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Name: SHARON KYTE Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
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I AGREE WE CAN PROBABLY USE THIS SERVICE  
BUT NOT WITHIN SHERBURN CITY LIMITS  
OUR GRANDCHILDRENS HEALTH COULD BE AT  
RISK AT THE SHERBURN SCHOOLS

Signature: [Signature] Date: 4-28-14

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**FEIS ID #167**

**167.**

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Name: Leroy Lardin Email: lklardin@midco.net  
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 City: SHERBURN State: MN ZIP: 56171

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although I will be one of the first to admit that we need electricity and all of its benefits, it concerns me that these transmission lines would be so close to our children's schools and a very active worship center. I also am concerned about all the fumes etc at the ~~com~~ end go station and static electricity. I have been told that these lines cannot be run through DNR protected lands so if they feel they are posing a threat they should not be close to towns either.

Signature: Leroy Lardin Date: 5/5/14

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**FEIS ID #168**

**168.**

Your objection to routing near Sherburn is noted and included in the record for this EIS. Potential impacts to human settlements and human health and safety are discussed along with potential mitigation measures in Section 5.0 of the EIS.

**From:** [Joanna Lange](#)  
**To:** [Kirsch, Raymond \(COMM\)](#)  
**Subject:** MN-IA 345kV project  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 29, 2014 9:36:35 PM

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I am Mark Lange, co-owner and resident representing LangeSons, Inc. We are a 130-140 cow Dairy operation with an additional 130 replacement heifers and 50 steers located two miles north of Sherburn, Minnesota, in section 30 of Fox Lake township in Martin County.

169-1

I am opposed to proposed Route B of the 345 Transmission project due to the proximity of its location to my residence, my mother's residence, and our Dairy operation.

169-2

As my family has farmed this land for 3 generations, I am very familiar with the soil structure and types and the adjacent wildlife management area. Understanding the proposed route width allows for 1,000 feet due to variability of soil types and the lay of the land, this line is likely to be placed in the northern portion of the route width allowance, which would be directly along side of our family "home" farm. Dairy industry research as well as my own experience have proven that stray voltage has detrimental effects on livestock operations. Close proximity to high voltage power transmission negatively impacts milk production, reproductive cycles, calf health and mortality.

169-3

Under Minnesota statute 216E.12 Eminent Domain Powers, also know as the "Buy the Farm" law, ITC would be required to buy our entire Dairy and surrounding farmland, as well as provide for relocation and compensation for disruption to our business and livelihood. These expenses would be a significant additional cost to the ITC project which do not appear to be included in the original cost estimations. Relocation of an operational Dairy Farm, which provides a primary income source for 4 households as well as supportive economic resources for local businesses, would require additional land purchase, suitable buildings and infrastructure.

Thank you for your consideration in opposition to proposed Route B,  
Mark Lange  
788 140th Street  
Sherburn, MN 67171

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**169-1.**

Your objection to route B is noted and included in the record for this EIS.

**169-2.**

Section 5.4.1 of the EIS discusses the potential impacts to livestock and mitigation measures.

**169-3.**

Section 3.8.1 of the EIS discusses the “Buy the Farm” statute. Your comments regarding increased costs to the project related to the potential use of this statute are noted and included in the record for this EIS.



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Name: Morgan Lange Email: morgan\_lange@martink12mn.us  
 Street Address: 100 West 2nd Street  
 City: Sherburn State: MN ZIP: 56171

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I would just like to say that is very important to not put these power lines through our community. I am a student from Martin County West, & I feel these lines would not only hurt us, but would ruin some lives of the people who lived here. I have lived in my house in Sherburn for many years now, & moving would not be an option for us. My mom owns a business right next to I-90, so the lines would probably ruin her business also. Please reconsider moving the lines somewhere else!

Signature: Morgan Lange Date: 4-8-14

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Name: Morgan Larson Email: morgan.larson@martin.k12.mn.us
Street Address: 100 Theobald St.
City: Sherburne State: Minnesota ZIP: 56171

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I am a sophomore at Martin County West at the Sherburne High School. These powerlines are a lot more dangerous than you guys are telling people. There are several cases where these powerlines have been harmful to humans. If this goes through, it will knock out one of the best school districts in the area. We will not be able to go to school here anymore, or even live here. How are 1,137 people supposed to all find new homes in approximately a year? This is only common sense and I don't understand why this is even a thing. This problem shouldn't even be talked about.

Signature: Morgan Larson Date: 5-8-14

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Name: Thor Larson Email: thor\_larsen@Martin.WI2.MN.US  
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 City: Sherburne State: MN ZIP: 56171

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I'm a student at Martin County West. I'm pleading for not to put up this power line. My father & I just moved into my great-grandpa's house. This is a 3rd generation house build by my great-grand father. I'm not gonna get forced out of my future home cause some corporation wants dittle more money. There are many more places to put this power, don't put it where I'm choosing to raise my future family. I'm only 16 but I have some big plans & dreams that involve this community & I'm not verying willing to let those dreams go when I won't get the chance to strive to achieve them.

Signature: Thor Larson Date: 5-8-14

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**FEIS ID #172**

**172.**

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Name: Jesse Laue Email: Jesse - Laue @martin.k12.mn.us  
 Street Address: 16 W. 5th St  
 City: Shanburn State: MN ZIP: 56171

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My Name is Jesse Laue I've went to about five schools ~~and~~ <sup>in</sup> my life now and I'm a student at Martin County West Junction/Jendon High School. I don't want to move school again and I don't want this company to put a power line up because your going to risk this town and this schools life on a dam power line are you kidding me people want to retire in this town and people want to go to school here I mean come on don't make the stupid ass decision of putting it up and if you decide to put the line up then I hope you like ruining peoples lives and your going to ruin mine.

Signature: Jesse James Laue Date: 5/8/14

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**FEIS ID #173**

**173.**

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**From:** [Laven, Joshua](#)  
**To:** [Kirsch, Raymond \(COMM\)](#)  
**Subject:** ITC Midwest MN/IA 345 kV line  
**Date:** Friday, May 09, 2014 10:59:20 AM

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Good morning,

I'm writing this morning to express some concerns to the proposed ITC 345kv line construction in southern Minnesota and northern Iowa. While I agree that the aging transmission system needs improvement to maintain reliability and sustainability, I do not agree that this proposal is the best one. I cannot understand why the existing 161kv line from Lakefield Junction to Fox Lake to Rutland and eventually to Winnebago can't be updated to handle increased loads. In fact, most of this line went through a major update in the 2010/2011 timeframe. New structures and larger conductors were added to enable more capacity to be moved along. The MISO public website has spreadsheets that show this particular line forecasted to be updated by 2030 to a possible 765kv. I understand that forecasts are one thing, but the point being if we can update and upgrade current switchyards, structures, conductors, etc. why not make those changes now instead of adding all new right of ways, substations, and the like. This would, obviously, have lowest impact on the environment as these areas have been utilized for the last 60 + years. There are brilliant people in the industry that are capable of making such projects possible and cost effective. The outages that would be required to make these changes would be minimal given the number of redundant circuits that could be utilized to complete the project. In fact, they were utilized a couple of short years ago when the new structures, lines, and conductors were added. To me, finish updating/upgrading the current 161kv makes so much sense all the way around. It would be the most cost effective, time efficient, environmentally conscience project to ensure reliability, sustainability, and security that all of us expect our electrical system to be. I work in the generation side of this business and we are continually driven to maintain those same principles for our customers. I think most would agree that scrapping complete sites and building on brand new green sites is not always, necessarily, the best route to pursue.

Thank you for your time.

*Joshua S Laven*

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**FEIS ID #174**

**174.**

Whether reconstructing the existing 161 kV transmission lines with new, higher capacity conductors satisfies the project need at lower cost than the proposed project is a question to be answered by the Commission's in its certificate of need decision and is outside the scope of the EIS (Appendix A). Section 4.5.2 of the EIS discusses the potential human and environmental impacts of upgrading the existing 161 kV line.



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Name: Ray Kirsch Email: law1234@hotmail.com  
 Street Address: 110w. 5th St.  
 City: Sherburn State: MN ZIP: 56271

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I'm a student at Martin County West High School. I have been attending this School District since Preschool. By adding this powerline to our community, it would be taking away many opportunities. This power line would take jobs away from awesome teachers, students, and parents relying on this money. People would have to relocate, and its not that easy. People would have to restart what they worked for, like the jobs they have earned. I, as a student, would have to go to my senior year, to another school...

Signature: Natalie Lawrence Date: May 8, 2014

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**FEIS ID #175**

**175.**

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Name: Steve Lawrence Email: Slawrence9760@bcucomm.  
Street Address: 1120 Highland Drive  
City: Blue Earth State: MN ZIP: 56013

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*Please use the present path for your new line from I 90 west of Blue Earth to the IOWA border. Any other route affects the farmability of our farms. We have our farm system tiled so please be careful of the tile. Please place the poles on the property lines.*

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Signature: Steve Lawrence Date: 4/28/14

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**FEIS ID #176**

**176.**

Your preference for utilizing the existing 161 kV line for the project between Blue Earth and the Iowa border is noted and included in the record for this EIS.



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Name: Wayne LAWRENCE Email: wd7900@bevecomm.net  
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City: BLUE EARTH State: MN ZIP: 56013

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*Go Davis see 2- Proposed Alternate Substation  
If you decides on this I will be very hard to deal with.*

*Verona - see 36 - Route B ~~goes~~ divides a 160 A in half.*

*We already farm along Route A & much prefer to keep the line there.*

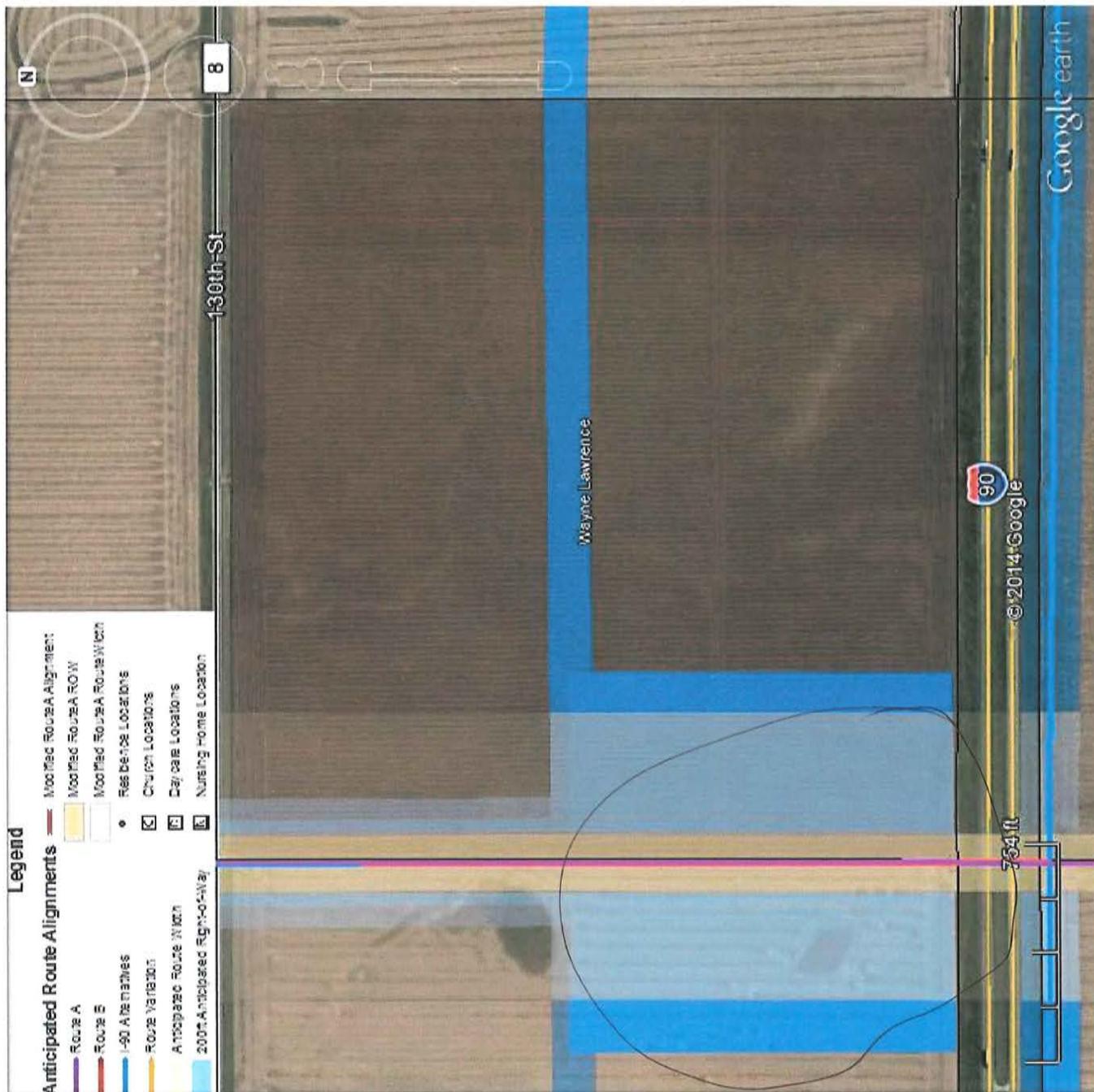
Signature: Wayne Lawrence Date: 4-24-2014

