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Name: BRADLEY SKERIK Email: bradskerik@hotmail.com
Street Address: 1333 40th AVE
City: SHERBURN State: MN ZIP: 56171

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AS A RESIDENT OF ELM CREEK TOWNSHIP IN MARTIN COUNTY, MN (T103 R33W SEC 33), I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED UPON DISCOVERING THE PROPOSED ROUTE "M1-R" THAT WOULD RUN DIRECTLY IN FRONT MY HOUSE. THESE HIGH VOLTAGE LINE WOULD BE LESS THAN 100' FROM MY HOUSE GIVEN THE EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY. THE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON OUR HEALTH AND QUALITY OF LIFE HAS ME DEEPLY TROUBLED AND I STRONGLY URGE CONSIDERATION OF A DIFFERENT ROUTE.

SINCERELY, BRADLEY SKERIK

Signature: Bradley K. Skerik Date: 6 MAY 2014

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Name: Merrill K Smith (trust) Email: MPSmith@bevcomm.net

Street Address: 104 Smith Dr

City: Blue Earth State: MN ZIP: 56013

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I would like the new line to go where the existing line is now. The easements are already in place and there would be no need to take any additional farmland out of production. I believe it would be much more expense to acquire new easements with farm land now priced at nine to ten thousand dollars an acre, or end up fighting this in court. I have farm land in sections 23 and 24 of JoDaviess township. I have previously lost production land in section 24, due to a new half mile extension of 365th street, that was put in between route 6 and 100th street. I'm asking to keep the new line on the existing route, which I believe is A.

Signature: Merrill K Smith Date: 4-24-14

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Your preference for following the existing 161 kV line and route A is noted and included in the record for this EIS.

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Name: Whitney Smith Email: whitney_smith@martin.k12.mn.us
Street Address: 103 Fred Street
City: Sherburn State: MN ZIP: 56171

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Dear Ray Kirsch,
Please do not put up the power lines in Sherburn. I really do not want to have to leave and go to a new school. I have always seen myself graduating from MCW. I also live directly in Sherburn and do not want to have to move. This power line could harm a lot more people than they realize. So please find a new place to put this power line.

Signature: Whitney Smith Date: 5/8/14

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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. Note that none of the routes, route alternatives, or route variations under consideration would displace homes or people or require school closures.

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Name: Shelden Sommerland Email: Shelden_Sommerland

Street Address: 16 W. 5th St.

City: Sherburn State: MN ZIP: 56171

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Please do not consider building that powerline in Sherburn. I like going to school here and I don't want to change that. All the people that would have to move just because of one powerline, seems pretty pointless to have to make them move. Just put it somewhere else that no one cares about. Think of others first.

Signature: Shelden Sommerland Date: May 7th

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Name: Jesse Spear Email: Jesse_Spear@martn.k12.mn.us

Street Address: 16 W. 5th St. 56171

City: Shurbern State: MN ZIP: 56171

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Please change the route of the lines. We have a nice little town here with nice people and a nice community. We all have friends here, and if you put the lines through here, we will get separated from our friends, and we will have to move away from them. Please change the route of the lines.

Signature: Jesse F. Spear Date: 5-7-14

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Name: _____ Email: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

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I strongly oppose the alternate Huntley Sub-Substation route options I-90-5 1+2 thru Faribault Co. I prefer unmodified Route A. The I90-5 corridor passes thru one of the most populated rural areas in the county. This area contains over 35 residences with 1/4 mile of this corridor. People in this area could see a decline in property value and potential health hazards.

Signature: Becky Spencer Date: 4-29-14

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Your objection to route alternative I90-5, Options 1 and 2 and your preference for modified route A are 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.

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Name: Teresa Stahl Email:
Street Address: 113 North Elm street
City: Sherburn, State: MN ZIP: 56171

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Stop considering coming into Sherburn with electric transmission lines that can harm citizen's health and property values. Do not destroy a church, people's homes, businesses, a Fire Dept with its electronic emergency equipment, our school and its many activities inside and outside. We do not need to add more troubles to our lives and our future.

Signature: Teresa Stahl Date: 5/6/14

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Name: Jenna Steele Email: Jenna_Steele@martin.k12.mn.us.

Street Address: 16W. 5th St.

City: Sherburn State: MN ZIP: 56171

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Dear Mr. Ray Kirsch please keep the power company from building a power thing near Sherburn, Welcome or Trimont. It would directly affect all of the people around here. We would have no school. We have a big impact on the State and have been very involved in state activities including sports and FFA. Everyone would be very dissapointed. Our community is a very loving community and would very much appreciate it. We all care about each other and it will directly cause the loving town of Sherburn to be no more. Please stop them from building it here.

Signature: Jenna Steele Date: 5-7-14

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From: Sherburn City Hall
To: Kirsch, Raymond (COMM)
Subject: Docket Nos ET6675/TL-12-1337 and ET6675/CN-12-1053
Date: Wednesday, May 07, 2014 9:20:41 AM

As an employee of the City of Sherburn, Modified Route A or Route B would be preferable. Please keep the line out of the city limits of Sherburn. We would like to protect the economics of Sherburn and health of our residents.

Thank you,

Nicole Steffensen
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Your preference for modified route A or route B and your objection to routing near Sherburn are noted and included in the record for this EIS.

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Name: John C. Stewart Phone Email: 507-525-5110

Street Address: 35361 30th St

City: Elmore, State: MN ZIP: 56027

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I don't think we need a larger transmission line or more wind towers. Your meeting at BE. on Apr 24 was not good because your information showed nothing going south of Winnebago to Iowa state line. Plus speaker system didn't work. If a bigger transmission line is approved, I would like to see the line extended straight south thru the last 2 miles to Iowa, where it should have been anyway. This would prevent it turning along side farred road County 2 then going south past 3 buildingsites. There were two people killed already when hitting cement pole on this corner.

