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May 14, 2014

Honorable Members of the  
Public Utilities Commission  
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Dear Public Utilities Commission Members:

The Martin County Board of Commissioners supports the proposed Minnesota-Iowa 345 kV Electric Transmission Project, which is going through Martin County, MN. However, we have a few concerns and comments regarding the proposed route(s) for the transmission lines that we would ask the Commission to consider and be aware of when making your final decisions.

The County Board members have attended the various public meetings held throughout the county, including the most recent meeting held in Fairmont, MN on April 22, 2014. Over the course of these meetings, we have heard from our constituents who are potentially affected by the Project. The Board, and on behalf of those residents who are affected by the proposed transmission project, we would state the following concerns,

- That the chosen route does not go through the north end of the city of Sherburn, MN
- That the chosen route does not go over existing homes or livestock facilities/buildings
- That the chosen route does not span over Fox Lake
- It would be preferred that the transmission lines be routed along Interstate 90

Again, we ask that you please consider the aforementioned concerns when finalizing the route for the Minnesota-Iowa 345 kV Electric Transmission Project.

### *Our Mission:*

*Martin County Government is to provide efficient and quality service to taxpayers and customers, utilizing partnerships, communication, and cooperation.*

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Minnesota-Iowa 345 kV Electric Transmission Project

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Schmidtke".

Dan Schmidtke  
Chair, Martin County Board of Commissioners

Cc: Lori Broghammer, Area Manager at ITC Midwest