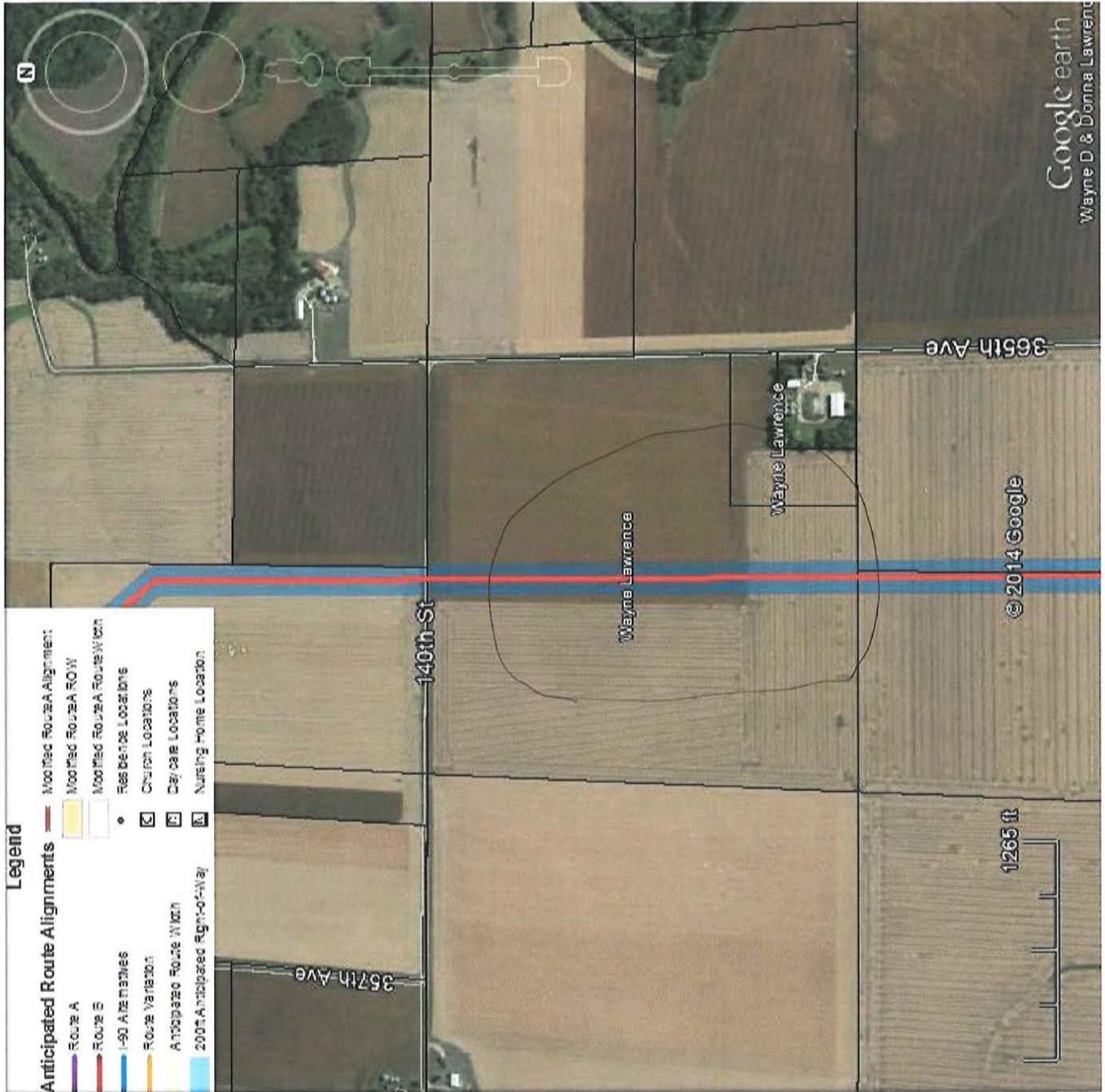
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**FEIS ID #177**

**177.**

Your routing preferences are noted and included in the record for this EIS.







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Name: Larry L. Lee Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: 404 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.  
City: Sherburn State: Mn ZIP: 56171

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Do not come into the city of Sherburn.  
Our city has lots of human activities - a church,  
homes, residences, businesses, Fire Department. Pancake  
feeds, blood donations, public dinners, educational seminars,  
lectures, instructional classes, parades, besides school children's  
(grade, high school) FFA gardens, athletic fields - all don't need  
electric lines over our heads.  
Signature: Larry L. Lee Date: May 6, 2014

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Our property values need protection,

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**178.**

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Name: Robert Leet Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: 305 South Main  
 City: Granada MN State: MN ZIP: 56039

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My farm site is on the North side of I90  
Sec 6 Pleasant Prairie Martin County

My concern is that my dryer site is there  
and bin are in 1000' area. Also bin is 250'  
from Fence line From I90. I Also have plans to put  
up another bin closer to I90. If line goes on North  
of I90 it would be in my way For the farm  
Thank you

Signature: Robert Leet Date: 7-22-14

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**FEIS ID #179**

**179.**

Your objection to the specified alignment is noted and included in the record for this EIS. Section 5.3.4 of the EIS discusses potential induced voltage impacts and mitigation measures.



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Name: Robert Leet Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: 305 South Main  
 City: GRANATA State: MN ZIP: 56039

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My concerns are about putting line on the north side of I90. As noted on the picture enclosed my farm is on the north side of I90 Section 6 of Pleasant Prairie in Martin County. We are going to be putting up another bin south of existing bin also. This bin will be approximately 85' or more to the top and 150' from I90 fence line. We also have a driveway for bins that comes in by the fence line and around past bins for unload of bins. With the bins and driveway we would be working around or under these power lines. This would be hazardous for us and legally I don't think it can be that close to our building and driveway.

Signature: Robert Leet Date: 4-27-14 Thank you

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**FEIS ID #180**

**180.**

Your objection to routing on the north side of Interstate 90 is noted and included in the record for this EIS.

Robert best Farm Sec 6 Pleasant Prairie Martin County



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Name: Colton Leiding Email: Colton Leiding@maria.k12.mn  
Street Address: 16 W. 5th St.  
City: Sherburn State: MN ZIP: 56171

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I don't want to switch schools.  
And I don't want any one having  
affects of it. And I don't want to  
deal with or have any one  
suffer. Whats the point of getting  
cancer for no reason.

Think of others before  
yourself.

Signature: Colton Leiding Date: 5-7-14

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**FEIS ID #181**

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Mr. Ray Kirsch please do not put up the power lines along I-90 because you would be wiping out three great communities Sherburn, Trimont, and Welcome and one great school Martin County West. We are the Martin County West Mavericks we are proud of are school, communities, and our sport teams.

Signature: Shannon Lewis Date: 5-7-14

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**FEIS ID #182**

**182.**

Your objection to the project is noted and included in the record for this EIS. Potential impacts to human settlements and human health and safety are discussed along with potential mitigation measures in Section 5.0 of the EIS. Note that none of the routes, route alternatives or route variations under consideration will cause displacement of schools or require school closures.



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Dear, Ray Kirsch  
Please do not put the power lines in our community. We have students that graduate from this school that go on to college and try to find ways to make energy more safer and make it not effect our community and people that live in the community. Please do not put the power lines in our community please.

Sincerely Dakotah Longton

Signature: Dakotah Longton Date: May 8

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**FEIS ID #183**

**183.**

Your objection to routing near Sherburn is noted and included in the record for this EIS.



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Ray Kirsch,

My name is Savannah Longton, I'm 15 years old and this powerline could affect my school, town, and my family. I have moved alot in my life and Sherburn is the one town I really can call my home. Please don't take my name or school away. Our small towns Sherburn, Welcome, and Trimont mean alot to many people. Our movie theater gets alot of people and our school is just SO important. Please don't make the powerline go through our small, GREAT towns.

Signature: Savannah Longton Date: 5/7/14

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**FEIS ID #184**

**184.**

Your objection to routing near Sherburn is noted and included in the record for this EIS. Potential impacts to human settlements are discussed along with potential mitigation measures in Section 5.0 of the EIS.



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Name: Faira Lov Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*for safety reasons we do not want the power line on our church property*

Signature: Faira Lov Date: 5-4-14

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**FEIS ID #185**

**185.**

Your objection to routing near the Sherburn Assembly of God Regional Worship Center is noted and included in the record for this EIS. Section 5.3 of the EIS discusses the potential health and safety impacts of the project and mitigation measures.

From: [Janet](#)  
To: [Kirsch, Raymond \(COMM\)](#)  
Subject: Public Comment - DEIS - #ET6675/TL-12-1337 and ET6675/CN-12-1053  
Date: Sunday, May 04, 2014 2:20:41 PM  
Attachments: [SENDER\\_EMAILjloos@midco@@net.png](#)

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Dear Mr. Kirsch:

I have attend recent public meetings and understand an alternate route has been considered for the planned transmission line near Sherburn, MN. I would strongly hope that you will **consider alternate route A**, mostly because it would cross the north lawn of the Assembly of God Church. I have been a member there for 44 years and have worked on staff there since 1978 (retired Dec. 31, 2013). I would hate to see my church become unusable. It is an altogether metal building and the line would interfere with our sound system, hearing impaired system, video and audio transmission, etc. This is not to mention the possible harmful effects on human life.

Also, the nearness to many businesses and the hesitation of any new ones building nearby would make our town a less desirable place to locate. ( And heaven knows we need new life in our economic area!).

Sincerely,

Janet Loos  
Sherburn, MN



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**FEIS ID #186**

**186-1.**

Your preference for Modified route A is noted and included in the record for this EIS.

**186-2.**

Section 5.3 of the EIS discusses the potential health impacts of the project and mitigation measures.

**186-3.**

Section 5.1 and 5.4 of the EIS discuss potential human and economic impacts of the project and mitigation measures.

**From:** [Janet](#)  
**To:** [Kirsch, Raymond \(COMM\)](#)  
**Subject:** DOCKET #ET6675/-12-1337 AND et6675/CN-12-1053  
**Date:** Sunday, May 04, 2014 5:33:52 PM  
**Attachments:** [SENDER\\_EMAILjloos@midco@@net.png](#)

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Dear Mr. Kirsch:

I am a resident of Sherburn, MN. I live on the north side of town. I am a member of the Assembly of God Church just north of my house. I ask that you not run your high power electrical line near our church building nor our Martin County West schools which are just across the street - near our church. Please choose alternate route A. Doing so would make our church building unusable since it an all-metal building.

Sincerely,

Don Loos  
Sherburn, MN



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**FEIS ID #187**

**187.**

Your preference for Modified route A is noted and included in the record for this EIS.



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Street Address: 400 COUNTY ROAD 13  
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THERE ARE SEVERAL ALTERNATIVES TO ROUTE "A" AS  
shown in table 3-1. I would support FL-2, FL-3, or  
FL-4 or Modified Route A.

188-2

Also the church building (Sherburn Assembly of God)  
is all metal. I believe with all the electronics in  
the building, and used by parishioners - it would make  
it hazardous and useless - Again I support the other  
options. The building is used for much more than  
church - community events etc. Thank you

Signature: [Signature] Date: 5-4-2014

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**FEIS ID #188**

**188-1.**

Your preference for Modified Route A, FL-2, FL-3. or FL-4 is noted and included in the record for this EIS.

**188-2.**

Section 5.4.4 of the EIS discusses potential induced voltage impacts and mitigation measures. The Commission's generic route permit template requires permittees to ground all metallic objects on or off the right-of-way of the transmission line (Appendix B2, Section 4.7). Accordingly, no impacts due to induced voltage are anticipated with the project. Section 5.1.6 of the EIS discusses potential impacts to electronic communications. The Commission's generic route permit template requires permittees to restore impaired communications or provide equivalent communications if impacts due to the transmission line occur. Thus, no impacts to electronic communications are anticipated with the project.

**From:** [Loos, Steven](#)  
**To:** [Kirsch, Raymond \(COMM\)](#)  
**Subject:** 345 kv line  
**Date:** Friday, May 09, 2014 8:59:23 AM

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189-1

Raymond, Just a short note to send about the 345kv line. I don't think there is really a NEED for this line. I think the existing 161kv line could be upgraded without any impact at all while making the capacity higher. ITC already has the right of way.( that minimizes "adverse human and environmental impact[s]") This is a short statement right out of the rules-I think that

189-2

going into Sherburn adversely affects humans there-especially at the north end of town. If there is really a NEED to build this line then at least keep it out of our small town. From the beginning there has been deception by ITC as the church located in Sherburn was never on any of the maps. Thanks,

189-3

Steve Loos

Steve Loos  
Fox Lake Plant  
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[steveloos@alliantenergy.com](mailto:steveloos@alliantenergy.com)

**FEIS ID #189**

**189-1.**

Your comment is noted and included in the record for this EIS.

**189-2.**

Your objection to routing near Sherburn is noted and included in the record for this EIS.

**189-3.**

Your comment is noted and included in the record for this EIS.



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Name: Tammy Loos Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please Stay out of the City of Sherburn. We want to keep our Church. (Sherburn Assembly of God.)

Signature: Tammy Loos Date: 4-4-14

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**FEIS ID #190**

**190.**

Your objection to routing near Sherburn is noted and included in the record for this EIS.



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Name: Weldon Loo Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
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City: Sherburn State: Mn ZIP: 56171

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I guess I just don't like  
a power line running  
thru our church  
yard

Signature: Weldon Loo Date: 5-5-2014

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**FEIS ID #191**

**191.**

Your objection to placing the line near the Assembly of God regional worship center is noted and included in the record for this EIS.

**From:** [Michael Lyon](#)  
**To:** [Kirsch, Raymond \(COMM\)](#)  
**Subject:** MN to IA 345 KV Transmission Line Project  
**Date:** Thursday, May 08, 2014 6:07:54 PM

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192-1

I am asking you to strongly consider keeping the transmission line routed North of I-90 instead of South. I am concerned it would be too close to our fire station and may interfere with our radio communications.

192-2

Thanks for your consideration,

Michael Lyon  
Fire Chief  
Sherburn Fire Department

**FEIS ID #192**

**192-1.**

Your preference for routing on the north side of Interstate 90 is noted and included in the record for this EIS.

**192-2.**

Section 5.1.6 of the EIS discusses potential impacts to electronic communications. The Commission's generic route permit template requires permittees to restore impaired communications or provide equivalent communications if impacts due to the transmission line occur. Thus, no impacts to electronic communications are anticipated with the project.