Signature: John C. Stewart Marilyn Stewart Date: 4/30/14

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Your preference for route variation HI-5 is noted and included in the record for this EIS.

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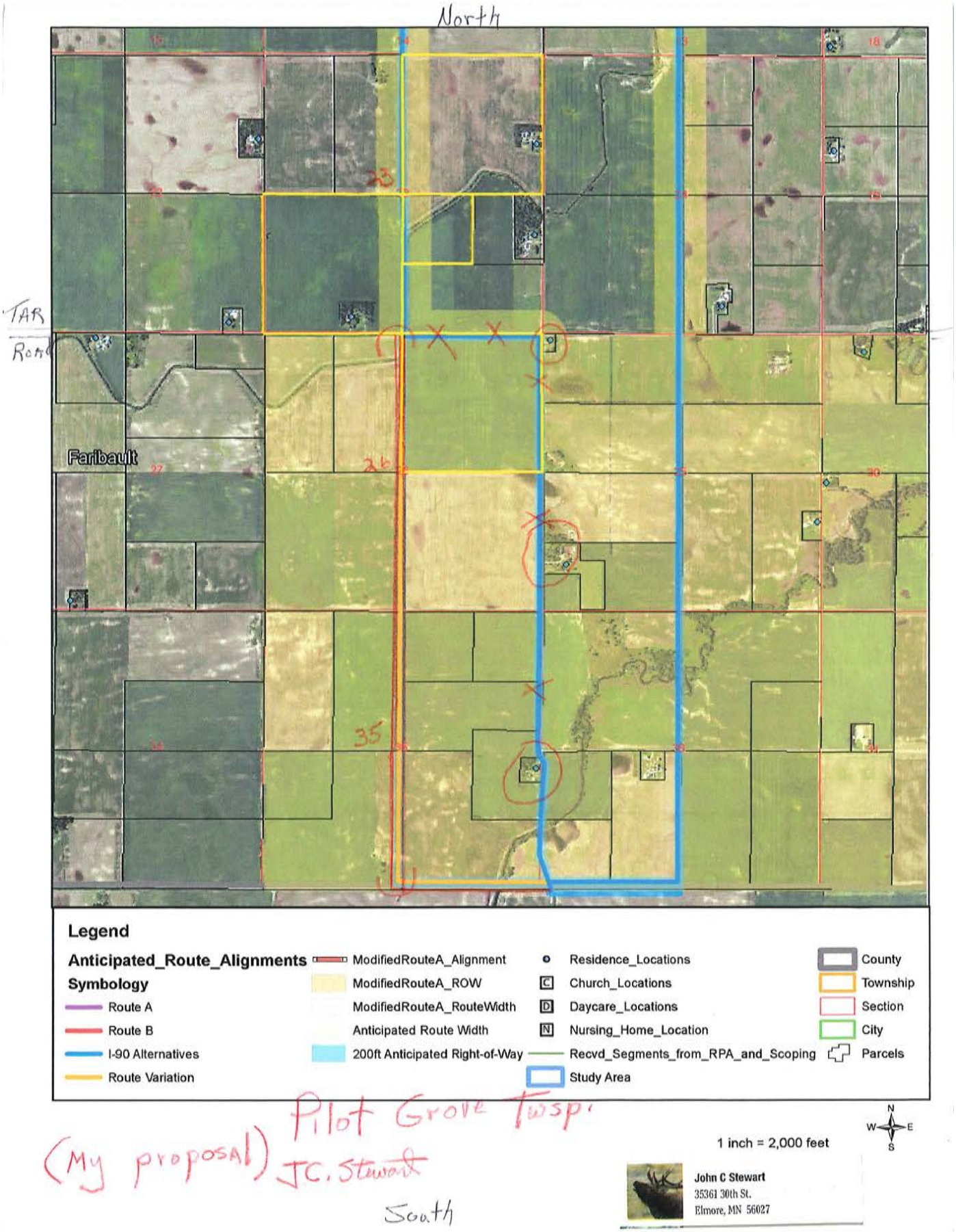
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Name: Abby Swanson Email: abby_swanson@martin.k12.mn.us
Street Address: 116 W. 5th St
City: Sherburn State: Minnesota ZIP: 56171

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I am asking as a student and a resident of Sherburn to not put this powerline through the city of Sherburn. I have lived here all my life and went to school here. I feel like there are other options that they can take. These others options would not affect a whole town or a whole school district. So I ask that they do not put that power line through Sherburn

Signature: Abby Swanson Date: 5-7-14

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Name: Erin Swanson Email: ejswanny@hotmail.com
Street Address: 16 W. 5th St.
City: Sherburn State: MN ZIP: 56171

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Mr. Kirsch,

The town of Sherburn and the school of Martin County West are two places that mean safety and kindness. I love MCW, it has been a great school to grow up in and I wouldn't want to go to school anywhere else. Sherburn has always, and will always, be an extremely welcoming town where people love to live. I would never like to see something dangerous or harmful happen to this community, and I hope that I will never have to that. Please reconsider putting up these power lines. This community means a tremendous amount to a lot of people.

