our problem with the lines is that the wetland is a home and stopping point for thousands of migratory birds. Our big concern is Trumpeter Swans. They nest here and this wetland is a big migratory stop for hundreds of them. We also see hundreds of pelicans and other large species of birds that spend weeks on our wetland before migrating onward. Less than ½ of a mile Southeast of us on 86 is another U.S. Fish and Wildlife easement. The potential power lines would be the direct flight path of these waterfowl. We are aware that there have been issues with these types of lines with Trumpeter Swans in other locations that have bird diverters. We are requesting that you consider using your East option of 27 (Texas Ave) . Another alternate route could be Zachary. If you follow the existing lines, there are no homes near them, no cattle, and no federally protected wetlands.

Thank you for your consideration,
Dan and Hope Wixon
27590 Panama Avenue
Webster, MN 55088
507-744-4700

From: [Vicky Kasten](#)
To: [Birkholz, David \(COMM\)](#)
Cc: ["Vicky Kasten"](#)
Subject: Public Info Meeting Elko, New Mkt, Cleary Transmission Line Project-Lot at 250th & Hadley
Date: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 2:39:43 PM
Attachments: [Hadley Hills Estates-Plat Map-buildable lot with wetland.pdf](#)

Hi David, it was very nice to meet you at the informational meeting last week at the Prior Lake High School. It is nice to know an independent party is addressing property owner concerns.

Our property is the **newly-established buildable lot at 250th & Hadley Avenue in December 2012.**

We would like to be notified of any possible ramifications on our buildable lot related to construction of the power lines as follows:

- **2012 Wetland Designation** – Buildable lot has a new wetland designation as of 2012 that may not show up on maps yet. I've attached an aerial map with the location of our property and a line showing the approximation of the wetland so the appropriate parties can check into any ramifications.
- **250th asphaltting proposed in 2016** -- We presume the power lines would be built within the existing right-of-way as Great River Energy anticipates.
- **Minimum setback of power lines from homes** – We want to ensure the power lines meet the minimum setback from a home being built on this lot and what that minimum setback is based on 115Kv (not 69Kv).

Please also keep us posted if you find out any new information related to the construction of these lines relative to our property or if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

Vicky and Kurt Kasten
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952-540-7714-Vicky Cell
612-490-8682-Kurt Cell

<< Hadley Hills Estates-Plat Map-buildable lot with wetland >>



**ENERGY FACILITY PERMITTING
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
SCOPING COMMENT FORM**

Elko New Market-Cleary Lake Area 115 kV Transmission Project

Name:	Greg L. Running				
Address:	14836 Overlook Dr				
City:	Savage	State:	MN	ZIP:	55378
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Please share your comments and suggestions on the potential issues, impacts, and alternative need or route options that you would like to have considered in the Environmental Assessment. Comments must be received no later than **4:30 PM, Tuesday, October 15, 2013**.

You may submit comments using this form (attach additional sheets as necessary), email comments to david.birkholz@state.mn.us, fax to (651) 539-0109, with TL-12-1245 or CN-12-1235 in the subject line, or submit comments online at <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?ld=32989>.

Please see the attached sheet for my comments.

Thank you!

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Greg L. Running'.

Date:

10/9/13

I am writing this letter to share my opinion about the Elko New Market-Clearly Lake Area 115kV Transmission project. After attending the open houses and public information meeting held on October 1, 2013, I would like to say that I am in favor of the project EXCEPT for the possible re-route of the 115v transmission line in Savage that would be along County Road 27. My residence borders along the possible re-route. As I understand it, if installed these transmission lines would be located in my backyard.

When my wife and I built our house on this property 13 years ago, one of our criteria was that there would be NO power lines (high voltage or any other) located on or adjacent to where we wanted to build. If installed, these power lines would be located just a few hundred feet from my children's bedrooms. When we built our house, we knew that our backyard would be bordering an increasingly busy County Road 27. No once in our wildest dreams, did we ever think that we would have to be looking at or dealing with having power lines in our backyard!