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Name: Bernard M. Malone Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: 9 Elm Blvd.  
City: Blue Earth State: Mn ZIP: 56013

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I strongly oppose the alternate Huntley Sub-Substation route, options I-90-5 1 and 2, through Faribault County. I prefer that the transmission line follow modified route A.

The eastern two miles of the I-90-5 options 1 and 2 corridor passes through one of the most populated rural areas in Faribault County. This area, where my home is located, contains over thirty-five residences within one-quarter mile of this corridor.

My neighbors and my family are highly concerned about the decline in our property values and the potential for negative health consequences that an intrusive transmission line of this size and scale is likely to bring.

This proposed route is an affront to the very cultural and aesthetic values that brought us to this neighborhood in the first place.

Signature: *B.M. Malone* Date: 5-1-2014

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**FEIS ID #193**

**193.**

Your objection to Route alternative I90-5 Options 1 and 2, and preference for modified route A are noted and included in the record for this EIS. The issues you have identified, including proximity to homes and potential impacts to human settlement, property values, human health, and aesthetics are addressed along with potential mitigation measures in Section 5.0 of the EIS

**From:** [Doug Mammenga](#)  
**To:** [Kirsch, Raymond \(COMM\)](#)  
**Subject:** New Power Lines near Sherburn, MN  
**Date:** Thursday, May 08, 2014 7:19:30 PM

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Dr. Mr. Kirsch,

I am writing to you in regard to the issue of the new power lines that may be going through Sherburn, MN. I don't understand why you would even consider this in the area that you want. Have you personally looked at the area that this would affect? Is this something that you would want to run through your backyard and expose your family to? You may feel you have all the information needed to deem this "safe", but because I have worked in the healthcare field (Radiology), I can tell you that what is "safe" today, is a lawsuit being advertised on the TV tomorrow. Are you aware of the proximity of the power line to the schools in Sherburn? Do you know for a fact, that in future years, that my child will not have to pay the price for poor decisions and ignorant government officials that won't listen? In healthcare, the goal of medical personnel has always been to make sure that all people will be treated with the same care and respect that would be given to our own family. This is the same standard that we expect from our government officials, and deserve from our government officials. When decisions like this are going to be made, everyone making the decision should be asking themselves if this is something that they would want in their own back yard, and would feel comfortable with it. If they are being honest with themselves, and say "yes" they wouldn't mind it in their backyard, but are thinking "heck no", then it is telling me that these people have a double standard, and are really not in our state government to "Help" the citizens of the state of Minnesota, are they???? Please, reconsider your decision. Thank you.

**FEIS ID #194**

**194.**

Your objection to routing near Sherburn is noted and included in the record for this EIS.



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If you could please try to find a new location to put the lines so they don't go through Sherburn, Ormound, and welcome, so if you could please try to find a new location would be great.

Signature: Tanner Mammenga Date: 5/7

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**FEIS ID #195**

**195.**

Your objection to routing near Sherburn is noted and included in the record for this EIS.

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## ITC Midwest LLC Minnesota to Iowa 345 kV Transmission Line Project Docket Nos. CN-12-1053 and TN-12-1337

We are representing Tim Manthei and Lee Manthei (the Manthei Brothers) who are the owners and operators of agricultural land located in Section 4 of Jo Daviess Township in Faribault County, Minnesota. The Manthei Brothers are concerned about the transmission line project and the possible route options that may impact their property as proposed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the alternate route.

The Manthei Brothers, as owners of the E1/2 of the NE1/4 Section 4 in Jo Daviess Township, will be adversely impacted by the I90-3, I90-4 and I90-5 Option 1 project alternatives stated in the DEIS. It appears from a review of the project details, and the maps provided on Appendix L, Sheet LH50 that the proposed I90-3 line route would proceed through the middle of the farmland owned by the Manthei Brothers. This proposed route is objectionable because a transmission line running through the middle of their farm will 1) have a negative impact on its economic value and 2) have a negative impact on their existing farming practices. There is increased difficulty in planting, maintaining and harvesting crops around power line support structures resulting in economic loss to the farmer.

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196-2

If the I90-3 route alternative is selected, then the Manthei Brothers request that the line be moved to an alternative location along their property line. This alternative route should consider both the economic and practical farming impacts of running a transmission line through the middle of a field and thus avoid that adverse effect on their land.

196-3

The Manthei Brothers also object to the I90-4 and I90-5 (Options 1 and 2) route alternatives. Both the I90-4 and I90-5 Option 2 present a concern to the Manthei Brothers because the main 345 kV line will impact the southern edge of their property. The I90-5 Option 1 is also objectionable because again, the proposed new Rutland-Huntley Single Circuit 161 kV line would travel through the middle of the Manthei Brothers' farmland.

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**196-1.**

Section 5.1 and Appendix G of the EIS discuss potential property value impacts and mitigation measures.

**196-2.**

Section 5.4.1 of the EIS discusses potential impacts to agriculture and mitigation measures.

**196-3.**

Your preference that the I90-3 alignment be modified, if selected, is noted and included in the record for this EIS.

**196-4.**

Your objection to route alternatives I90-4 and I90-5 Options 1 and 2 is noted and included in the record for this EIS.

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If the 190-5 route alternative is approved as the final route location, the Manthei Brothers object to the 190-5 Option 1 and propose that the Option 2 project would provide the least amount of impact to their Manthei Brothers farming operation.

There are better routes for this transmission line project than the alternate routes that cross the Manthei Brothers' property. The Manthei Brothers object to the placement of transmission lines through the middle of their field. If a route is selected that travels across their property, the transmission line should be moved to travel along their property line.

Very truly yours,

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*ps. Maps attached*

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**196-5.**

Your preference for the I-90-5 Option 2, if the I-90-5 route is selected, is noted and included in the record for this EIS.



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I am a Sophomore at Martin County West. I have been attending here since 4<sup>th</sup> grade. This has become my home. Having to move and leave the school I love, would be the worst thing possible. Running people out of a town that has been around, with family's, friends, pets, and a beautiful place, is not okay. Some towns is something to cherish, not everyone is okay with living in cities, so why try to run people out of their beautiful homes and lives? Ray Kirsch please don't let them ruin over 1,000 peoples homes + lives.

Signature: McKenzie Martin

Date: 5-8-14

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**FEIS ID #197**

**197.**

Your objection to routing near Sherburn is noted and included in the record for this EIS. Potential impacts to human settlements are discussed along with potential mitigation measures in Section 5.0 of the EIS.



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Street Address: 1055 30<sup>th</sup> Ave  
City: Sherburn State: MN ZIP: 56171

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Dear Ray Kirsch,  
We are all begging at Sherburn for this power line not to go up. We have an amazing community that will be completely split up. We have this amazing café, the Cup 'n' Saucer, man you got to eat there! We have a movie theater! I have gone to one school my entire life and I will have to change schools which I am terrified about. So please, do not put this power line by our community of new. Please.

Signature: Gracie Mayo Date: 5-7-14

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**198.**

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I strongly oppose the alternate Huntley Sub-Substation route, options I-90-5 1 and 2, through Faribault County. I prefer that the transmission line follow modified route A.
The eastern two miles of the I-90-5 options 1 and 2 corridor passes through one of the most populated rural areas in Faribault County. This area, where my home is located, contains over thirty-five residences within one-quarter mile of this corridor.
My neighbors and my family are highly concerned about the decline in our property values and the potential for negative health consequences that an intrusive transmission line of this size and scale is likely to bring.
This proposed route is an affront to the very cultural and aesthetic values that brought us to this neighborhood in the first place.

Signature: Patricia A. McCabe Date: 4/29/14

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**FEIS ID #199**

**199.**

Your objection to route alternative I90-5 Options 1 and 2, and preference for modified route A are noted and included in the record for this EIS. The issues you have identified, including proximity to homes and potential impacts to human settlement, property values, human health, and aesthetics are addressed along with potential mitigation measures in Section 5.0 of the EIS



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Name: Cindy McCallor Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Please do not destroy this church the community needs this place.  
The wild life is protected here let these people keep their church building and their health.*

Signature: Cynthia L McCallor Date: May 4, 2014

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**FEIS ID #200**

**200.**

Your objection to routing near the Sherburn Assembly of God Regional Worship Center is noted and included in the record for this EIS. Section 5.3 of the EIS discusses the potential health and safety impacts of the project and mitigation measures.



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please do not bring the power line through the city of sherburne

Signature: Danny P. McCollor Date: 4 May 2014

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**FEIS ID #201**

**201.**

Your objection to routing near Sherburn is noted and included in the record for this EIS.

**From:** [Pat McConnell](#)  
**To:** [Kirsch, Raymond \(COMM\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Power line  
**Date:** Friday, May 02, 2014 4:58:10 AM

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From: mnroadstar@live.com  
To: scott.ek@state.mn.us  
Subject: RE: Power line  
Date: Fri, 2 May 2014 04:56:11 -0500

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From: mnroadstar@live.com

**I would like to keep the power line on the south side of Interstate 90 as it passes through Sherburn MN. I live on the north side of I90 and have one Large Power line very close to my property, close enough to throw a shadow on my property. I did not complain when they built that one. Also Fox Lake power plant is to be decommissioned in the near future and no doubt Alliant will want to build an new one considering the existing gas line and substations. My home is west of Fox Lake Power Plant.**

**Patrick McConnell  
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Sherburn MN 56171**

**FEIS ID #202**

**202.**

Your preference for routing south of I-90 near Sherburn is noted and included in the record for this EIS.



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You need to think about what this will do, It will RUIN this town, this is where my school is and this school is better than any others in this area, this is also where my relatives and friends live. You are indirectly forcing each resident and business in this town to leave their homes. THINK ABOUT IT this stupid power line can cause this community to get CANCER and just for some money? thats not right so put it somewhere else because this is completely ridiculous. So think about all the families that have lived here for generations and think about all the further generations that may get cancer if the residents now get cancer and all the kids and the businesses that will be shut down after the owners spent their whole life getting it going. so I say NO POWER LINE!!

Signature: Logan Meiner Date: 5-7-14 >10

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**FEIS ID #203**

**203.**

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Name: Sam Meixell Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
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City: SHERBURN State: MN ZIP: 56171

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Please do not destroy my town with  
your powerline. It causes  
CANCER'S

Signature: [Signature] Date: 5/8/14

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**FEIS ID #204**

**204.**

Your objection to routing near Sherburn is noted and included in the record for this EIS. Potential impacts to health and safety are discussed along with potential mitigation measures in Section 5.3 of the EIS.



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Dear Ray Kirsch  
 I'm a highschool student from Martin County West. I'm writing to you today about the powerline you all want to put a powerline in our community of Sherburn, MN. These powerlines have potential health risks for our community and I do want to see me my future children, grandchildren, nieces, ne or anyone else for that matter get cancer or other serious health risks that are possibly deadly just because of a powerline. My family has been here since 1880 and built my house in 1886 I don't want to see there hard work go to waste. I also don't want my sma town to disappear. **THIS IS MY HOME.** Sincerely Seth

Signature: Seth R Melson Date: 5/8/14

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**FEIS ID #205**

**205.**

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Name: Nick Meyer Email: Marlfox13@gmail.com  
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I am a student at Martin County West High School. I am pleading that you reconsider your choice of these power lines. If you could use your influence to stop these power lines from going up. My school and I would much appreciate it if they didn't go up, or had an alternate route.

Signature: Nick Meyer Date: 5/8/14

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**FEIS ID #206**

**206.**

Your objection to routing near Sherburn is noted and included in the record for this EIS.



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Name: Thomas E Miller Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature: Thomas E Miller Date: 5-6-14

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**FEIS ID #207**

**207.**

Your comment is noted and included in the record for this EIS.



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I DO THINK THE MODIFIED ROUTE A WOULD AND SHOULD BE THE CORRECT ROUTE FOR THIS TRANSMISSION LINE. I KNOW THE LINE IS NEEDED AND SHOULD BE BUILT, THE PROBLEM WITH THE ALTERNATE HUNTLEY SUB-SUBSTATION TAKES IT TO INTO A POPULATED AREA WITH MANY HOMES WITHIN A QUARTER OF MILE OF THIS CORRIDOR. PLEASE LOOK AT THE MODIFIED ROUTE A THANK YOU

Signature: Tom Miller Date: 5-4-14

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**208.**

Your preference for modified route A is noted and included in the record for this EIS.



Mr. Raymond Kirsch  
Minnesota Department of Commerce  
85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 500  
St. Paul, MN 55101

April 23, 2014

Dear Mr. Kirsch,

Thank you for hearing and reading our concerns. We realize that any final decisions are yet to be made and want to express that our concerns presented at the last public hearing have helped in drafting the Environmental Impact Study and the alternatives listed herein. We are also very much aware of the Testimonies offered at the Public Utilities hearing on February 24, 2014 and the “Modified Route A” offered at that time that will address all of our concerns, but not all of the concerns for all of the people involved.

Let me address our concerns as listed in the DEIS.

**1. Section 2.1.1 Paragraph 4 States:**

No comments were received during the scoping process that proposed an alternative to ITCM’s transmission line project that could meet the project’s stated need. Accordingly, the system alternatives evaluated in this EIS are those required by Minnesota Rules, part 7849.1500. These alternatives are included in the Department’s scoping decision for this EIS, issued on October 14, 2013 (Appendix A).

In speaking to one of the members of the local task force there were 7 alternatives to Route A that were submitted. These 7 alternatives are dismissed and not discussed further than to say “No comments were received during the scoping process that proposed an alternative to ITCM’s transmission line project that could meet the project’s stated need.” Since it is not always possible to get all the documentation it would be nice if Appendix A of the scoping decision that is notated here would be included in this document as it leaves the impression it is hidden from the public.

209-1

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**209-1.**

Appendix A of the EIS is the Department's scoping decision for this project. The routing options suggested by the advisory task force are discussed and included in the scoping decision. The quoted sentence from Section 2.1.1 refers to system alternatives, rather than routing alternatives. System alternatives are alternatives to the project itself - alternatives that differ in size, type, or timing from the proposed project, e.g., an electrical generating plant instead of a transmission line. Routing alternatives are alternative ways to route the proposed transmission line.