Signature: Erin Swanson Date: 5/8/2014

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Name: LeanneSwanson Email: alleanne@yourstarnet.net
Street Address: 367 90th St
City: Sherburn State: Mn ZIP: 56171

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To whom it may concern:
as a tax payer, parent, Concerned citizen of the Sherburn area, I want you to know that I do not want the transmission line to go through my town and local area.
Thank you

Signature: LeAnne Swanson Date: 4/27/14

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Name: Ryan Tracy Swanson Email: swanson_tracy@yahoo.com
Street Address: 137 S. Main St.
City: Sherburn State: MN ZIP: 56171

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I think wind energy is terrific, but do not believe it should go through by the school zone. I can not support it being so close to the school with the high voltage wires. Children's safety should always be first. I would love to support this, but only would if you keep the voltage lines away from the schools & our children. Their safety must come first. Please reroute the lines.

Signature: Tracy Swanson Date: 4-28-14

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Name: Steven Tagatz Email: —
Street Address: 6 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: Steven Tagatz Date: 4-30-14

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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: Winston tagatz Email:

Street Address: 4 ELM BLVD

City: Blue Earth State: MN ZIP: 56013

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

Signature: X Winston Tagatz Date: 4.29.14

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FEIS ID #309

309.

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

FEIS ID #310

From: rodger.taylor.mcw@gmail.com on behalf of Rodger Taylor
To: Kirsch, Raymond (COMM)
Subject: power lines MN IA 345kV
Date: Friday, May 09, 2014 3:34:11 PM

Dear Mr. Kirsch

Just a quick question ...Would you want your home located under or near a power line of this magnitude? Would you want your children to attend school under or near a power line of this magnitude? I understand the power hungry greedy world we live in and most individuals do only one thing is think of themselves and their own pocketbook. I would like you to consider the impact this will and potentially will make on the Martin County West Community(Sherburn). I realize also there are no easy answers to a necessary evil ...but please put the people of Minnesota first.

thank you for your time,

Rodger Taylor

FEIS ID #310

310.

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

FEIS ID #311

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Name: Marlene Thiesse Email:

Street Address: 101 E 2nd St.

City: SHERBURN State: MN ZIP: 56171

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Do not permit this electric transmission line to enter Sherburn. We do not want dangers to our health and our property values, as well as air quality and noise problems. We have enough power lines now. Do not endanger our daily activities any more. Please be sensitive to our people's lives and their future. No city should have to have high voltage over our heads. Our homes, a church, businesses, Fire Dept, school - all don't want this line.

Signature: Marlene Thiesse Date: 5-6-14

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311.

Your objection to routing near Sherburn is noted and included in the record for this EIS. The issues you have identified including potential impacts to human settlement, human health, property values, air quality and noise are addressed along with potential mitigation measures in Section 5.0 of the EIS.

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Name: Russell Thiesse Email:
Street Address: 101 E 2nd St
City: SHERBURN State: MN ZIP: 56171

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There is no need for our city to have electric transmission lines over our heads. Do not bring this danger into Sherburn. People going to church and doing their daily business should not have to worry about their health and the value of their businesses and homes. Church activities also should be protected from high voltage which should never be placed next to their church. Our school also needs to be protected

Signature: Russell L Thiesse Date: 5-6-14

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Name: Allan Thompson Email: anthom7son@bevcomm.net
Street Address: 38915 125th Street
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.

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Signature: Al Thompson Date: 5/9/2014

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FEIS ID #313

313.

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: Diane Thompson Email: grlmavrick38@yahoo.com
Street Address: 85544 580th Ave
City: Jackson State: MN ZIP: 56143

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The Sherburn community requests that no electric transmission line be built into our town. The businesses, homes, schools, Fire Department, church, all who live here do not need to be put into any health danger and lose money because of high voltage

Signature: Diane Thompson Date: 5-1-14

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FEIS ID #314

314.

Your objection to routing near Sherburn is noted and included in the record for this EIS. The issues you have identified including potential impacts to human settlement, human health and property values are addressed along with potential mitigation measures in Section 5.0 of the EIS.

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Name: Nancy Thompson Email: anthom7son@bevcomm.net
Street Address: 38915 125th Street
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.

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Signature: Nancy Thompson Date: 5/9/2014

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FEIS ID #315

315.

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

FEIS ID #316

From: John Tirevold
To: Kirsch, Raymond (COMM)
Subject: Minnesota to Iowa 345 kV Transmission Line Project
Date: Friday, April 25, 2014 11:22:38 AM

Dear Mr. Kirsch,

This letter is to offer my comments concerning the above project. I will express my thoughts in two different areas, the importance of this project, and the effects of routing the line through the City of Sherburn.

316-1 It seems this project is a for profit endeavor of a private company which includes the sacrifice of much of the public without a great benefit to much of that same public. I live in the north part of Sherburn and my electric needs have been delivered without a problem for many years. Therefore I question the need of this project.

316-2 If the project is approved, I have concerns about routing the line through the city of Sherburn. First of all as a citizen, I am worried about the health of my family and the health of the residents of Sherburn. I am sure the commission has heard all of the health risks associated with these large electric lines. Another concern I have is the potential reduction in the value of my home because of the negative opinion of the huge power lines and poles.

316-3 Because of my job as the manager of the local bank, I see how outside influences affect the community. Poor economic conditions, bad weather and depressed grain prices all hurt the local economy. I feel the construction of this power line within the city limits would have the same effect as the previously mentioned situations.

In closing, I hope the commission uses commons sense to make these decisions and not let politics influence any part of this process.

Thank you for your time.

John Tirevold

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316-1.

Your concern that the project is not needed is noted and included in the record for this EIS.

316-2.

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

316-3.