A second reason for my opposition to this re-route was brought up by another neighbor of mine who spoke of a decline in the property value of our homes if these lines were moved to this path. While I understand it would be easier to install and maintain over it's current location, I feel that I and my neighbors are being told to endure both a busy county road and now the possibility of high voltage power wires. In the past 13 years, I can't ever recall seeing a utility crew maintaining the lines where they are currently located.

Thirdly, I believe that this would be a bad location to move the poles to where traffic accident possibilities increase with the posts being located just feet off of County Road 27. What happens in snowy or icy weather when someone wraps their car or snowmobile around one of these poles?

I attended the meeting on Oct 1, 2013 at Prior Lake high school. I listened to those citizens who spoke for the possible re-route. One lady spoke of a possible petition signed by her neighbors to see if this could influence the decision to make this re-route the accepted route. I think that if something like this were to happen, it would be highly unfair because the current route borders more homes than the possible re-route along County Road 27 and there would be strength in numbers which my neighbors and I could not overcome. Those property owners who the power lines now border, moved into or built their homes AFTER the lines were originally installed. Their homes are already adjusted for the property value decline. Just like my house is already factored by County Road 27 traffic. By moving the lines, I feel that I would be getting a double hit on my property's value.

In summary, I strongly believe that it is in the best interest of all to keep the power lines where they are currently located without incurring additional costs in procuring easements and use the route which has worked very well in the past.

Greg L. Running
10/9/13

From: [Kerry & Brian Mishuk](#)
To: [Birkholz, David \(COMM\)](#)
Subject: TL-12-1245 / CN-12-1235
Date: Sunday, October 13, 2013 1:39:04 PM

13 October, 2013

Attn: David Birkholz

Dear Mr. Birkholz,

I attended the recent public meeting on October 1st about the Elko, New Market, Cleary Transmission Line Project (Dockets 12-1235 and 12-1245) and I wanted to take this opportunity to express my concerns on an issue that was raised at that meeting. Specifically, I wanted to address the North-Cleary Lake Area portion of this project. In the part of the project that addresses the need to rebuild the existing line from Prior Lake Junction south to Credit River Junction there are (2) possible routes for the power line location between Egan Drive (County Road 42) and 154th Street. The first is to use the existing route that is currently used and the other is to remove that route and create a completely new route that runs along Dakota Ave (County Road 27). Although I realize there may very well be pros and cons for both alternatives, I also believe there is a clear selection that makes financial, logical, and ethical sense – that being to use the existing route. I see a number of issues on these bases with creating a new route and wanted to express them here.

Financial:

- By using the existing route existing right-of-ways, easements, etc. can be used. In possible cases where easements need to be extended (wider), only a portion of the area (the additional area) will need to be purchased rather than having to purchase entire new easements from homeowners along the entire route. In today's economy I think it is prudent to consider these financial considerations in this decision. Not only the costs of these items that can be avoided by using the existing route, but also the time/money saved in having to obtain, negotiate, and execute new right-of-ways, easements, etc.

Logical/Ethical:

- In addition to financial considerations, and likely more importantly, are the logical and in my opinion ethical parts of this decision. Plainly stated – the residents along the existing line purchased land, houses, etc. with full knowledge that these power lines were there where as the residents along the possible new route did not. I see this as an issue on a few fronts...
 - o **First – Home Values.** Although studies vary, I have found multiple studies that confirm power lines placed close to one's property has a negative impact on a home's value. Many of these studies show a decrease in value of up to 10%. Like many people in this area, my home has already decreased in value from when I purchased it and I cannot afford to take another 10% (or any) hit on its value. Whereas homes on the existing route already had the impact on their home's value caused by the powerlines factored in when they purchase the land/home, those on the proposed new route have not. It seems to be very unfair to those folks to force this de-value upon them when the existing route is available.
 - o **Second – Selling ease.** Again, there are many studies that show homes are harder

to sell when there are power lines on or directly next to the property. Just one study I found said that 52 of 54 realtors strongly agreed with that statement and another stated 84% did. In my opinion this again comes down to the decision the homeowner's on the existing power line route made when they purchased their land/home. They made the decision that they either a) didn't care the lines were there; or b) factored it into their buying decision. The homeowner's along the possible new route did not and in many cases may have bought the property because it did not have power lines there (and knowing the power line route that existed would not impact their ability to sell their home in the future). As stated above, it seems to be very unfair to those homeowners to force this issue upon them when the existing route is available.