**2. Section 2.1.3 C.**

**Certificate of Need Decision**

In making a decision on ITCM's CN application, the Commission must determine whether ITCM's project is needed, or whether some other project would be more appropriate for the State of Minnesota, e.g., a project of a different type or size. The Commission must consider whether the need for the project can be better met through conservation measures or through the use of renewable resources (Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.2422 and Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.243). Minnesota Rules, part 7849.0120 provides the following criteria that must be met in order for a CN to be granted for ITCM's proposed project:

**Paragraph c States:** By a preponderance of the evidence on the record, the proposed facility, or a suitable modification of the facility, will provide benefits to society in a manner compatible with protecting the natural and socioeconomic environments, including human health; and

I would like to note that placing the line on Route A places the human health of the parishioners of Regional Worship Center in danger, and does not protect the socioeconomic environment of our church. Based on information gathered by Miss Murphy, my own study of the EIS charts and information the church would become a unsafe zone for many elderly and children, there by damaging the socio environment.

As an employer in Sherburn and a buyer of goods and services if the church is forced to close and move because of the placement of the power line on route A there will be damage to the economic-environment in the loss of taxes paid and purchases made within the community.

209-2

**3. Section 3.6, Table 3-1**

Fox Lake Variations		
FL-1	A + M4 + M3 + A	12.6
FL-2	A + M7 + A	12.9
FL-3	A + M5 + A	12.9
FL-4	A + M5 + B + M2	13.2
FL-5	M1 + B + M3 + A	13.8
FL-6	A + FLW + B + M3 + A	13.0

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**209-2.**

Your objection to the specified route is noted and included in the record for this EIS.



209-3

Table 3-1 shows many alternative routes. Based solely on the data in the EIS that we are discussing we would strongly support variations FL-2, FL- 3, or FL-4 for Fox Lake; or as introduced at the Direct Testimony meeting on February 24, 2014 Modified Route A. as appropriate and acceptable to Regional Worship Center

#### 4. Appendix B-1 Section 4.7

##### 4.7.1 Grounding

The Permittee shall design, construct, and operate the transmission line in a manner so that the maximum induced steady-state short-circuit current shall be limited to five milliamperes root mean square (rms) alternating current between the ground and any nonstationary object within the right-of-way, including but not limited to large motor vehicles and agricultural equipment. All fixed metallic objects on or off the right-of-way, except electric fences that parallel or cross the right-of-way, shall be grounded to the extent necessary to limit the induced short-circuit current between ground and the object so as not to exceed one milliamperes rms under steady state conditions of the transmission line and to comply with the ground fault conditions specified in the NESC. The Permittee shall address and rectify any induced current problems that arise during transmission line operation.

209-4

Our concern here is that with the present location of Route A our building is within 120 feet of the route. It is an all steel construction. Steel girders, steel roof, steel studs, steel drop ceiling construction, steel screws and bolts holding it together, along with multiple electronic appliances contained therein. Does ITC Midwest have a solution if Route A is selected for the mitigation of issues for the church building? If the answer is Modified Route A we support that decision.

##### 4.7.3 Interference with Communication Devices

If interference with radio or television, satellite, wireless internet, GPS-based agriculture navigation systems or other communication devices is caused by the presence or operation of the transmission line, the Permittee shall take whatever action is feasible to restore or provide reception equivalent to reception levels in the immediate area just prior to the construction of the line.

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**209-3.**

Your preference for the specified routes is noted and included in the record for this EIS.

**209-4.**

Section 5.4.4 of the EIS discusses potential induced voltage impacts and mitigation measures. The Commission's generic route permit template requires permittees to ground all metallic objects on or off the right-of-way of the transmission line (Appendix B2, Section 4.7). Accordingly, no impacts due to induced voltage are anticipated with the project. Section 5.1.6 of the EIS discusses potential impacts to electronic communications. The Commission's generic route permit template requires permittees to restore impaired communications or provide equivalent communications if impacts due to the transmission line occur. Thus, no impacts to electronic communications are anticipated with the project.



209-5

Is ITC Midwest aware of and ready to deal with these issues if Route A is selected as it relates to the church? If, and If is a big word here because of the location of Route A in reference to the church, if the church is useable after the construction ITC Midwest will need to provide protection and solutions for the following within the building:

- a. Audio transmission equipment for Public Address
- b. Audio Transmission equipment for Hearing Impaired via low-frequency radio
- c. Internal video transmission for video of the services in nursery and kitchen areas of the church.
- d. Video projection via cable to the front of the church for the display of sermon notes and songs.
- e. Wireless transmissions for internet use
- f. Wireless transmissions for cellular telephone (we already have many issues here. Adding this much EMF cannot be conducive to better reception.)

**5. Section 5**

**Section 5: Paragraph 3 Sentence #1**

Long-term impacts can exist for the life of the project and may include aesthetic impacts, health impacts, economic impacts, land use restrictions and impacts to flora and fauna.

209-6

I ask that you keep this sentence in mind when considering the final location as it relates to health impacts. Photo 6.1 places the church within 120 feet of Route A

**Section 5.1 Paragraph 1 and 2**

**Human Settlements**

Transmission lines have the potential to negatively impact human settlements through a variety of means. Transmission line structures and conductors could change the aesthetics of the project area, displace homes or businesses, introduce new noise sources, lower property values, be incompatible with local zoning and interfere with electronic communications.

Impacts to human settlements resulting from the project are anticipated to be minimal. Impacts to human settlements could be minimized by prudent routing (i.e., by choosing routes and alignments that avoid residences, businesses and other places where citizens congregate). Impacts could also be mitigated by

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**209-5.**

Please see response to comment 209-4.

**209-6.**

Your objection to the specified route is noted and included in the record for this EIS.



limiting the aesthetic impacts to the structures themselves, and by the use of structures which are, to the extent possible, harmonious with human settlements and activities.

209-7

We need full consideration of this passage as it relates to the Church and the location thereof. We are a place where people congregate on a regular basis not only for worship but for community events and our facilities are used by various groups for training, meetings, for funerals outside our church family and weddings. We must have a building that is free from the impact of Route A.

### 5.1.2 Displacement

For electrical safety code and maintenance reasons, utilities generally do not allow residences or other buildings within the ROW of a transmission line. Any residences or other buildings located within a proposed ROW are generally removed, or “displaced.” Displacements are relatively rare and are more likely to occur in densely populated areas where avoiding all residences and businesses is not always feasible.

As is discussed further in Section 6.0, there are no residences or other buildings within the ROWs of the routes, route alternatives, and route variations studied in this EIS. There are some residences and buildings (e.g., farm structures and animal sheds) that are near the ROW. However, the project area is relatively sparsely populated, and adequate space is generally available to allow the alignment of the transmission line to be adjusted so that no buildings would, ultimately, be located within the ROW. Therefore, no displacements are anticipated as a result of the project.

209-8

The statement of Paragraph 2 There are some residences and buildings (e.g., farm structures and animal sheds) that are near the ROW. Is blatantly inaccurate according to Photo 6.1, there is a church 120 feet from the route, not the route width and not the ROW. There is approximately 280feet of backyard from the church building to the I-90 ROW. Placing the Route A structures and lines 100 feet from the I-90 ROW as required places the church approximately 180 feet from the lines. If a tower, 190’ feet tall was to topple it could conceivably strike the church.

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**209-7.**

Your objection to the specified route is noted and included in the record for this EIS.

**209-8.**

Figure 6-1 of the EIS notes that the Sherburn Assembly of God Regional Worship Center is 120 feet from the anticipated alignment of route A. The ROW width for the 345 kV line is 200 feet, extending 100 feet on either side from the anticipated alignment. Thus, the worship center is 20 feet outside of the anticipated ROW for route A. Thus, with respect to the worship center, the quoted sentences from Section 5.1.2 of the EIS are correct. The predicted noise levels for operation of the project (Appendix F) are less than 40 dBA at the edge of the transmission line ROW (Table F-3). This is similar to the noise level found in a household bedroom. Construction noise levels would be higher (Table F-2), but these levels are anticipated to be intermittent and temporary. See Section 5.1.3 of the EIS.

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To achieve a route width of 1,000 feet as proposed the church, the Kum and Go gas station, and the feed and seed company located south of the church would all be in the direct route width and conceivable be displaced.

Additionally Appendix F-20 shows there would be 68 dBA of noise from the line during 7 – 10 pm, more during the day and that the noise level would be that of a vacuum cleaner running. Noise at this level will make it impossible to congregate outdoors, the proximity of the line if route A is selected will make it too loud to conduct outdoor activities on the property. It is tough enough to have an outdoor event when dealing with highway noise, to include transmission noise it would make such things impossible. It should be noted that with the line so close to the church outside activities for youth and children would have to be curtailed to protect them from the health risks associated with over exposure to the Magnetic Field as well as potential stray voltage, etc, etc, etc.

#### 5.1.6 Electronic Interference

Electronic interference could result from electromagnetic noise created by the ionization of air molecules surrounding conductors. This ionization is commonly known as corona. Interference could also result from transmission-line poles which block line-of-sight communications. This section summarizes the potential impacts of the project on electronic communication and similar devices, including radios, televisions and microwave communications. Global positioning system (GPS)-based agricultural navigation systems are discussed in Section 5.4.1, and medical electronic devices are discussed in Section 5.3.2.

No impacts to electronic devices are anticipated as a result of the project.

209-9

We object to this blanket statement as there is no data presented as to how these lines might impact our equipment, sound equipment internal video, internal video projection, internal broadcast for the hearing impaired, wireless microphones and other electronic equipment.

#### 5.2.1 Roadways

The primary roadways within the project area include U.S. Interstate 90 (I-90), U.S. Highway 71, State Highway 4 and State Highway 15. As shown on Map 3-4, portions of some route alternatives would run parallel to or across I-90, which extends west to east through Jackson, Martin and Faribault counties. All route

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**209-9.**

Section 5.1.6 of the EIS discusses a variety of electronic communications and communication devices. It is not an exhaustive list. However, the Commission's generic route permit template requires permittees to restore impaired communications or provide equivalent communications if impacts due to the transmission line occur. Thus, no impacts to electronic communications are anticipated with the project.



alternatives also have some portions that would run parallel to or cross county and township roads.

209-10

We would like to again express our concern here that if the Route placement is within 120 feet of the building and the minimum pole height is 130' and a maximum of 190' if there was a catastrophic failure and if Route A is approved and a pole is within the radius of such a pole length to the church the church could become energized by a fallen transmission line and the resulting effect is the death of anyone in the building as the building becomes energized with electricity beyond the ability of the human body to withstand. Modified Route A becomes an imperative for our church family.

**Section 5.2.4 Paragraph 7:**

**Mitigation – Airports (paragraph 2)**

Using appropriate setback distances could also mitigate effects on navigational aids like VORs. FAA Order 6820.10 specifies that overhead transmission lines should be more than 1,200 feet away from a navigational aid to avoid electronic interference.

209-11

To insure no interference with our equipment a buffer of 1200 feet would be appreciated as well

**5.3.2 Implantable Medical Devices**

Electromechanical implantable medical devices, such as cardiac pacemakers, implantable cardioverter defibrillators (ICDs), neurostimulators and insulin pumps may be subject to interference from electric and magnetic fields, which could mistakenly trigger a device or inhibit it from responding appropriately

209-12

If Route A is selected we may have to post a sign on the church entrance that suggests people with the above mentioned devices enter at their own risk. It might do wonders for our funeral business but hardly the reputation we would want. At present we have parishioners with older pacemakers, one on oxygen 24/7 (not impacted unless there is a stray voltage spark, then we have a real problem) hearing aids and possible other items that I am unaware of that could be impacted. You can say the hearing aids won't be impacted and be accurate,

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**209-10.**

Transmission lines do carry tremendous amounts of electrical energy and though failure of a transmission line structure is rare, such a failure could occur. As discussed in Section 5.3 of the EIS, the project will include protective equipment (circuit breakers and relays) that would de-energize the line should a structure failure occur resulting in the transmission line falling to the ground.

**209-11.**

Please see response to comment 209-9.

**209-12.**

Section 5.3.2 of the EIS describes potential impacts to implantable medical devices. As noted in this section, no adverse impacts to such devices are anticipated as a result of the project.



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but the volume of noise will impact the ability to hear as it fills the hearing aid with distortions.

**5.3.4 Induced Voltage**

The electric field from a transmission line could couple with any conductive object in close proximity to the transmission line, such as a vehicle or a metal fence. This conductive coupling could induce a voltage on the object, with the magnitude of this voltage depending on factors which include the weather, object shape, size, orientation and location along the ROW.

Alternating magnetic fields created by transmission lines could also induce currents on conductive objects. If these objects are insulated or semi-insulated from the ground and a person touches them, a small current would pass through the person's body to the ground. This might be accompanied by a spark discharge and mild shock, similar to what could occur when a person walks across a carpet and touches a grounded object or another person.

209-13

We are not a metal fence but a metal building, what would the shock factor be under these circumstances? I am guessing lethal.

**5.3.5 Air Quality**

Potential air-quality impacts associated with the project come from two primary sources: 1) ozone and nitrogen oxide (NOX) emissions from operating the facility; and 2) short-term emissions from construction activities.

209-14

Have there been any study on how these might impact a congregation of people on a given day or any plans to assist asthma and allergen sufferers during construction?

**5.4 Land-Based Economies and 5.4.1 Agriculture**

209-15

Comments on how EMF, Stray Voltage etc could impact livestock, i.e. milk production in cattle. If these are concerns for cattle why would you put a line over a business and in close proximity to a church?

I just want to urge the adoption of FL-2, FL-3, or FL-4 or Modified Route A.

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**209-13.**

Please see response to comment 209-4.

