

July 29, 2013

Mr. Ray Kirsch
Environmental Review Manager
Minnesota Department of Commerce
85 7th Place East, Suite 500
St. Paul, MN. 55101-2198

From: Mary L. Lanford, 645 E. Tremaine Ave., Gilbert, AZ. 85234 (480-497-1421),
djlanford@aol.com

RE: Minnesota-Iowa 345kV Transmission Project

Comments specifically related to: Section 36 Twp 103 Range 035; 120 acres, W1/2
SW1/4 & SE1/4 SW1/4, owned by the Mary Lanford Trust, Mary Lanford TTEE.
(North of Jackson, east side of Hwy 71 where ITC-Midwest jogs north off the 161 kV line)

Dear Mr. Kirsch,

My husband, David, and I met and spoke with you July 17 in Jackson, MN. We flew in from Arizona and attended both meetings. We were very interested in what ITC-Midwest LLC, the Public Utilities Commission and you, had to say. We also were very interested in the questions and comments of the local farmers/landowners.

I am enclosing some photos of my land. The flooded land photo (#1) looking east up my driveway from Hwy. 71 is from many years ago when the big tree and some of the farm buildings were still there. I don't have more recent flood photos but understand from my renter this is a frequent spring/summer occurrence. Fortunately the floods have been early enough that he has gotten good crops out of that area of the field for 16 of the 17 years he's rented the land. This year the rain hit late and the ground didn't dry up until it was too late for replanting that section of the field.

Even though this section of the field is completely tiled, it is the lowest land around, draining water from the neighbor's field to the south of my driveway (Larry Christopher), as well as my acreage. There is a large concrete culvert going under Hwy. 71 emptying the water from my field into the large drainage ditch west of the highway. My renter tells me this year the water depth was 3-4 feet high at that location----up to the white tip of the orange metal stake near the opening of the concrete culvert in attached photo (#2). I question whether soil that absorbs so much moisture can be stable enough to support the 345 kV transmission line poles.

I am concerned about my groves. Photos #3 and #4 also looking east up my driveway from Hwy. 71 show the slope of the land and the current presence of the

groves. The old building site is located east of the south grove. My family has owned this farm since the early 1900's. Over the years we have chosen to keep the groves and building site (with some foundations) rather than remove them and farm the land for the following reasons:

Reason 1. Environmental benefits: The groves/building foundations form a valuable barrier. The map showing the yellow right of way and gold route areas put the groves at a high risk of being fully or partially removed. I feel they are very important to prevent soil erosion and much greater flooding from the higher land (groves, building site and fields north and east of them.)

Reason 2. Building Site Value and Usability: This approximately 6 acres is a lovely site for a new home to be built. It is close to town, off a main highway, and private with wonderful mature trees. The close proximity of a high voltage power line, plus the removal of trees will certainly affect its desirability as a home site.

Reason 3. Wildlife Habitat: So many old farm places are being razed and planted for cropland. My groves, especially the large one to the north, has long provided a wildlife friendly location for deer, pheasants, fox, and other critters.

I now want to address the important issue of the vulnerability of the metal culvert which runs under my driveway. Photos #5 and #6 are taken from the grove looking west toward Hwy. 71. The culvert is under the driveway about mid-photo where you see the darker areas. Photos #7-12 show how exposed and vulnerable the culvert is to be damaged by any traffic. Our renter is very conscientious about this, and limits his load weights and trips across the culvert.

TC-Midwest could certainly NOT use my driveway as an access road OR for heavy equipment. If any dirt, sand or gravel to cushion the culvert were added it would only be washed into my field with the next flooding when the field to the south drains over my driveway, thus would not be an acceptable idea.

I realize there is a great deal more to this routing process than I understand, and that nobody really wants the new power lines on their land. Given my set of concerns, perhaps the route could jog further to the north than Route A currently proposes. I did color in some suggestions on the enclosed map.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider all of my issues and the implications of the proposed Route A on my farmland and building site and groves. Please contact me if you would like to discuss any of my points or issues.