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

FEIS ID #317

From: Linda Tirevold
To: Kirsch, Raymond (COMM)
Subject: transmission line project
Date: Monday, April 28, 2014 8:11:54 AM

Dear Mr. Kirsch,

My name is Linda Tirevold and I reside on Swanson Drive in Sherburn, Minnesota. I was at three of your meetings but I did not speak. I learned a lot from these meetings and it's pretty clear to me that improving the grid would be a good thing but not of immediate urgency. It's pretty clear to me that ITC is a private company wanting to be able to sell electricity for profit. I have no problem with that. What I have a problem with is feeling insignificant. I feel like even considering Route A is ITC saying to me that my community, my livelihood, my health is a small price to pay for the benefit it would give to your company and the people you would be supplying electricity to.

Hopefully, when you traveled from Fairmont to Jackson, you dropped down into Sherburn and saw for yourself the close proximity route A would be to our homes, our schools, our community garden, our church, seed companies, Kum and Go, adult living facitity etc. Hopefully, you take seriously the potential health hazard we would would be exposed to twenty four hours a day every day. Hopefully, your ITC does consider us "neighbors" as your flyer suggests and is concerned not only for the improvement of the grid but for the well-being of ALL.

317-1

317-2

If you are a compassionate company and did physically visit Sherburn, Route A should no longer even be a consideration and I shouldn't have a thing to worry about. If your concern is doing what's best for all the environment, then you will zig-zag that line all over the place at any cost to protect your "neighbors."

I wish you luck and beg that the almighty dollar isn't the bottom line here.

Thank you,
Linda Tirevold

FEIS ID #317

317-1.

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

317-2.

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

FEIS ID #318

From:	Judy Traetow
To:	Kirsch, Raymond (COMM)
Cc:	Judy Traetow
Subject:	ET6675/CN-12-1053, ET6675/TL-12-1337, OAH 60-2500-30782
Date:	Friday, May 09, 2014 4:21:10 PM

Mr. Kirsh,

After attending the public meetings and reading much of the information provided to me, I would like to comment on the section of Minnesota-Iowa 345k Transmission Line Project going through Sherburn, MN.

I propose Route A with M7-R connection. This line allows for the lines to run along the south side of interstate 90 without interference to the Assembly God Church or the MCW School district. I also oppose the lines running along the north side of the Interstate 90 (Modified Route A) as they would run parallel to the frontage road, which is connected to the city of Sherburn's walking path. The frontage road is used by a large number of residents for walking, bicycling, running and walking pets.

Judy Traetow
2 South Fox Lake Dr W
Sherburn, MN 56171

318.

Your preference for route variation FL-2 and objection to modified route A near Sherburn are noted and included in the record for this EIS. Section 5.4.4 of the EIS discusses the project's potential impacts to recreation and mitigation measures.

FEIS ID #319

From: william@tffarms.com
To: Kirsch, Raymond (COMM)
Subject: 345 kv transmission line
Date: Thursday, May 08, 2014 9:30:09 PM

Ray Kirsch,

My wife and I live on the south side of fox lake by Sherburn, Mn. We feel that the line should run on the South side of Interstate 90 as it will affect fewer people and homes than if it runs on the North side of the Interstate.
East of Sherburn there are no farm sites or homes. If it runs on the North side where there are already a lot of transmission lines there are homes that will be right under the lines and homes along the lake and a golf course that will be affected more.

William Truesdell
Sherburn Mn.
Cell# 507 236 5702

FEIS ID #319

319.

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

FEIS ID #320

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Name: Koren Turner Email: koren5675@yahoo.com
Street Address: 10957 5th Ave
City: Sherburn State: MN ZIP: 56171

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Please do not build an electric line into Sherburn. We do not want big poles and dangerous voltage harming our citizens, Property values and our health need protection. People need to live without worry about electric problems.

Signature: K Turner Date: 5-1-14

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Name: Jeanette Vendoorn Email:
Street Address: 11 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.

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Signature: Jeanette Vendoorn Date: April 29, 2014

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321.

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: Michael Verdoorn Email: spud@bevcomm.net
Street Address: 11 Elm Blvd
City: Blue Earth State: MN ZIP: 56013

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Signature: Michael Verdoorn Date: 4-29-14

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322.

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: FATHER JEROME VERDICK Email:

Street Address: P.O. Box 87

City: ALPHA MINNESOTA State: MN ZIP: 56111

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DO NOT PUT AN ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE INTO THE CITY OF SHERBURN. THIS HEALTH DANGER PLUS THE DEVALUATION OF PROPERTY SHOULD NEVER BE ALLOWED, AND NEVER SHOULD HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED. PLEASE STAY OUT OF SHERBURN. THANK YOU.

Signature: Jerome F. Verdick Date: April 29, 2014

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Name: Dennis + Mary Warner Email:
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City: Blue Earth State: MN ZIP: 56013-4902

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.**

We strongly oppose the alternate Huntley Sub-Station route; options I-90 1 and 2, through Faribault County. We prefer that the transmission line follow modified route A. We want it to follow the current transmission route.

Signature: Mary Warner / Dennis Warner Date: 5-7-14 / 5-7-14

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FEIS ID #324

324.

Your preference for modified route A and objection to route alternative I90-5 Options 1 and 2 are noted and included in the record for this EIS.

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Name: Logan Weber Email: weber_logan@hotmail.com
Street Address: 1116 W. 5th St
City: Sherburn State: MN ZIP: 56171

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Over 1,000 people. 1,000 people you would causing to relocate. The people in this town are amazing people, people who know everybody. I am a sophomore student at Martin County West Senior High School. I have every regard of graduating from this highschool. I have grown up on this school. If you build these power lines, my highschool and junior high students would seize to exist. I beg you, please do NOT put up these power lines in this community. To cause so many people to pick up and move, is simply outrageous. So many people would not even have the money to relocate. Friends and family would disappear. Please, please do not build these power lines. Wouldn't you fight for your community?