**209-14.**

Section 5.3.5 of the EIS discusses potential impacts to air quality due to the project. As noted in this section, air quality impacts due to construction are anticipated to be minimal and temporary. Potential impacts due to operation of the line are anticipated to be negligible.

**209-15.**

Your preference for the specified route is noted and included in the record for this EIS.



### Section 6.1 Paragraph 2:

**Impacts to human settlements** are anticipated to be minimal with aesthetic impacts and impacts to private airstrips being the only impacts that could be mitigated by routing. Because of their relatively greater transmission line ROW sharing, route A-LH and route alternatives I90-1 and I90-2 are anticipated to minimize aesthetics impacts. Similarly, route variations JA-2 and A-JA are anticipated to minimize aesthetic impacts near the Jackson Municipal Airport. Route variations FL-1 and LC-4 are anticipated to minimize aesthetic impacts at Fox Lake and Lake Charlotte, respectively.

209-16

The impact of Route A on The Assembly of God of Sherburn, MN aka Regional Worship Center would not be “minimal”. Besides items already listed in point #5 regarding transmissions there is the limiting of the church to expand to develop a gym and additional classrooms, to add programs for children such as day care and Church based education aka parochial school. Also limited would be the ability to expand the sanctuary to meet future needs. While the church happens to be in a transition time between pastors the owner is still in business as He has been for the past 2,000 plus years (that is a light hearted comment). To place the line on Route A will limit this congregation from achieving their vision and dream as Regional Worship Center.

### Section 6.1 Paragraph 5

**Impacts to land-based economies** are almost exclusively impacts to agricultural operations. Impacts to agricultural operations cannot be avoided; however, they can be mitigated and primarily by following existing transmission line ROW. Route A-LH is anticipated to minimize impacts on agricultural operations, as is route alternative I90-2. Similarly, route variations JA-2 and A-JA are anticipated to minimize agricultural impacts near the Jackson Municipal Airport. Route variations FL-1 and LC-4 are anticipated to minimize agricultural impacts at Fox Lake and Lake Charlotte, respectively.

209-17

If Route A is selected without modifications not only will the church be affected but a business partner of ours across the road, the Kum and Go gas station where we fuel our three vans for the work we do in transporting people to church and church activities will also be severely impacted. The 345kV line will be constructed almost on top of their fuel pumps. Such an alignment will impact their economies as it will be unsafe to fuel vehicles there.

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**209-16.**

Section 6.1 of the EIS discusses potential impacts to human settlements as such settlements currently exist. As no buildings are, in general and for safe operation of the line, allowed within the ROW of the transmission line project, the project could limit the ability of human settlements near the line to expand into the ROW.

**209-17.**

Your objection to the specified route is noted and included in the record for this EIS. Section 5.3.4 of the EIS discusses potential impacts of induced voltage and mitigation measures.



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If there is any doubt about the volatility of electricity and fuel I propose a visit to any major airport where you might observe the fueling of an airplane. Grounding wires are attached each and every time to avoid a spark from static electricity.

It is imperative that this line stay north of I-90 for this church and the Kum and Go to survive.

Section 6:1 Photo 6.1 page 92 includes a picture of Regional Worship Center with a picture heading and I quote " The worship center is located approximately 120 feet from the anticipated alignment of route A-LH. "

**Section 6.1.1  
Human Settlements Paragraph 1 & 3**

As discussed in Section 5.1, impacts to human settlements are assessed by looking at a variety of specific elements of human settlements: aesthetics, displacement, noise, property values, zoning, land use compatibility and electronic interference. Proximity to homes, schools, churches and other human settlement features and the extent of ROW sharing are the primary indicators that provide information about which routes and route alternatives would best minimize impacts to these elements of human settlements. Impacts to the relevant elements of human settlements are generally minimized by routes and route alternatives that are located away from homes and share ROW with existing infrastructure.

• **Displacement.** No displacements are anticipated because no homes or businesses are located within the ROW of the anticipated alignment of any of the routes or route alternatives.

209-18

Either the church is part of the human settlements or it is not. You can't have it both ways. If we are and I contend we are the displacement is inaccurate. You cannot put the ROW within 120 feet of a church and consider it safe

Thank you for considering our thoughts and concerns,  
Sincerely,

Rev. Ronald W. Mixer  
Interim Pastor  
Regional Worship Center  
dba The Sherburn Assembly of God

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**209-18.**

Please see response to comment 209-8.



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I WOULD PREFER THE 345 KV LINE  
BE PUT ON THE NORTH SIDE OF I90.  
HOW FAR NORTH IS NORTH OF I90?  
IT SHOULD FOLLOW I90 ON NORTH SIDE  
TO GO AROUND SHERBURN. IT SHOULD NOT  
GO OVER CHARLET LAKE.

I90① I90②

Signature: Harvey Moeller Date: 4/24/14

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**210.**

Your preference for routing on the north side of Interstate 90 is noted and included in the record for this EIS.



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I am asking you the company in charge to please try to find another location to run your lines. There's more to the town of Sherburn than a big company with money would think. There are alot of very nice people in this town that care alot about eachother. We are one of the closest communities you will find in and around. We are a small school yes but we are very close and there is a really good thing happening here please dont wreck our lives please find a different route and re locate.

Signature: Jayden Moemel Date: 5-7-14

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**211.**

Your objection to routing near Sherburn is noted and included in the record for this EIS. Potential impacts to human settlements are discussed along with potential mitigation measures in Section 5.0 of the EIS.



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I really love my school at ALCW so please don't take my only chance of an education. This transmitter should not come through my town but should be in the country so don't do this thanks.

Marcus Moeller  
Ray Kirsch  
yours truly!!!

Signature: Marcus Moeller Date: 5/6/14

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**FEIS ID #212**

**212.**

Your objection to routing near Sherburn is noted and included in the record for this EIS. Note that none of the routes, route alternatives or route variations under consideration will cause displacement of schools or require school closures.



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Dear Mr. Kirsch reconsider different routes for the power line and move it to the country or some other rural place, because I go to school here and I enjoy living here, I don't want to move to a new school and this could affect alot of people that live in this area. There wouldn't be anybody living in this town because of all the rises that will come,

Signature: Matthew Moeller Date: 5-8-14

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**213.**

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I strongly oppose the alternate Huntley Sub-Substation route, options I-90-5 1 and 2, through Faribault County. I prefer that the transmission line follow modified route A.

The eastern two miles of the I-90-5 options 1 and 2 corridor passes through one of the most populated rural areas in Faribault County. This area, where my home is located, contains over thirty-five residences within one-quarter mile of this corridor.

My neighbors and my family are highly concerned about the decline in our property values and the potential for negative health consequences that an intrusive transmission line of this size and scale is likely to bring.

This proposed route is an affront to the very cultural and aesthetic values that brought us to this neighborhood in the first place.

Signature: Dennis A. Montgomery Date: 04/30/14

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**214.**

Your objection to route alternative I90-5 Options 1 and 2, and preference for modified route A are noted and included in the record for this EIS. The issues you have identified, including proximity to homes and potential impacts to human settlement, property values, human health, and aesthetics are addressed along with potential mitigation measures in Section 5.0 of the EIS.



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Signature: Janet Montgomery Date: 04/30/14

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**FEIS ID #215**

**215.**

Your objection to route alternative I90-5 Options 1 and 2, and preference for modified route A are noted and included in the record for this EIS. The issues you have identified, including proximity to homes and potential impacts to human settlement, property values, human health, and aesthetics are addressed along with potential mitigation measures in Section 5.0 of the EIS



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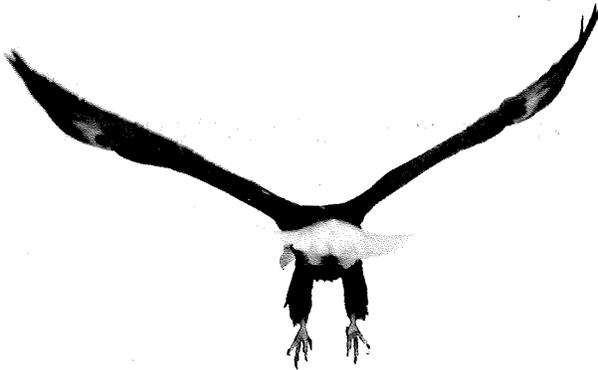
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I am deeply concerned about the alternate Huntley Substation route along I-90 options 1 and 2. These two options are a threat to me and this land. I am in a populated area. Our properties would be greatly devalued and we run the risk of health consequences, not to mention the aesthetics of such an intrusiveness as this line would present. We do not ask for a lot in our rural areas, but please do not destroy the very things that many of us do have in this extremely populated rural area. This is one of



the pictures which I captured south of my home directly under what would be this line if it were to be constructed as proposed in option 1 or 2. I strongly oppose this alternate and prefer that the line follow modified route A, which I understand would eliminate this alternate line.

Thank you,  
Carol Moore

Signature: Carol Moore Date: 5-4-14

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**216.**

Your objection to route alternative I90-5 Options 1 and 2 is noted and included in the record for this EIS. Potential impacts to property values, human health and safety, aesthetics and wildlife are discussed along with potential mitigation measures in Section 5.0 of the EIS.



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Signature: Glöria Moritz Date: 5-4-14

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**217.**

Your objection to routing near Sherburn is noted and included in the record for this EIS. Section 5.3 of the EIS discusses the potential health impacts of the project and mitigation measures.



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SAVE OUR CHURCH!*

Signature: Ron Moritz Date: 5-4-14

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**218.**

Your objection to routing near Sherburn is noted and included in the record for this EIS. Section 5.3 of the EIS discusses the potential health impacts of the project and mitigation measures.



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Minnesota to Iowa 345 kV Transmission Line Project

Docket Nos. ET6675/TL-12-1337 and ET6675/CN-12-1053

Name: Mary K. Muir Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: 225 West Ridge Drive  
City: Jackson State: Minnesota ZIP: 56143

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*I was unpleasantly surprised to see that the plan for any transmission line of 345 kV was charted to be brought down into the town of Sherburn because they didn't want to go across the wildlife protected area north of town, as though these birds are more important than the people in town. Fortunately, they are not pursuing that course. However, I would prefer that there was no large transmission line going anywhere along the whole line because of electromagneticism and because we already have plenty of windchargers. If this line goes through they will put us more windchargers which are put up at great cost and require a lot of maintenance. Continued on Page 2*

Signature: Mary K. Muir Date: May 2, 2014

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**FEIS ID #219**

**219.**

Your objection to routing near Sherburn is noted and included in the record for this EIS. Section 5.3 of the EIS discusses the potential health impacts of the project and mitigation measures.

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 Mary K. Muir  
 225 West Ridge Drive  
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These windchargers are only efficient because of the government subsidies for this type of energy production now. They put up these windchargers wherever they choose, and as many on their (people's) property as they want. I know of someone who wanted the two on his property in a line so he could have a straight line to work in the field, they discussed it, but did what they wanted and now he has to go around in circles around the chargers with the large farm equipment they now use. I was involved with the "Big Blue" wind project (out of Idaho) over by Blue Earth/Elmore area. They made no promises as to placement (or even to discuss it with you) because their bank wanted the contract written that way. They did verbally say that they would only go along property lines, but there was absolutely nothing written down, so it was a most promise. Especially if they sold their business, there would have been nothing to bind anyone to placing chargers along boundary lines. I eventually contacted our Attorney General's office and they helped me break ties with the company, which was not standing up to its financial obligations to us. They had said they would pay \$500,000 every six months until work began and they weren't. Meanwhile, I was maintaining a large liability policy on the land per their requirement.

\* The other thing is that after they have their 345 KV line up (with room for another line) they will ~~build~~ build more windchargers and then fill up that place for another line and we will have even →

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more voltage going across the area.

Another point is that we in the area have to pay for the infrastructure, but get no credit in electrical rates by the private company as we would with a cooperative company. Then they plan (I asked them) to go ahead and sell the excess that they plan to generate at the same price we pay, not at a premium. President Obama plans to hike energy rates and have the high voltage lines right beside us. Hence they want to protect wild life from.

greatly in price, so it would be nice, if we had to have these lines near us, for everyone within several miles of the high voltage lines to at least get a significant price decrease on electricity.

I am happy I got out of the windcharger contract where they could do what they wanted with my land and I could pay the taxes. My farm is, first and foremost, a farm to be used for growing crops. - And, crops such as corn should be used as food for animals (cattle), not to produce energy (alcohol) for vehicles. This would lower the cost of food for people in the grocery stores which would be a great service to people everywhere.

I know this went afield, but I think you need to hear it too.

Keep the energy we have local and be done with it. That would be my choice.

Sincerely,

Mary K. Muir  
205 West Ridge Drive  
Jackson, Mo. 64143

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Name: Ronald E. Mulder Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: 79865-532<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
 City: Jackson State: MN ZIP: 56143

Please share your comments on the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) that has been prepared for the Minnesota to Iowa 345 kV transmission line project. What information or analysis is missing or incomplete? What information or analysis needs to be clarified? What edits are needed to make the document complete and accurate? **Comments must be received by Friday, May 9, 2014.**

Our most favored routes are as follows:

First, "Route B", which follows existing property lines and/or road rights-of-way in Jackson County.

Second, "Modified Route A Alignment" (see "EXHIBIT A" attached), which [i] also follows existing property lines and/or road rights-of-way in Jackson County, and [ii] avoids conflict with our water well.

We are adamantly opposed to the "J4-A" route, as depicted on attached "EXHIBIT B". That route [i] doesn't follow existing property lines or road rights-of-way, [ii] would require placement of towers in the middle of our farm fields, resulting in disruption of farming operations and field compaction, [iii] would not provide for easy access for maintenance, repair, and replacement of the towers, lines, and appurtenant fixtures and equipment, and [iv] would result in crop damages for construction, repairs or maintenance that must be performed during the interim between planting and harvest.

Signature: Ronald E. Mulder Date: May 8, 2014

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**220.**

Your preference for route B or modified route A and your objection to route variation JA-4 are noted and included in the record for this EIS.