- **Next – Aesthetics/Sightlines.** The Dufferin Park development has some of the nicest sightlines in the area due to its elevation in comparison to the Credit River below. One of the main roads in the Dufferin Park area is even called Overlook Drive for this reason. Homeowner's that bought their homes because of these sightlines, with knowledge that the existing power lines were where they are now, could not have reasonably been expected to anticipate that the power lines would be moved to affect that. Impacting these sightlines likely factors into the above discussion on home values and ability to sell one's home; but additionally this impacts the enjoyment of their home. Further, it potentially impacts the appearance of the entire Dufferin Park development as the bike-path, overlooking view, etc. along Dakota Avenue is a major selling point for all the homes in this area. Whereas the existing powerline route 'hides' within the development to some degree, the new possible route will be visible to all using the bike-path and entering/leaving Dufferin Park from Dakota Avenue (the main entrance in/out of the Dufferin Park area).
- **Finally – Health Concerns.** There are varying studies on this topic – some of which say there are health impacts of being close to power lines for extended periods and others that say there are not. I will not debate which position is correct as I am not in a position to determine that; however, what is important is that some people believe there are health concerns. Homeowner's that bought land/homes on the existing route made a decision to buy land/homes on the existing power line route with their beliefs on this subject in mind. The power lines were there when they purchased their homes. Homeowner's on the possible new route did not make that decision as power lines were not there when they purchased their homes (and with the existing route could not have reasonably been able to anticipate this would change). Those on the proposed new route who believe health concerns are legitimate concerns most likely would not have purchased their land/home if power lines were there at the time. I view it as an unethical decision to force homeowner's that may believe there are health concerns associated with being near these power lines, that purchased their homes because they were not on the power line route, to have these power lines moved from the existing route to the possible new route. This is an important topic for many and whereas homeowners on the existing route were able to make this decision for themselves based on their beliefs – if the lines are moved then the homeowners on the new route would not be able to make that

same decision for themselves as it would be made for them.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my issues with the possible alternative route for this power line. Although I am sure you have heard many of these arguments before, I felt it was important to express them personally as I am someone who has lived in Savage, MN for 15-years and moved into the Dufferin Park area over 7-years ago for reasons that would have all been impacted/changed had the existing power line route been on this alternative route at that time. I fully appreciate the need to upgrade this power line and that all factors have to be considered in deciding the final route; however, what I think makes this part of the project different is that there is an alternative to creating a new powerline route, a very good alternative, and that is to use an existing route that has been there for decades and that by continuing to utilize will eliminate or significantly reduce the above outlined issues

Best Regards,
Brian Mishuk - Savage, MN
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From: [Scott Palmer](#)
To: [Birkholz, David \(COMM\)](#)
Subject: TL-12-1245 or CN-12-1235
Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 5:14:44 AM

This message is in regards to the 115kV transmission project for the Elko New Market-Cleary Lake area. My name is Scott Palmer, and I'm a homeowner along 27 in Savage.

My opinion is that the power lines should stay in their current location, and my reasons are stated below.

The proposal to move the route of the new transmission line would move it into the common area along the road just feet away from my back yard. Currently, the view from my four season porch shows the trees, the clouds and the sky. A power line in the proposed location would split this view with vertical poles and horizontal transmission lines. One reason we chose this house 8 years ago was the views from this room and the deck. The proposed new location would ruin that for me, my family and whoever we may sell the house to in the future.

The home we live in is a part of Dufferin Park. The community has a sense of style and order that is set by the monuments at several entrances, and by the fence that comes off the monuments and extends down 27. There is a clean look to it that adds value to all of Dufferin Park. The proposed new location would alter the look of the neighborhood introducing poles where there were none before. There is also the chance of damage to the fence while the poles and lines are being put in place. The homeowners who have the fence in their yards, of whom I am one, are responsible for upkeep, so the cost of repairs to any damage done would fall to the homeowners.

Thank you for your consideration.