Signature: Logan Weber Date: 5/8/14

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325.

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 would result in displacement of homes or schools.

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Please, the Modified A, is the best way for the power line to be placed. Do not have this line in the city of Sherburn. I am a member of the Assembly of God church and I hate to see the young children hurt by this powerful line.

Thank you for helping us.

Signature: Joan J. Wede Date: 5/1/14

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326.

Your preference for modified route A and your objection to routing near Sherburn are noted and included in the record for this EIS. The issues you have identified including potential impacts to human settlement and human health are addressed along with potential mitigation measures in Section 5.0 of the EIS.

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City: Sherburn State: Mn. ZIP: 56171

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The modified A plan seems to workable
The city of Sherburn must be outside
the reach of this powerful line.
Lets not hurt people of our community!
Thank you.

Signature: Manley Wede Date: 5/1/14

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327.

Your objection to routing near Sherburn and preference for modified route A is noted and included in the record for this EIS. The issues you have identified including potential impacts to human settlements and human health are addressed along with potential mitigation measures in Section 5.0 of the EIS.

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Daniel P. Wedel
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May 8, 2014

Mr. Ray Kirsch
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Re: PUC Docket Nos. ET6675/CN-12-1053 and ET6675/TL-12-1337

Dear Mr. Kirsch,

I am writing in response to the DEIS for the proposed transmission line project by ITCM. I am a resident, landowner, and taxpayer of Martin County and the State of Minnesota. I live and own property in section 19 of Rutland Township. I live there with my wife Jen of five years and two young children with a third on the way. I strongly oppose Route A which follows 196th Ave directly in front of our house. I oppose this route due to the devaluation of my property that it would cause, the obvious aesthetic reasons, and most of all the health concerns for my family, and the family that lives across the road. I would no longer feel safe living in close proximity of these lines for the many years we intend to stay there.

328-1

I would like to see more information regarding the routes that follows existing ROW of the 161kV line, and more precise information as to why the route could not follow a major roadway such as Interstate-90.

328-2

I have a number of other requests that should be explained and clarified in the FEIS and they are listed below. I request that these will either be answered in full, or have an explanation as to why it is not included in the FEIS.

- Define "Need" for the project. What is the capacity of the line that is "Needed"? The company ITCM is saying there is a "Need", but is there any independent and "unbiased" study that shows this "Need". I would say a study by ITCM and MISO is not unbiased or independent. An answer as to why no other study has been done other than the one by the "for profit" company of ITCM needs to be answered. It is not independent when it is paid for and conducted by ITCM.

328-3

- Is there going to be a public hearing and also another comment period after the release of the FEIS? It seems that there should be since the final version of a document can look much different than the draft version. Why is that also not on the scheduling? Is that going to be set at a later date?

328-4

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328-1.

Your objection to route A is noted and included in the record for this EIS. Section 5.1 and Appendix G of the EIS discuss potential property value impacts and mitigation measures. Section 5.1 of the EIS discusses the potential aesthetic impacts of the project and mitigation measures.

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

328-2.

Sections 6 and 7 of the EIS include an analysis of all routes, route alternatives and route variations under consideration for the project. The route for the project could follow I-90. The EIS analyzes five route alternatives (I90-1 through I90-5) that utilize I-90 to varying degrees and could be selected for the project.

328-3.

The need for the project is noted in Section 4.1 of the EIS. As indicated in this section, for purposes of analysis, the EIS assumes the need as stated by ITCM in its certificate of need application. In short, ITCM indicates that its project is needed to enhance regional electrical reliability, to increase transmission capacity to support additional generation and to reduce congestion on the electrical grid.

328-4.

There are no further hearings and no comment period scheduled after release of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS). The Commission could require additional hearings if they determined that such hearings were necessary for making decisions on ITCM's certificate of need and route permit applications.

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328-5

- Is there going to be another comment period for the administrative law judge to take comments based on the FEIS? This too seems pre-mature if the comment period ends May 30, 2014 yet the FEIS is not released until a much later date.

328-6

- The references used in pertaining information for the Property Value Supplement part of the DEIS average 20-30 years in age. I believe that the older these studies are, the less weighting that they can carry as to their relevance to this particular project. There were 17 studies conducted, with transmission lines ranging from 69kV to 345 kV. To make it relevant to this project, the referenced material should all reference a 345kV transmission line. It would be hard to argue that there were fewer 345kV lines studied 30 years ago. Also, the older the study, the less relevant due to increased knowledge today about the effects of EMF's. It was only 30-40 years ago that the effects of asbestos material was concluded to be harmful to one's health. With the increased knowledge of the threat of EMF's, any study older than 10-20 years old, and a transmission line smaller than 345kV should be irrelevant to this project. To be done correctly, it needs to compare apples to apples.

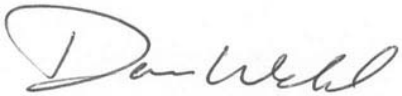
328-7

- What kind of Agricultural Impact Mitigation Plan is in place? The one provided in the DEIS shows that it is an example. Will there be comments for when the actual one is released? One thing that stood out to me in the "example" was how any excess dirt would be removed from the site unless otherwise requested. This seems backwards to me since the landowner has either worked hard or invested a lot into the property for someone to just "take" dirt off of the land unless the owner requests otherwise. It should be up to the utility to ask each owner what shall be done with any excess dirt if a structure is going on their property. If a part of one's personal property is taken without their consent, it sounds more like theft.