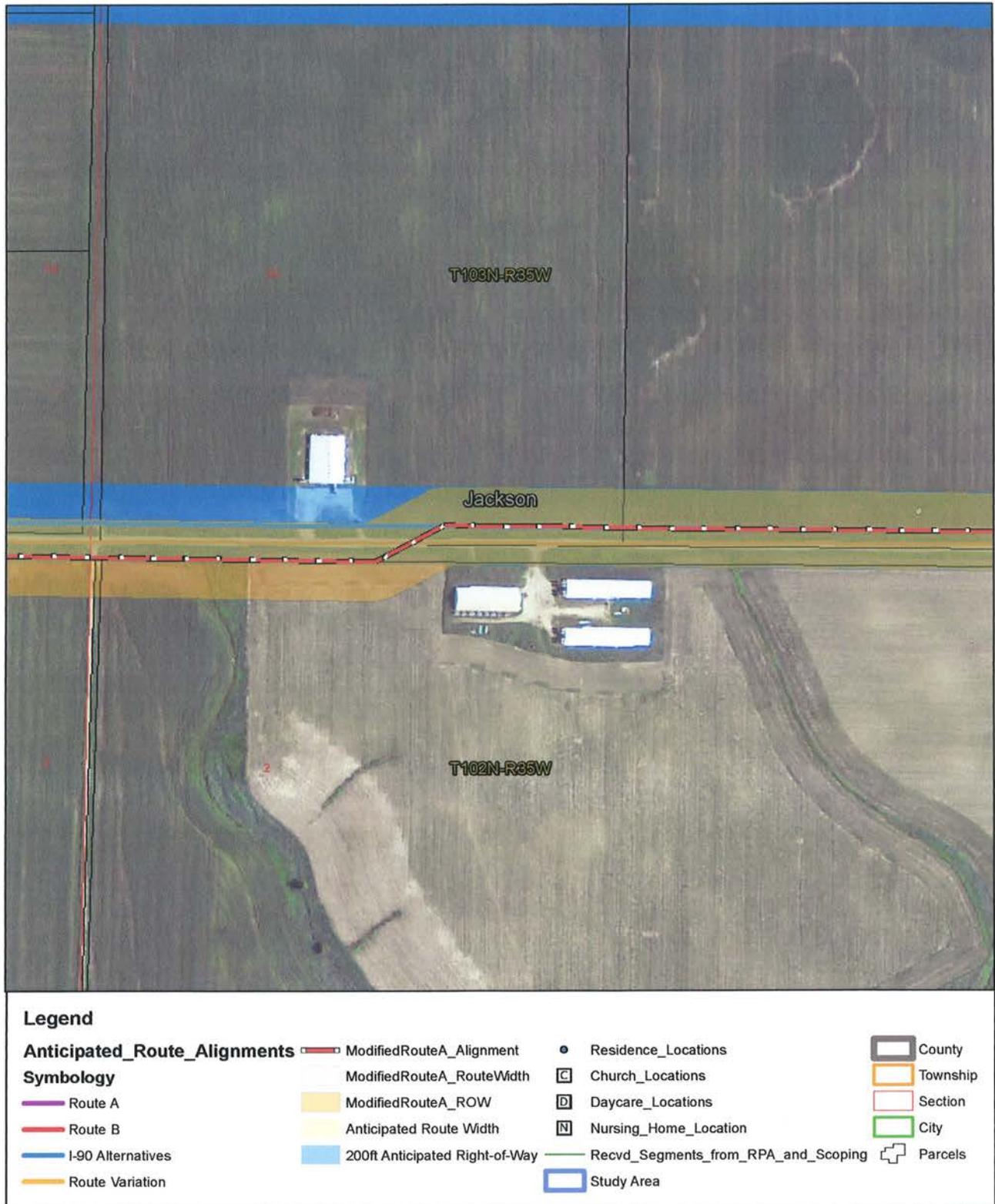


EXHIBIT A

1 inch = 300 feet







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Name: James Mulso Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: 205 N. Osborne P.O. H52  
City: SHERBURN State: MN ZIP: 56171

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Do not kill the town of Sherburne.  
Electric transmission lines have no place over the  
heads of people living here. We do not want  
these high voltage lines in our town. A church, a  
school, homes, businesses, Fire Department, our whole town and  
its future need to be saved and protected. People don't need to lose their  
property values.

Signature: James Mulso Date: 5-6-14

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**FEIS ID #221**

**221.**

Your objection to routing near Sherburn is noted and included in the record for this EIS. Potential impacts to human settlements and property values are discussed along with potential mitigation measures in Section 5.0 of the EIS.

**From:** [Lynne Mulso](#)  
**To:** [Kirsch, Raymond \(COMM\)](#)  
**Subject:** Mn to IA 345 kV Transmission Line  
**Date:** Friday, May 09, 2014 4:28:38 PM

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re: Docket nos. ET6675/TL-12-1337 and ET6675/CN-12-1053

I would like to state my strong opposition of the placement of this line. It would not be in the best interest of the city of Sherburn, our school, and the Assembly of God church to have this line so close to the city. I have serious health concerns for our children who would be exposed to the rays coming off the lines and to our community for further economic development to the North;

Please give serious consideration of our citizens first and wildlife last.

Lynne Mulso  
203 So. Manyaska St.  
Sherburn, MN 56171

**FEIS ID #222**

**222.**

Your objection to routing near Sherburn is noted and included in the record for this EIS. Potential impacts to human settlements and human health and safety are discussed along with potential mitigation measures in Section 5.0 of the EIS.

**From:** [Bob and Lynne Mulso](#)  
**To:** [Kirsch, Raymond \(COMM\)](#)  
**Subject:** Mn to IA 345 kVTransmission Line Project  
**Date:** Friday, May 09, 2014 4:19:24 PM

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re: Docket nos. ET6675/TL-12-1337 and ET6675/CN-12-1053

I would like to state my strong opposition to the placement of this line just North of Sherburn on the south side of I90. This line would cause health concerns and physical problems for the residents, our school, businesses, and the Assembly of God church specifically. While we do need more energy in our world today, the lines should not be at the expense of health of the citizens and business in the community. People concerns should come before the animals and birds of the nearby DNR area.

Please consider the health and welfare of our communities first!

Robert Mulso  
203 So Manyaska St.  
Sherburn.

**FEIS ID #223**

**223.**

Your objection to routing near Sherburn is noted and included in the record for this EIS. Potential impacts to human settlements and human health and safety are discussed along with potential mitigation measures in Section 5.0 of the EIS.

**From:** [apache@web.lmic.state.mn.us](mailto:apache@web.lmic.state.mn.us)  
**To:** [Kirsch, Raymond \(COMM\)](#)  
**Subject:** Murphy Mon May 5 10:34:46 2014 ET6675/TL-12-1337  
**Date:** Monday, May 05, 2014 10:34:53 AM

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This public comment has been sent via the form at: [mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/publicComments.html](http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/publicComments.html)

You are receiving it because you are listed as the contact for this project.

Project Name: ITC Midwest Minnesota to Iowa 345 kV Transmission Line Project

Docket number: ET6675/TL-12-1337

User Name: George & Jean Murphy

County: Faribault County

City: Blue Earth

Email: [gjmurphy@bebvcomm.net](mailto:gjmurphy@bebvcomm.net)

Phone: 5075263598

Impact: First we would like to go on record that we are against this project. Electricity from this project will not benefit citizens locally. ITC is in it for their monetary gain with little regard for the residents of Faribault and Martin Counties. This is a David and Goliath event with the citizens against corporate. That said, if the project continues, we feel the original plan placing the substation in the Huntley location will affect the least amount of Faribault county citizens, with the alternate plan passing very close to Riverside Heights. It seems DNR land is avoided giving more protection to wildlife than private citizens. We think there are health concerns that are not addressed along with the unknown health concerns.

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Mitigation: Avoid the Riverside Heights subdivision.

Submission date: Mon May 5 10:34:46 2014

This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

Andrew Koebrick  
[andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us](mailto:andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us)

**FEIS ID #224**

**224-1.**

Your preference for the proposed Huntley substation location, rather than the alternative southern Huntley substation location, is noted and included in the record for this EIS.

**224-2.**

Section 5.3 of the EIS discusses the potential health impacts of the project and mitigation measures.



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Name: Miss Helen L. Murphy Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: 108 Swanson Drive P.O. BOX 614  
 City: SHERBURN State: MN ZIP: 56071

Please share your comments on the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) that has been prepared for the Minnesota to Iowa 345 kV transmission line project. What information or analysis is missing or incomplete? What information or analysis needs to be clarified? What edits are needed to make the document complete and accurate? **Comments must be received by Friday, May 9, 2014.** *STAY OUT OF THE CITY OF SHERBURN!*

225-1

*Do not build this transmission line into the city of Sherburn! This proposal for profit should never have happened and steamrolled this far into our state and our area.*

225-2

225-3

*We have enough troubles without adding health dangers and decreased property values (for which we have struggled and worked for all our lives) to be in danger by this unnecessary money-making scheme of an out-of-state company.*

225-4

*NOW WE LEARN OUR ELECTRIC BILLS WILL INCREASE TO PAY FOR THIS OUTLANDISH IDEA WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN STOPPED LONG AGO BY OUR LOCAL AND STATE AUTHORITIES! HUMAN LIVES - OUR HEALTH AND ECONOMIC SECURITY - NEED TO BE PROTECTED BY OUR GOVERNMENT - COUNTY AND STATE FOR WHICH WE PAY TAXES!!*

Signature: Miss Helen L. Murphy Date: 5-1-14

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**FEIS ID #225**

**225-1.**

Your objection to routing near Sherburn is noted and included in the record for this EIS.

**225-2.**

Section 5.3 of the EIS discusses the potential health impacts of the project and mitigation measures.

**225-3.**

Section 5.1 and Appendix G of the EIS discuss potential property value impacts and mitigation measures.

**225-4.**

Your comment is noted and included in the record for this EIS.



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Name: MISS HELEN L. MURPHY Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: 108 SWANSON DRIVE P.O. BOX 614  
 City: SHERBURN State: MN ZIP: 56171

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PLEASE DO NOT PUT ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINES INTO THE CITY OF SHERBURN. I DO NOT WANT TO LOSE MY MONEY INVESTED IN MY HOME NOW AND IN THE FUTURE. ALSO A CHURCH NEEDS NO DANGER FROM A THOUGHTLESS PLAN, AS WELL AS OUR SCHOOL AND ITS GROUNDS. BUSINESSES IN THIS AREA ARE TRYING TO SURVIVE. OUR HEALTH IS OUR PRIMARY CONCERN PLUS OUR ECONOMIC STABILITY. NO ONE NEEDS MORE DANGER IN OUR LIFE! NUMEROUS PUBLIC ACTIVITIES TAKE PLACE IN OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING. ALSO THEIR ELECTRONIC EMERGENCY SYSTEM NEEDS TO WORK WITHOUT ELECTRIC INTERFERENCE. THEIR AREA COVERS MANY MILES. PLEASE USE HUMAN COMMON SENSE TO NOT HARM US. WE NEED PROTECTION LIKE THE BIRDS AND ANIMALS HAVE.

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Signature: Helen L. Murphy Date: 5-6-14

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**FEIS ID #226**

**226-1.**

Your objection to routing near Sherburn is noted and included in the record for this EIS.

**226-2.**

Section 5.1 and Appendix G of the EIS discuss potential property value impacts and mitigation measures. Section 5.3 of the EIS discusses the potential health impacts of the project and mitigation measures.

**226-3.**

Section 5.1.6 of the EIS discusses potential impacts to electronic communications. The Commission's generic route permit template requires permittees to restore impaired communications or provide equivalent communications if impacts due to the transmission line occur. Thus, no impacts to electronic communications are anticipated with the project.

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VIA E-MAIL ONLY

RE: ITC Midwest LLC Minnesota to Iowa 345 kV Transmission Line Project  
 Docket Nos. ET6675/CN-12-1053 and ET6675/TL-12-1337

Dear Mr. Kirsch:

I am writing with regard to my client Helen Lee Murphy, a resident of Sherburn, Minnesota, to address her concerns with the proposed "Route A" as indicated in the Draft Environmental Impact Study ("DEIS"). Ms. Murphy presented her concerns at the six public informational meetings held April 22, 23, and 24 in Fairmont, Jackson, and Blue Earth, MN. Ms. Murphy requested that a letter be submitted on her behalf to have the record reflect her opposition to the proposed "Route A".

The proposed "Route A" in the DEIS would cross from North of the I-90 Interstate, located in Section One of Jay Township, before proceeding Southeasterly into the city limits of Sherburn. The proposed "Route A" then would cross the Main Street of Sherburn and continue on to the South side of the I-90 Interstate. Ms. Murphy has great concerns as to the location of the proposed "Route A" as it crosses the town of Sherburn. Nearby the point of intersection with Main Street in Sherburn includes areas such as a residential area where Ms. Murphy lives, a local gas station, FFA gardens/crops for students of Martin County West Schools (three schools) which adjoin the High School Building and the athletic grounds, Sherburn City Fire Department, a farm-seed business, and the Sherburn Assembly of God Church. The Sherburn Assembly of God Church provides a space for many public meetings and functions for the people of the Sherburn area beyond their weekly worship services. The Fire Department also hosts numerous social events and benefits such as pancake breakfasts and chicken feeds that benefit the local community. There also would be limited opportunity for economic growth in the proposed location of "Route A" due to high voltage lines located nearby. The "Route A" as proposed in the DEIS unnecessarily endangers and depresses economic value to those properties located within its path.

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**227-1.**

Your objection to route A is noted and included in the record for this EIS.

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All of the areas within the route width would be adversely affected by the proposed "Route A" because of the potential health hazards, electromagnetic interference, property value reductions, air quality contamination, extra noise, and other negative side effects of the power line crossing into the City of Sherburn. ITCM application states that many scientific studies report leukemia among children from the everyday exposure to EMF. Adults and children alike are in danger of increased health hazards of other diseases as well as the possible carcinogenic effects of EMF. Also located within a short distance from the proposed high voltage transmission lines are two Martin County West schools within the Sherburn city limits. Ms. Murphy also works as a substitute teacher at the schools located near the proposed power lines of "Route A".