Scott Palmer
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952-226-1404

From: [Daniel Cundiff](#)
To: [Birkholz, David \(COMM\)](#)
Subject: TL-12-1245
Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 11:48:40 AM
Importance: High

Dear sir, I am sharing my comments on the proposed Elko New Market-Cleary Lake Area 115kV Transmission Project. I am a homeowner at;

14848 Credit View Dr
Savage, MN 55378
email: dcundiffmn@msn.com Tel: 612 670 0421

The existing power lines run directly through my backyard and there is a power poll on my property. I am in favor of relocating the existing lines out to county road 27. I believe upgrading the lines in their existing location will have negative impacts on our property values, the local environment, and our continued use of our property. As well as perpetuating an obvious obstacle to the maintenance and further improvement of these lines.

The lines run through several dozen backyards in our neighborhood and many homes have polls on their property. This has a definite affect on the value of the homes as well as the ability to sell. These lines run between retaining ponds that serve to collect street runoff before it reaches the Credit River. I believe the purpose of the ponds is to help reduce the amount of fertilizers, pesticides, and other pollutants before they reach the river. The construction process as well as enforcement of the easements may seriously affect this function. The lines follow my rear lot line along with a row of trees, bushes and other landscaping that provide a natural sound and privacy barrier as well as wildlife habitat. The construction process would most like eradicate this barrier and the subsequent easement would make it impossible to replace the lost trees and bushes. Many other homeowners have a similar situation as well as fences that would have to be temporarily removed. Once the upgrade was complete it would take several years to a decade to regain the natural barriers and habitat if at all. The maintenance and upkeep of these lines has and will always have the added obstacle of working within the boundaries of private property. Creating an ongoing situation where the disruption of homeowners lives and properties may continue to be an issue. The current path of the lines crosses several steep grades, fences, and wooded areas which may hinder the utility crews ability to work in a safe and efficient manner. The upgrade of the lines in their current location will negatively affect property values, the environment, homeowner use, and maintenance of the lines themselves.

Utilizing the proposed reroute to the county road 27 right of way would have a positive effect on our property values, lessen the negative impact on the environment, and maintain the enjoyment and use of property owners. The relocation of the lines to a public right of way would also give the utility crews free and unfettered access to the lines while

removing the private property owner from the equation. I believe the relocation of the power lines is an opportunity that will have many more positive consequences than negative and should be seriously considered. I ask that you give the opinions of myself and my neighbors careful consideration when debating this issue.

Sincerely,

Dan Cundiff

From: [Steve and Tara Hawks](#)
To: [Birkholz, David \(COMM\)](#)
Subject: TL-12-1245
Date: Monday, October 14, 2013 10:56:20 AM

I am writing in opposition of a possible alternative route of the Elko New Market-Cleary Lake Area 115 kV Transmission Project from its current location to a proposed route following Dakota Avenue (highway 27) in Savage, Minnesota.

The current location of the line appears to run through several wetland/marsh-type areas and was established many years ago as an ideal route to minimize the “eye-sore” of such a line through neighborhoods. Land easements have already been established for those affected homeowners, and they pay a lower property tax based on this. These lines are less obvious to see because they do not run in a wide-open space like along a highway.

My family recently purchased a house on Overlook Drive that backs up to East side of Dakota Avenue (highway 27); we did not know of this proposed project when we purchased the house. If we would have known that this was a possibility, we would not have purchased the house because we would lose the “overlook” view from the top of the hill looking down over the valley. We also have three young children and have read and heard of possible side effects of being exposed to high-voltage lines so closely to residences.

The proposed alternative route would greatly impact the value of our house since it already has a slightly lower price due to it being so close to the highway. A high-voltage line would only reduce our home’s value even more, and not to mention being an eye-sore to the neighborhood. We like our privacy fence that we have to block the view of the highway, and I would fear that our fence would be in jeopardy of being removed due to a utility easement. There really is not that much room between the highway, the sidewalk, and the property lines of those who live on Overlook Drive.

We believe it would be less-disruptive to leave the route in its current location than consider an alternative route since it is already in place and would disrupt the least amount of homeowners by installing a completely new route. We are opposed to an alternative route along Dakota Avenue (highway 27).

Thank you.

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LAND RIGHTS Sept 17, 2013

Peter Schaub:

We received our notice of the meeting in Elko and Savage October 1. As we are not able to attend either we have taken the letter to our attorney.