These are very important issues that should not be left out of such an extensive review of a project of this magnitude. Since this project will have a lasting effect on the area and landscape of southern Minnesota, I do not believe anything should be missed or taken lightly. I again emphasize that all options should be considered pertaining to the "Need" of the project. The need of a "for profit" company and the need of the citizens of Minnesota are two different things. Facts and accurate financial numbers associated with the Minnesota portion of the project only should be considered and included. To use generalities, future possibilities, and ITCM funded studies as facts is not acceptable. The FEIS should gather independent facts and studies pertaining to the "Need" of the project.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft of the EIS. I look forward to the final EIS where the additional questions and information asked by myself and others will be addressed and opportunity to comment will be given again.

Sincerely,



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328-5.

Whether there is a comment period on the FEIS after its release is a decision to be made by the administrative law judge assigned to the matter. It is an issue outside of the scope of the EIS (Appendix A).

328-6.

Your comment on the relevance of select property value studies discussed in Appendix G of the EIS is noted and included in the record for this EIS. The studies reviewed in Appendix G are, for the most part, contemporary with the EMF studies discussed in Appendix H. As noted in Appendix H, concerns about potential health impacts related to EMF were first raised in the 1970s and have been studied since. Many of the property value studies discussed in Appendix G have occurred since the 1970s.

328-7.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) has approved the agricultural impact mitigation plan (AIMP) for the project. It is included as Appendix E of the EIS.

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We have enough electricity in our area — build more some where, where there are less or no people. We are full of cancers in the community already — and plenty of birth defects and retards. We need help to get better, not to be hurt more!

Signature: Clarine Weis Date: 4-27-2014

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This will make lots of people leave from Sherburn also it will make so many people sick. That means that lots of kids will move cause of how it can destroy lives and there are so many people that would be disappointed about that going up cause then that would more than likely get rid of MEW.

Signature: Robin Wenzel Date: 5/8/2014

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From: Whisney, Mark
To: Kirsch, Raymond (COMM)
Date: Wednesday, May 07, 2014 7:54:10 AM

I am emailing in response to the Minnesota to Iowa 345 kvv transmission line project and want it to be known I do not want this line to go any where through Belmont township in Jackson MN and I am dead against the plan that would have a pole right outside my property at about 200 and some odd feet at 82013 525th ave Jackson MN 56143. This line will have long term consequences for health reasons for any one living close to this and has been proven that this high of voltage causes cancer in humans and if we get no benefits from it do not want it to run through MN any where, it also can have adverse affects on wild life that call these parts home. I also do not want to see any wood land cut down just because this company ITC wants to make millions if not billions at the cost of farm land and any other land in its path. Sincerely Mark Whisney

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331.

Your objection to routing through Belmont Township and your objection to route A and route variation JA-3 near the crossing of the Des Moines River are noted and included in the record for this EIS. The issues you have identified including potential impacts to human health and wildlife are addressed along with potential mitigation measures in Section 5.0 of the EIS.

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City: Shurburn State: MN ZIP: 56171

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Hi, I am a Freshman student from Martin County West in Shurburn. My teacher told us that if this plan goes through we would have to move our school because it's not safe. Also, on a personall scale my great grandma is 87 and has heart problems, she is a sherburn resident. Also, my dad lives in sherburn, he has diabetes and a bad back problem, he is currently unemployed. It would be really hard for people like them to pick up, move, and try to start over. Please, please, please, be convinced enough from my letter and letters from others that this would be a bad idea to build it here. I like my school and my teachers alot, my life so far hasn't been easy, this won't help, it'll make it harder. Please spare us our school and homes and family.

Signature: Desiree' M. Whitehead Date: 5/7/14

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332.

Your objection to routing through Sherburn is noted and included in the record for this EIS. The issues you have identified including potential impacts to human settlement and human health are addressed 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 would result in displacement of homes or schools.

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Name: Dylin Whitehead Email:

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City: Shurburn State: Minnesota ZIP: 56171

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Mr. Ray Kirsch my name is Dylin whitehead I am a student at martin county west were this wire could harm us all and I would like to ask you to not put it by us. I would like to live in this town and die in this town so I ask you from the bottom of my heart to please not to. sinserly Dylin whitehead

Signature: Dylin Whitehead Date: 5/7/14

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My name is Jessica, this is my first and final year of highschool in Sherburn MCW high. I'm planning on going to college next year, and even though I am pretty much only passing through, I've moved enough to know how dissapointing it can be. I am 16 and I've moved about 13 times in my life. But even though I might be leaving soon, I have a family, and we just moved into the area with the intention of making a true home. My mom just got remarried and I finally have the little brother I've been praying for for years. My family and I might not live in Sherburn but it has become part of our lives and my little sitters will go here unless you destroy the town. I am against what you're doing. A town is a town, no matter how small. So... STOP!!!!!

Signature: Jessica R. Whitehead Date: 4-7-14

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From: nmwhite97@frontiernet.net
To: Kirsch, Raymond (COMM)
Subject: MN to Iowa 345 kV Transmission Line Project
Date: Friday, May 09, 2014 12:31:18 PM

I attended your public meeting so sending this comment. I wish that the 345 kV Transmission Line Project was not in Jackson, Martin or Faribault Counties but if it has to be then "Modified Route A" would be better than Route A which is in the City of Sherburn or any other route that I have seen for Martin County. Route A is located too close to the residents, schools, churches, & businesses of Sherburn. "Modified Route A" located just North of I-90 follows the existing power line by Fox Lake. I do believe that there could be adverse health effects because of the 345 kV Transmission Line Project. Thank you for listening.

