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**PUBLIC COMMENT FORM**

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

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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 read attached letter. Thank you for your time.

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Signature: *Sam Hansen* Date: 7-25-13

Please submit this form at today's meeting or mail it to the address provided on the back. You may use additional sheets, as necessary. Comments can also be e-mailed to the Department of Commerce Environmental Review Manager, Ray Kirsch, at: [raymond.kirsch@state.mn.us](mailto:raymond.kirsch@state.mn.us) or submitted online at: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities>.

## *City of Sherburn*

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Ray Kirsch  
Minnesota Department of Commerce  
Environmental Review Manager  
85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 500  
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July 25, 2013

Dear Mr. Kirsch,

On behalf of the City of Sherburn, we would like to express our concern with the ITC transmission lines coming into our City limits south of Interstate 90. If the lines came within our city limits, it would affect the health and welfare of our community. There is a neighborhood of homes that would no doubt decrease in value, and a church that would be unable to expand. The City of Sherburn would also be faced with a greater challenge if we were to expand in the future.

We are very concerned that if the lines came into town that there could be a health risk to those living in the cul-de-sac along with the church and the high school, as they have their community garden within the range of magnetic field of the transmission lines. We have heard growing concerns from citizens in our community regarding the connection of leukemia and strong power lines (as stated in the information you provided) and we certainly do not want to be put at risk, especially with a large church and with high school activities in the vicinity of the "danger zone".

Sherburn would also undoubtedly be faced with the devaluation of properties near the power lines being placed if ITC Midwest chooses to go south of Interstate 90. The homeowners there would have a harder time selling their home, and an even more difficult time getting a fair value on their property.

The City of Sherburn certainly understands the need for the new lines, and we are appreciative of the information and accessibility you have provided to us. We also understand that the recommendation of the board from this area recommended keeping the lines north of Interstate 90. We would kindly ask you to keep the lines north of Interstate 90 for the above stated reasons and if you would like to speak to us regarding any of this please do not hesitate to give us a call at 507-764-4491. Thank you for your time, and have a great day.

Sincerely,

  
Mayor of Sherburn

  
City Administrator