We sent a letter of objection to running the line on the 40 acres in Rice County, Wheatland township, Section 2, which we own on April 8, 2013.

Just to refresh our thoughts:

① Line would run on the best part of the 40 acres. Best is downhill, gradual hills and flat bottom ~~very~~ hot in summer.

② There would be no place to build a house or anything!

③ Wouldn't even be able to sell it to wind energy.

④ We have it rented out. Renter has large machinery - very difficult to work on fields.

⑤ It would cut the value of the land drastically and at our age (76+82) it would hurt financially very much!

Thank you.

James Tupy
Marcy J Tupy

Mr. James F. Tupy
311 2nd St NW
New Prague, MN 56071-1101



Mrs. Marcy Tupy
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*Other Address
Peter Johnson*

*Great River Energy
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9-28-13

Enclosing a letter of objection for your records and for October 1 meeting, ~~concerning~~ Great River Energy project. Meetings are in Elko, New Market and Savage. We sent letter to Great River Energy also. As we are unable to attend and we have notified our attorney for representation. Not sure if they will.

We own 40 acres in Rice County, Wheatland Township, Section 2. We do not want the line to go over our property.

The line would take up the best piece of land on top - rest is downhill, including a ditch running east & west over the whole piece.

There would be no way to sell or use this land to build a house on.

We have it rented out - won't get any one to rent as they have such large machinery there is no way they would be able to work around this.

A small piece is in CRP. We would lose payment for the 70' wide piece required for the line. We have 8 years to go in this program.

It would greatly cut the value of this land. We are 76 and 82 years old, on
(over)

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a very limited income - so we need
the CRP and rent income.

We ask you, please, take this
all into consideration as they plan
the route to take.

We get mailings from Great
River Energy keeping us well informed.
We do want a letter of results
etc. of this meeting, even if we
have some representation there.

Thank you

James F. Tupy
Mary J. Tupy
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P.S. We had hoped to transfer this
property to our daughter and grandsons.
It was our main reason for holding
on to this over the years. Now
perhaps they won't even want it.
How do we make that up to them??

Birkholz, David (COMM)

From: Dirk Wells <wellglav@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2013 5:42 AM
To: staff, cao (PUC); Ek, Scott (PUC); Birkholz, David (COMM); cschmidt@GREnergy.com
Subject: Grater River Energy Elko New Market etc. Trans. line Project

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Tracy, Scott, David and Carole, my name is Vanessa and I live at 6585 E. 250th St., New Market. I am wondering just how many huge power lines are planned to pass along or just off our road? So far we are up to two. This project, and the gigantic CapX2020 power poles which are within an 1/8th of a mile from our front yard. The CapX lines will be very visible from our home. My husband and I are wondering if there is a limit to how much damage power companies can do to our property value while we just keep "taking it for the team". And thanks for scheduling such accessible meetings for us to attend. I work in HASTINGS and don't get home until 5:30 or 6 but I sure would like to rush home to get to Prior Lake High School to talk about why having a 100 plus foot power pole in our front yard is a good idea. Seriously how much voltage are you planning on running through our area? And please don't tell me that this will not impact our quality of life and our home value. I am asking again WHY two huge power lines are being run where we live. Oh wait, let me guess, it would cost the power companies too much money to run the lines through less populated areas. Both power line projects had/have an alternate southern route. Since CapX2020 is a done deal and is already coming through by us why can't this power line project be pushed to the south? Why is it that you folks who should be "in the know" would OK this double debacle. Does anyone, ANYONE ever say no to power companies?

The first picture below is what we will be looking at out the front of our property with the CapX Project. Very scenic right? Remember we live in a beautiful rural area. These poles are horrible and ugly and they are our new neighbors. Now you are proposing to add 100 foot poles to the front of our yard!!! (We have a pole 25 feet from our driveway in our front lawn). The second picture is what our front yard will look like. It is ridiculous to punish us with the yet another eyesore in the name of progress, FOR WHO? Please don't make us pay twice for everyone else's power. We object strongly to placing additional huge power poles on our street. Use the southern route. I am requesting that you include this information as a comment on your project. Vanessa