Nathan & Mary Whitehead

1321 State Hwy 4

Sherburn, MN 56171

FEIS ID #335

335.

Your objection to route A and preference for Modified route A are 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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Mr. Kirsch... Our small town communities to be honest... aren't much, but we here are a community of people who will fight for our little town that we all love. If this goes through you will have a lot of letters & upset people. Our small towns have been dwindling considerably in the last 50 years but this is a strong town that needs to stay. And I'll be damned if a power line will do that to me & my family & the family of others. If this power line goes up we will have to move to a different school district, MCW will be no more. And I don't want to go any where else than here... especially to graduate, my senior year. Please.. cancel this plan.. we would appreciate it greatly.

Signature: Bmwilliamson Date: May 8th, 2014

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P.S. I DONT WANT CANCER!!!

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Please do not grant permission for the 345 kV transmission line project to come anywhere near the City of Sherburn or Fox Lake. This is not necessary. The people of Martin County have nothing to gain from this project and serious environmental consequences could result from it. Please listen to the small voices of tax paying rural Minnesota residents and deny this request from ITC.

Signature: Deborah Williamson Date: 4/29/14

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337.

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

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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: Date: 4-29-2014

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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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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: Sarah Zabel Date: 4-29-14

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FEIS ID #339

339.

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

FEIS ID #340

From: Judy Zehms
To: Kirsch, Raymond (COMM)
Subject: 345k Transmission Line Project
Date: Thursday, May 08, 2014 9:48:04 AM

Please do no upgrade the 161kV line. Our son already has a pole on the corner of his building site which is also too close to his house. We had to battle to get this pole moved across I90 which did not happen. We own the farmland which he rents from us. It did not do us much good to try to fight last time to get a pole moved which would really not have been to hard to do. If you do upgrade the 161 line and put a bigger pole close to our son's house, he will not live on the building site which would probably not be good for all of our family. This pole is in Section 12, Jay Township, one mile west of Sherburn on the south side of I90. We all would like the new line to stay on the north side of Sherburn and I90. Thank you for your time.

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340.

Your objection to utilizing the existing 161 kV line which runs along I-90 from the Lakefield substation to Sherburn, and your preference for routing on the north side of Sherburn and I-90 are noted and included in the record for this EIS.

FEIS ID #341

From: apache@web.lmic.state.mn.us
To: Kirsch, Raymond (COMM)
Subject: Zehms Mon May 5 10:21:41 2014 ET6675/TL-12-1337
Date: Monday, May 05, 2014 10:21:46 AM

This public comment has been sent via the form at: mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/publicComments.html

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

Docket number: ET6675/TL-12-1337

User Name: Mark Zehms

County: Martin County

City: Sherburn

Email: mark.zehms@agcocorp.com

Phone: 507 764 2962

341-1 Impact: Our preferred route is modified route A. We do not think that the I-90 route is feasible because it would mean abandoning the current foundations and structures that are less than 10 years old and although the map for the new 345 kV line shows it crossing I-90 just West of our residence instead of following the current 161 kV line through our windbreak the new 345 kV line would still be less than 150 ft. from our home. I personally do not understand why a 345 kV line cannot be placed less than 300 ft. from a school or daycare but can be placed less than 300 ft. from anyone's home.

341-2 I also would like to know why ratepayers in our area will see an increase in electricity costs when we are generating all of this wind power locally. Is this line really required for our area? Why doesn't the electricity this line will carry stay local causing our rates go down? If this transmission line is needed for local reliability why is the electricity being transmitted 3 and 4 states away?

341-3 Mitigation: The final route that is chosen should not be allowed to be placed within 300 ft. of any residence.

Submission date: Mon May 5 10:21:41 2014

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

FEIS ID #341

341-1.

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

341-2.

Whether ITCM's proposed project is needed is a question to be answered by the Commission and is outside the scope of the EIS (Appendix A). Considerations raised by the comment such as cost and reliability are included in the criteria that the Commission utilizes in making a decision on a certificate of need (see Section 2.1.3 of the EIS).

341-3.

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

FEIS ID #341

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FEIS ID #342

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PUBLIC COMMENT FORM
Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Minnesota to Iowa 345 kV Transmission Line Project
Docket Nos. ET6675/TL-12-1337 and ET6675/CN-12-1053

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City: SHERBURN 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.**

I hope this reaches the judge, because all the facts & subject matter on what happened on the ECEL 161 line never got to Judge Klein, so I hope all the comments reach the judge on this 345 line. I was so embarrased how the State of Minnesota handled what happend to my farm, my family and some of my neighbors and the cover ups. I just hope we have a better understanding judge that will consider all the impacts on this new line.

Signature: Richard W. Zehms Date: 5/4/14

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342.

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

FEIS ID #343

From: apache@web.lmic.state.mn.us
To: Kirsch, Raymond (COMM)
Subject: Zehms Fri May 9 06:01:25 2014 ET6675/TL-12-1337
Date: Friday, May 09, 2014 6:01:30 AM

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

Docket number: ET6675/TL-12-1337

User Name: Shirleen Zehms

County: Martin County

City: Sherburn

Email:

Phone:

343-1 Impact: I live 1 mile West of Sherburn along I-90. There is already a 161kV line running within 100 ft. of our home. We have three boys still at home and I now watch my granddaughter and she is 3 1/2 months old. I am very concerned with the health risks that high voltage transmission lines may impose on my family.

343-2 Mitigation: My preference is modified route A.