Ms. Murphy is disturbed that animals, plants, prairie grass, rest areas, ancient ruins, artifacts, wells, airstrips, airports, animal confinement buildings— all are protected but not human life, the highest form and order of life on this Earth! Migratory birds travel twice a year. Ms. Murphy and other residents of Sherburn live and work in the area of these proposed transmission lines All Year Round!

Upon attending the public information meeting on April 22, 2014, my client was pleased to hear of the existence of proposed "Modified Route A" alignment as shown in the hand-outs given to the public. The proposed "Modified Route A" alignment would proceed North of I-90 Interstate to the East of the City of Sherburn, and then proceed South across I-90 in a place that would limit the negative side effects that would be a result of the proposed "Route A" by having the power lines cross into the City of Sherburn.

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My client would request that the "Modified Route A" in the sections surrounding Sherburn be the approved route for the Minnesota to Iowa 345 kV Transmission Line Project. The Draft Environmental Impact Study proposes alternates and redirections for a variety of reasons, but my client believes that the most important need for protection in the impact study should be that the power line's location and the over-all adverse affects upon the human population, specifically, that of those residents and businesses located in Sherburn, Minnesota, be the most important reason.

227-4

Besides worrying about adverse health effects the electric transmission lines would cause, Ms. Murphy is also deeply troubled about the financial impact to her investments in her home. Lowering property values by the intrusion of the high voltage transmission line into her neighborhood is unsatisfactory and unacceptable. Building the electrical line north of the city of Sherburn would be the common-sense decision to respect human life!

I have also included with the letter my office's previous letter dated August 1, 2013. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

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cc: Helen Lee Murphy

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**227-2.**

Potential impacts to human settlements and possible mitigation measures are discussed in Section 5.1 of the EIS.

Section 5.3.1 and Appendix H of the EIS discuss that, based on epidemiological studies, there is a correlation between childhood leukemia and EMF exposure and no such correlation for adults. These sections of the EIS note that a cause and effect relationship has not been established between health impacts and EMF exposure, and describe the Commission's prudent avoidance approach to routing transmission lines. No adverse health impacts from EMF are anticipated for persons living or working near the project.

**227-3.**

Your preference for modified route A near Sherburn is noted and included in the record for this EIS.

**227-4.**

Section 5.1 and Appendix G of the EIS discuss potential property value impacts and mitigation measures.

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August 1, 2013

TO: Energy Facility Permitting Department of Commerce, EFP  
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Lori Swanson, Attorney General MN Public Utilities Commission  
 102 State Capitol Attn: Scott Ek  
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RE: Minnesota to Iowa 345kV Transmission Line Project

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing as an attorney for Helen Lee Murphy of Sherburn, MN who advises me that she and her neighbors at Sherburn, MN were totally unaware of the fact that this high voltage line was proposed to cross Interstate 90 into Sherburn and run through her residential neighborhood.

It appears obvious that given a choice, it would be preferable for this line to be constructed using the alternative route north of Sherburn which would avoid the community of Sherburn. Obviously, the north route is more direct and would be more economical for the overall cost of construction, and ultimately for the rate payers of this new electrical distribution line. In addition and most importantly, the route 'A' line through Sherburn adversely affects human health as reported in many scientific studies showing leukemia among children. There are six Departments of the State of Minnesota listed as agencies involved in the pre-application process, but NOT the Minnesota Department of Health. The Minnesota Department of Health should be involved in this process! Route 'A' borders the public school property which contains the F.F. A. gardens used by children, young (elementary) and old (high school), and could expand in the future with more uses by the school district.

I am also aware of the fact that the Sherburn City Council was just made aware of this possible route through the City of Sherburn within the last week, and is considering what action, if any, to take on behalf of the City of Sherburn.

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**227-5.**

Your preference for modified route A is noted and included in the record for this EIS.

**227-6.**

Section 5.3 of the EIS discusses the potential health impacts of the project and mitigation measures.

**227-7.**

The public agencies consulted by ITCM in putting together their application are noted in Table 69 of ITCM's route permit application. Your comment suggesting that ITCM should have consulted the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) in putting together their application is noted and included in the record for this EIS.

MDH receives all notices regarding the Commission's permitting process and has opportunity to participate in the process as it believes appropriate. MDH examined the potential health impacts of electric and magnetic fields from transmission lines in 2002 when it participated in a state interagency working group on the issue. The resulting white paper is discussed and summarized in Appendix H of the EIS.

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Reason dictates that route 'B' north of Sherburn and north of I-90 provides for less adverse effect upon people and property than route 'A' through the City of Sherburn, and for that reason alone route 'B' should be selected.

It also appears that this is an initial project with a "foot print" that will likely expand in the future resulting in more negative effects to the residents of Sherburn. The proposed voltage of 345kV from the present project, in addition to the present 161 kV, results in a total of 506 kV after construction, and the likelihood of an additional 345kV in the future added to this right-of-way on a separate line would then generate additional risk from a single incident, in addition to the increased risk to the health and safety hazards for the residents of Sherburn.

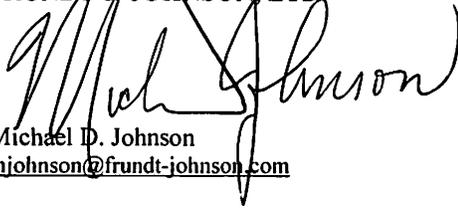
In addition to the Public Comment Forms completed by Helen Lee Murphy, I am also enclosing the comments from the Sherburn Assembly of God Regional Worship Center which I believe was submitted separately by mail. Obviously, a high voltage line next to a church is not a desirable location for all of the parishioners, families and the public that attends the church, whether regularly or for special events.

Local business is also adversely affected as noted by landowners Joel S. Rabbe and Jon E. Rabbe, who state they will cancel their development project with route 'A'.

Your consideration of these very deeply held concerns for the residents of Sherburn is appreciated. Please advise as to any further hearing dates for this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

**FRUNDT & JOHNSON, LTD**

  
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Enclosures

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ITC Midwest

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**227-8.**

Your comment is noted and included in the record for this EIS.



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Name: Helen Lee Murphy Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: P.O. Box 614 = mailing address; 108 SWANSON DRIVE = house address  
City: STHERBURN, State: MN ZIP: 56171

Please share your comments on the environmental impact statement (EIS) that will be prepared for the Minnesota to Iowa 345 kV transmission line project. What issues / impacts need to be evaluated for the project? What alternatives routes should be considered to mitigate these impacts? What alternatives to the project should be studied?

Comments must be received by Friday, August 2, 2013.

Please do not choose Route A for this high voltage line in our city limits, where we have homes, businesses, a church, and close proximity to our schools. The FFA (Future Farmers of America) have children working in their gardens in the spring, summer, and fall. 345,000 volts added to the 16,000 volts we already have are unacceptable. We already have enough cancer and leukemia. Route A or any route through our city will also devalue our property which we have worked so hard to have and maintain. Please choose Route B north of I-90! I already have a 69,000 volt pole very close to my house in this cul-de-sac of 8 homes, and this proposed Route A line is too close on the northwest side! Please help us be healthy, and also not to lose the money in our homes! Thank you for your compassionate support and humane vote for Route B!!  
Signature: Helen Lee Murphy Date: 7-29-13

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I do not need electric poles on all sides of my house and their radiation  
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City: SHERBURN State: MN ZIP: 56171

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ROUTE B, NORTH OF I-90, MUST BE CHOSEN  
FOR THIS ADDITIONAL 345,000 VOLTS LINE,  
NOT ROUTE A COMING INTO THE CITY LIMITS  
NEAR OUR HOMES, BUSINESSES, AND A CHURCH!  
WE TRUST OUR PUBLIC OFFICIALS WILL VOTE  
FOR US! OUR CONCERNS FOR HEALTH AND VALUE OF  
OUR HOMES ARE VERY SERIOUS. PLEASE HELP US!! THANK YOU!

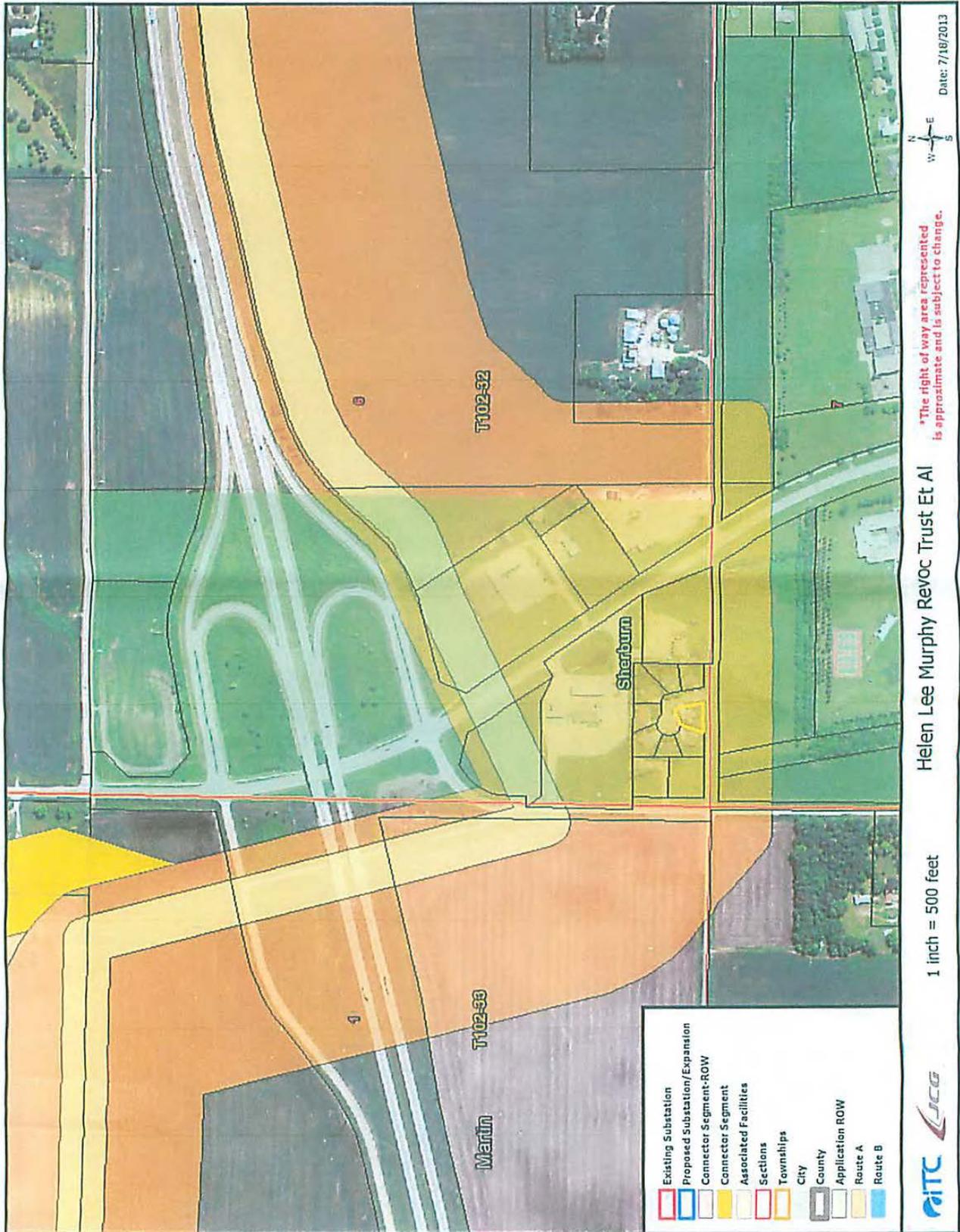
Signature: Helen Lee Murphy Date: 7-31-13

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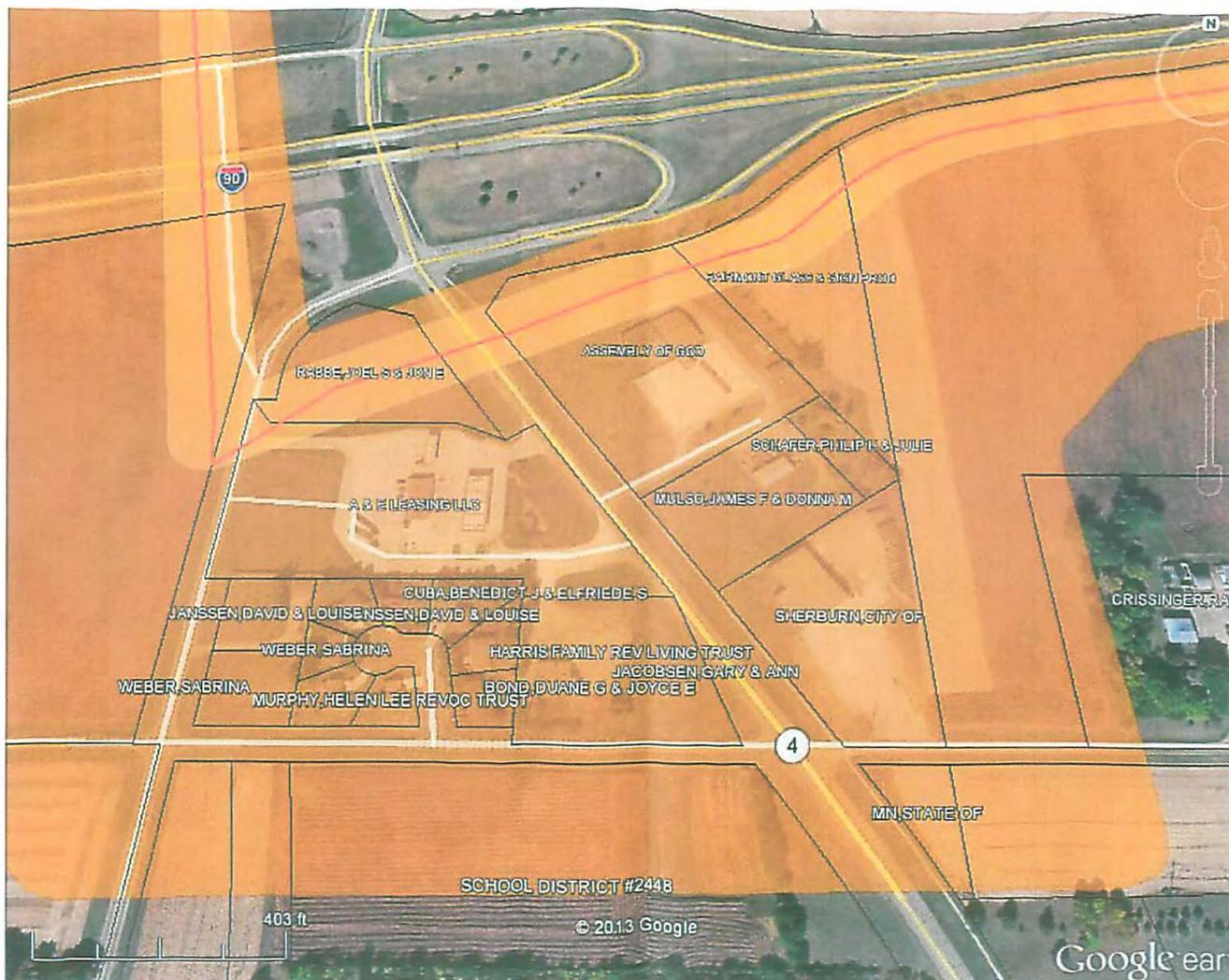
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We, the undersigned worshippers and friends of Sherburn Assembly of God Regional Worship Center, #2 Crossroads Drive, Sherburn, MN 56171, beg your careful consideration of our request regarding :

P U C Docket ET-6675/CN-12-1053 and P U C Docket ET-6675/TL-12-1337

The original notices regarding the "proposed route" were at best unclear, and were possibly deceptive. The detailed maps used at the public hearings showed an abrupt "jog" south across Interstate 90 near the MN Hiway 4 intersection. The proposed easement, which then crosses our church lawn came as a complete surprise. For the following reasons, please require ITC Midwest LLC to use a different route.

- 1) Future planned church expansion to the north becomes impossible.
- 2) The route planners did not have our facility marked as a Church on their maps, possibly causing them to erroneously plan this route.
- 3) The 345KVA line would be located 100 feet from our building, 120 feet from our PA system, almost certainly causing significant interference and static.
- 4) We use the area designated as "easement" for our children's and youth programs outdoor activities.
- 5) This route would effectively take from us at least a third of our property.
- 6) There are many researchers who have clearly shown a strong connection between illnesses, including cancers, and a person's proximity to high voltage powerlines. Even the E P A cautions citizens that "There is reason for concern" and advises "prudent avoidance" of high voltage power lines. (from <http://safespaceprotection.com/electrostress-from-powerlines.aspx> )
- 7) Whether you believe these warnings (in #6) or not, they have a huge impact on much of the public with significant consequence:
  - a ) property located under a power line frequently loses up to 1/3 of its market value
  - b ) we are not a "traditional" Church depending on people coming out of religious habit, we are an "evangelistic", outreach church, depending on people to join us because they want to. A high voltage line near our building would be a deterrent to our ministry
- 8) We are a very active congregation. People who attend here are often at the facility 3 or more times each week for worship, music, Christian education, children's ministries, Bible studies, personal ministry, etc. This is not a "one hour a week" church. Such extended exposure to a High Voltage Power field would be dangerous
- 9) Our entire building is steel, even the stud walls. The entire structure is "bonded" as required by code. This means (1) the entire steel frame, (2) all of the studs in the interior walls with (2a) steel drywall screws just a fraction of an inch below the surface of the plaster, (3) the entire steel exterior of the building, and (4) the common wire and the ground wire in every switch, outlet, conduit and breaker box/fuse box are all connected. This is all grounded to a copper ground rod. This means our building is a very good target for electric current flow. The ground rod is probably not nearly large enough to actually handle the potential build-up, which would leave every steel door frame, every drywall screw head, every door knob which is latched to the steel frames, the entire exterior of the building, and probably every part of the plumbing system as "hot" electrified, just waiting for someone to touch it.

Please rule justly for us!

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July 28, 2013

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The actual MF when the Project is placed in service will likely typically less than that illustrated in the table provided herein, and for certain segments of the Project, the calculated values are less than what is shown in the table. This is because the charts represent the MF with current flow at expected normal peak based on projected regional load growth through 2017, when the last segment of the Project is anticipated to be placed in service. Actual current flow on the line will vary, so magnetic fields will be less than peak levels during most hours of the year.

Extensive research has been conducted over the past three decades to evaluate whether exposure to ELF-MFs causes biological responses and health effects. Epidemiological and toxicological studies have not shown statistically significant associations or have shown only weak associations between ELF-MF exposure and health risks. Public health professionals have also investigated the possible impact of exposure to EFs and MFs upon human health for the past several decades. While the general consensus is that EFs pose no risk to humans, the question of whether exposure to MFs can cause biological responses or health effects continues to be debated.

In 2007, the World Health Organization ("WHO") concluded a review of the health implications of electromagnetic fields. In this report, WHO stated:

Uncertainties in the hazard assessment [of epidemiological studies] include the role that control selection bias and exposure misclassification might have on the observed relationship between magnetic fields and childhood leukemia. In addition, virtually all of the laboratory evidence and the mechanistic evidence fail to support a relationship between low-level [extremely low frequency] magnetic fields and changes in biological function or disease status. Thus, on balance, the evidence is not strong enough to be considered causal, but sufficiently strong to remain a concern. (Environmental Health Criteria Volume N°238 on Extremely Low Frequency Fields at p. 12, WHO (2007)).

WHO did not recommend these levels as an exposure limit but instead provided: "The best source of guidance for both exposure levels and the principles of scientific review are international guidelines." *Id.* at pp. 12-13. The international

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AND RECOMMENDATION at Finding 216 (Apr. 22, 2010 and as amended Apr. 30, 2010). The Commission adopted this finding on July 15, 2010. Id., ORDER GRANTING ROUTE PERMIT at 12 (Sept. 14, 2010); *In the Matter of the Route Permit Application by Great River Energy and Xcel Energy for a 345 kV Transmission Line from Brookings County, South Dakota to Hampton, Minnesota*, Docket No. ET2/TL-08-1474, FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER ISSUING AN HVTL ROUTE PERMIT TO GREAT RIVER ENERGY AND XCEL ENERGY FOR A 345 kV TRANSMISSION LINE FROM BROOKINGS COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA TO HAMPTON, MINNESOTA at 1 and 8 (Sept. 14, 2010).

### 8.7 STRAY VOLTAGE

"Stray voltage" is a condition that can occur on the electric service entrances to structures from distribution lines—not transmission lines. The term generally describes a voltage between two objects where no voltage difference should exist. More precisely, stray voltage exists between the neutral wire of the service entrance and grounded objects in buildings such as barns and milking parlors. Typically, high voltage transmission lines do not create stray voltage issues. Stray voltage is not a feature generally attributed to the operation of a transmission line and is, therefore, not expected from the proposed transmission line.

Appropriate measures, however, will be taken to prevent stray voltage problems when the transmission lines proposed for the Project parallel or cross distribution lines. ITC Midwest does not anticipate that the Project will be responsible for any stray voltage problems.

To design a project to avoid stray voltage, certain measures can be taken in the engineering phase. Recommended clearances within the NESC are designed to accommodate a relative vehicle height of 14 feet. ITC Midwest's minimum clearance design is greater than the NESC recommended clearances. The portions of the Project where either a single-circuit 345 kV line is constructed or a 345 kV line is double-circuited with another line, the facility will be designed to maintain a clearance of 35 feet and the 161 kV associated facilities will be designed to maintain a clearance of 25 feet.

Another question that arises when operating vehicles near power lines is whether vehicles can be safely refueled. The possibility of fuel ignition near a high voltage transmission line of the voltage and design proposed for the Project

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## Draft Environmental Impact Statement

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Name: Miss Helen L. Murphy Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: 108 SWANSON DRIVE P.O. BOX 614  
 City: Sherburn, MN. State: MN ZIP: 56171

Please share your comments on the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) that has been prepared for the Minnesota to Iowa 345 kV transmission line project. What information or analysis is missing or incomplete? What information or analysis needs to be clarified? What edits are needed to make the document complete and accurate? **Comments must be received by Friday, May 9, 2014.**

*Our local population here does not want this electric line into our life. We are working hard to pay our taxes to our state agencies who should in turn protect us from the dangerous results to our health and our financial future. We ask common-sense decisions to respect human life! Do not build this line into our town. We need more protection than animals and birds have! We don't need to see and experience damage to a church, our homes, a school and its athletic fields and gardens, businesses, our City Fire Department, and potential growth to our city. State authorities should use their conscience and upright responsibility to work for us-PEOPLE!*

Signature: Helen L. Murphy Date: 5-6-14

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**FEIS ID #228**

**228.**

Your objection to routing near Sherburn is noted and included in the record for this EIS.

**From:** [Ken Naumann](#)  
**To:** [Kirsch, Raymond \(COMM\)](#)  
**Subject:** 345 kv transmission line  
**Date:** Thursday, May 01, 2014 12:00:29 PM

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I was at the Blue Earth meeting and the most objections came from the line being to close to residences. On the final leg of the line to Iowa if you jog west a half mile, you will avoid 3 places. Going south past a creek, then half a mile west to an abandoned road, the next mile south has no residences. This is the Iowa line, going east a mile will take you to the Iowa transmission line. This way you don't have to go down the center of the fields.

**FEIS ID #229**

**229.**

Your preferred alignment for the project near the Iowa border is noted and included in the record for this EIS.



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Name: Mikayla Kiewendorf Email: mikayla1118@yahoo.com
Street Address: 16 W. 5th St.
City: Sherburn State: MN ZIP: 56171

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Dear Ray Kirsch, I am a student at Martin County West in Sherburn, MN. I would appreciate it greatly if you would not put the powerline up in Sherburn. My family, friends, church, and school would have to relocate. I like living in Sherburn and want to continue to live and receive my education in Sherburn. The powerline could cause a great undesirable change.

Signature: Mikayla Kiewendorf Date: 5-8-14

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**FEIS ID #230**

**230.**

Your objection to routing near Sherburn is noted and included in the record for this EIS. Potential impacts to human settlement and human health are discussed along with potential mitigation measures in Section 5.0 of the EIS. Note that none of the routes, route alternatives or route variations under consideration will require displacement of residents.



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Name: Dan Nelson Email: dandtc@bcvcomm.net  
Street Address: 220 W. Lawrence St.  
City: Dunnell State: MN ZIP: 56127

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*I am a member of the Sherburn Assembly of God Church in Sherburn MN.*

*I Volunteer my help with many of the youth groups. We use the lawn on the north side of the property for things like - Blow up water slides, homemade kite flying, and ball games.*

*Please consider any route Except Route A as the final choice.*

*I write this on behalf of myself and the 50<sup>+</sup> kids who play and pray at our church.*

Signature: Daniel C Nelson Date: 7 May 2014

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**FEIS ID #231**

**231.**

Your objection to route A is noted and included in the record for this EIS.

**From:** [Neppl, Kathy](#)  
**To:** [Kirsch, Raymond \(COMM\)](#)  
**Subject:** Draft Environmental Impact  
**Date:** Friday, May 09, 2014 1:34:48 PM

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Dear Mr Kirsch,

The Minnesota to Iowa 345kV Transmission Line Project needs to find another route away from the town of Sherburn.

I have taught in the Sherburn Elementary Building for the last 34 years and live across the street from the Sherburn Elem. building. I know this will harm the children that attend this school and all of the residents of Sherburn. It is not acceptable to endanger these children. I have 2 grandchildren who could be affected by these power lines. Please ask yourself, is this worth their lives? I have already buried a grandson from a genetic disease that was unpreventable. I do not want to have to bury another child from something that could be prevented. Please do the right thing.

Thank you,

Kathy Neppl  
4th Grade Teacher at Martin County West for 34 years  
Resident of Sherburn for 34 years  
Parent and Grandparent

331 Park St.  
Sherburn, MN 56171

kathy\_neppl@martin.k12.mn.us

**FEIS ID #232**

**232.**

Your objection to routing near Sherburn is noted and included in the record for this EIS. Section 5.3 of the EIS discusses the potential health impacts of the project and mitigation measures.



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Name: LaOonne Noem Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: 405 no Osborne  
City: Sherburn State: minn. ZIP: 56171

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Signature: LaOonne Noem Date: 4-30-14

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**FEIS ID #233**

**233.**

Your objection to routing near homes, particularly homes in Sherburn, is noted and included in the record for this EIS. Section 5.3 of the EIS discusses the potential health impacts of the project and mitigation measures.



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not in town close to homes  
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Signature: Larry Norem Date: 4-30-14

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**FEIS ID #234**

**234.**

Your objection to routing near homes, particularly homes in Sherburn, is noted and included in the record for this EIS.



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Name: Meg Nowak Email: nowaktalk411@yahoo  
Street Address: 104 North Maryland Street  
City: Sherburn State: MN ZIP: 56171

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I don't think that you should put this power line in, because a lot of people live in this town. Sherburn may be a small town, but there are a lot of stuff in this town that means a lot to people. Please do not put this any where near are town.

Signature: Meg Nowak Date: 5-7-14

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**FEIS ID #235**

**235.**

Your objection to routing near Sherburn is noted and included in the record for this EIS. Potential impacts to human settlements are discussed along with potential mitigation measures in Section 5.0 of the EIS.

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