Submission date: Fri May 9 06:01:25 2014

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

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FEIS ID #343

343-1.

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

343-2.

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

FEIS ID #344

LYLE E. ZIEMANN

May 6, 2014

Mr. Ray Kirsch
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Re: PUC Docket Nos. ET6675/CN-12-1053 and ET6675/TL-12-1337

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This is with regard to the DEIS for the proposed routing options for ITC Midwest's Minnesota-Iowa 345 kV Transmission Line Project in Jackson, Martin, and Faribault Counties. I am a property owner affected by several of these options and have been following progress on this project.

344-1

344-2

Our property is in the NE quarter of Section 19 in Rutland Township, Martin County, Minnesota. ITC's proposed Routes A, B, and Modified Route A, and a number of alternatives shown in the DEIS affect this property. Of the three main options, I strongly oppose Route A, because of its close proximity to farmsteads along 196th Avenue, with attendant visual and unknown, but potentially harmful radiation effects upon people residing there. Of those three options, I prefer Modified Route A, which would run coincident with an existing 69 kV transmission line along the north side of our property; however, I have concerns with that option. A 345 kV line there would interfere with aerial crop spraying due to the height of the 345 kV line, and excellent cropland would be taken from production by the tower foundations, assuming that farming would be permitted within the right-of-way. If farming is not permitted within the ROW, the impact would be unacceptable.

344-3

It is very difficult to understand why routing the new line across Charlotte Lake, which would have less negative impact than any of the proposed routings bypassing the lake, has apparently not been seriously considered. There has been a major transmission line across that lake for many years. Routing the new line there would follow existing ROW and have little or no increased environmental impact versus what is already there, an impact that is and will remain very small.

It is also unclear why routing along I-90 has not been seriously considered for this section of the project, even though that routing has been proposed further west.

In conclusion, ITC's proposed routings and alternatives in the DEIS seem to place less value upon the negative impact to humans living along those routings than to environmental factors having little direct impact upon anyone. In the case of the I-90 option, it also appears that large corporations, such as Wal-Mart, may have more influence on the routing process than small farmers do.

Sincerely,

Lyle E. Ziemann

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FEIS ID #344

344-1.

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

344-2.

Your preference for Modified route A is noted and included in the record for this EIS. Section 5.4 of the EIS discusses potential agricultural impacts of the project and possible mitigation measures.

344-3.

Your preferences for route variation LC-4, which crosses Lake Charlotte, and for route alternatives that utilize I-90 are noted and included in the record for this EIS. The EIS analyzes five route alternatives (I90-1 through I90-5) that utilize I-90 to varying degrees and could be selected for the project.

FEIS ID #345

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May 7, 2014

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

Dear Mr. Kirsch:

This letter written in regards to the DEIS for the proposed routing options of the ITC Midwest's Minnesota – Iowa 345 kV line project in Martin County. I am a property owner with farmland located on the NE corner of Section 19 in Rutland Township, Martin County, Minnesota.

225-1 My land is affected by several of ITC's proposed routes, specifically routes A, B, and Modified Route A, that are shown in the DEIS. I am especially opposed to Route A which follows along 196th Avenue because of it's close proximity to farmsteads where young children are present and where there are specific plans for child care usage and future farm buildings. This route also blocks a significant amount of land from aerial spraying by creating large transmission lines on two side of the property as well as taking productive land out of service.

345-2 I prefer that the line be run along side the current transmission line that runs across Charlotte lake since it does not cause additional environmental issues beyond that which already exists and does not cause additional harm and disruption to new areas, and people, which all other options do. If for some unknown reason that is an absolute impossibility, then the only acceptable option is to run it on Modified Route A, which would run along side an existing 69kV transmission line. However, this option is also negative in that removes productive land, interferes with aerial spraying, and will reduce the value of our land.

345-3

As the former head of two large international corporate engineering organizations, I can see no reason why the line would not be run across Charlotte Lake for lower costs, less new environmental disruption, and certainly less negative impact on people and land values.

FEIS ID #345

345-1.

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

345-2.

Your preference for route variation LC-4, which crosses Lake Charlotte, is noted and included in the record for this EIS.

345-3.

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

FEIS ID #345

As a youth growing up in the areas affected, I walked and hunted these areas extensively, so am very familiar with the geography. I sincerely believe that running the lines on all of the options other than across Charlotte Lake cause the most environmental harm because these routes would be disrupting new territory. I ask that you seriously consider the Charlotte Lake option as the preferred route.

Also, I do not understand why running the line along I-90 on the North side of Fairmont has not been seriously considered since transmission lines run for many miles west of Fairmont on this route. This would seem to reduce the overall environmental impact.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Theodore E. Ziemann

FEIS ID #345

345-4.

EERA held joint public information and EIS scoping meetings on July 16, 17 and 18, 2013. The purpose of these meetings was to solicit public comments on the scope of the EIS and alternatives to ITCM's proposed project. The scoping decision for the EIS (Appendix A of the EIS) provides an overview of alternatives proposed and identifies alternatives carried forward for evaluation in the EIS.

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Please don't let them put this power line so close to our school and through our town. I have lived and went to school here my whole life. This community is worth saving. There is so much rural areas that they could go through they don't have to go through Sherburn. I go to church here, I go to school here, people live here, good people. These power lines will ruin our lives. Please make them put them some where else.

Signature: Emily Ziemer Date: 5-7-14

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346.

Your objection to routing near Sherburn is noted and included in the record for this EIS. The issues you have identified including potential impacts to human settlement and human health are addressed along with potential mitigation measures in Section 5.0 of the EIS.

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