Sincerely yours,

Mary L. Lanford

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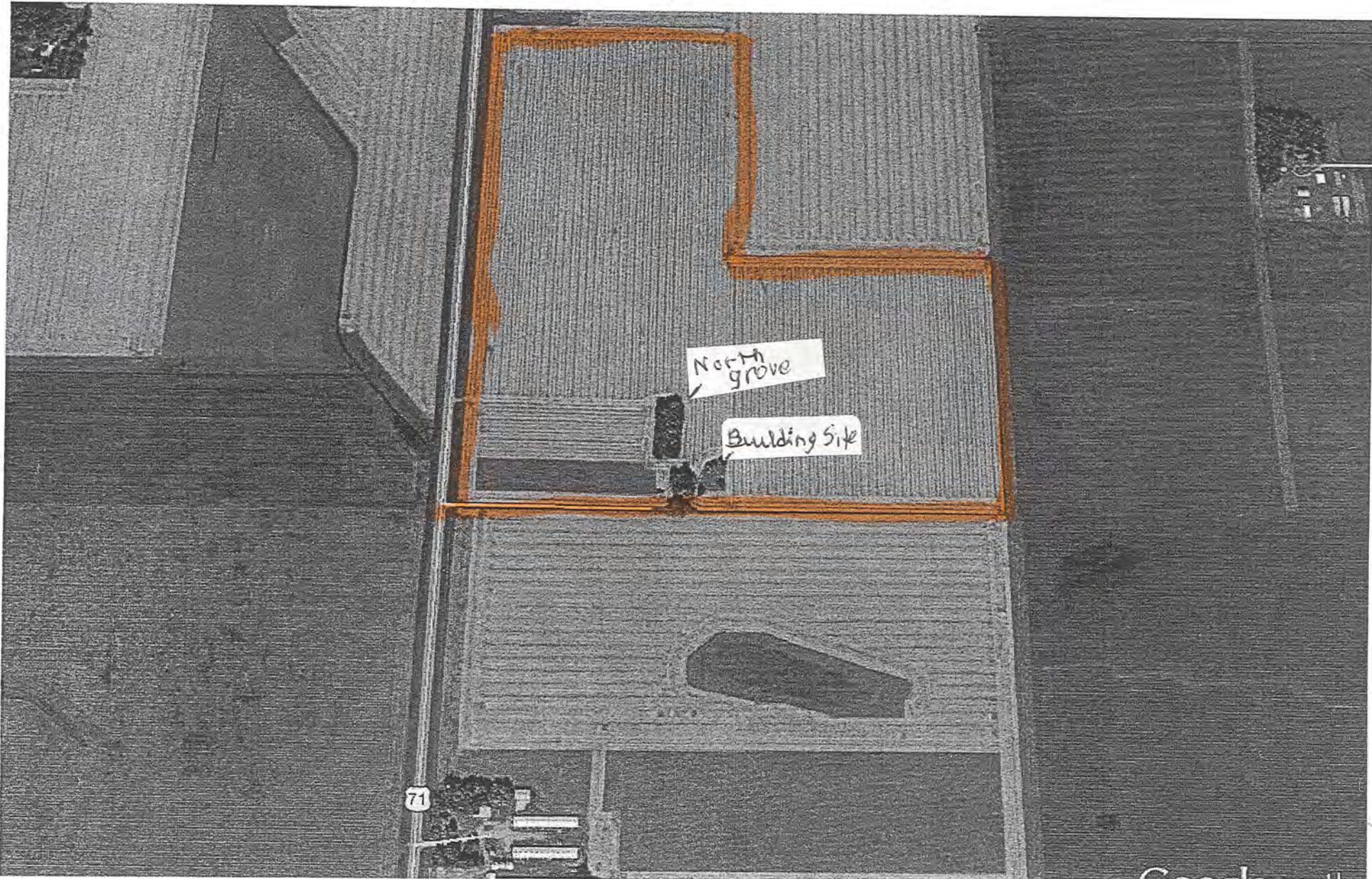
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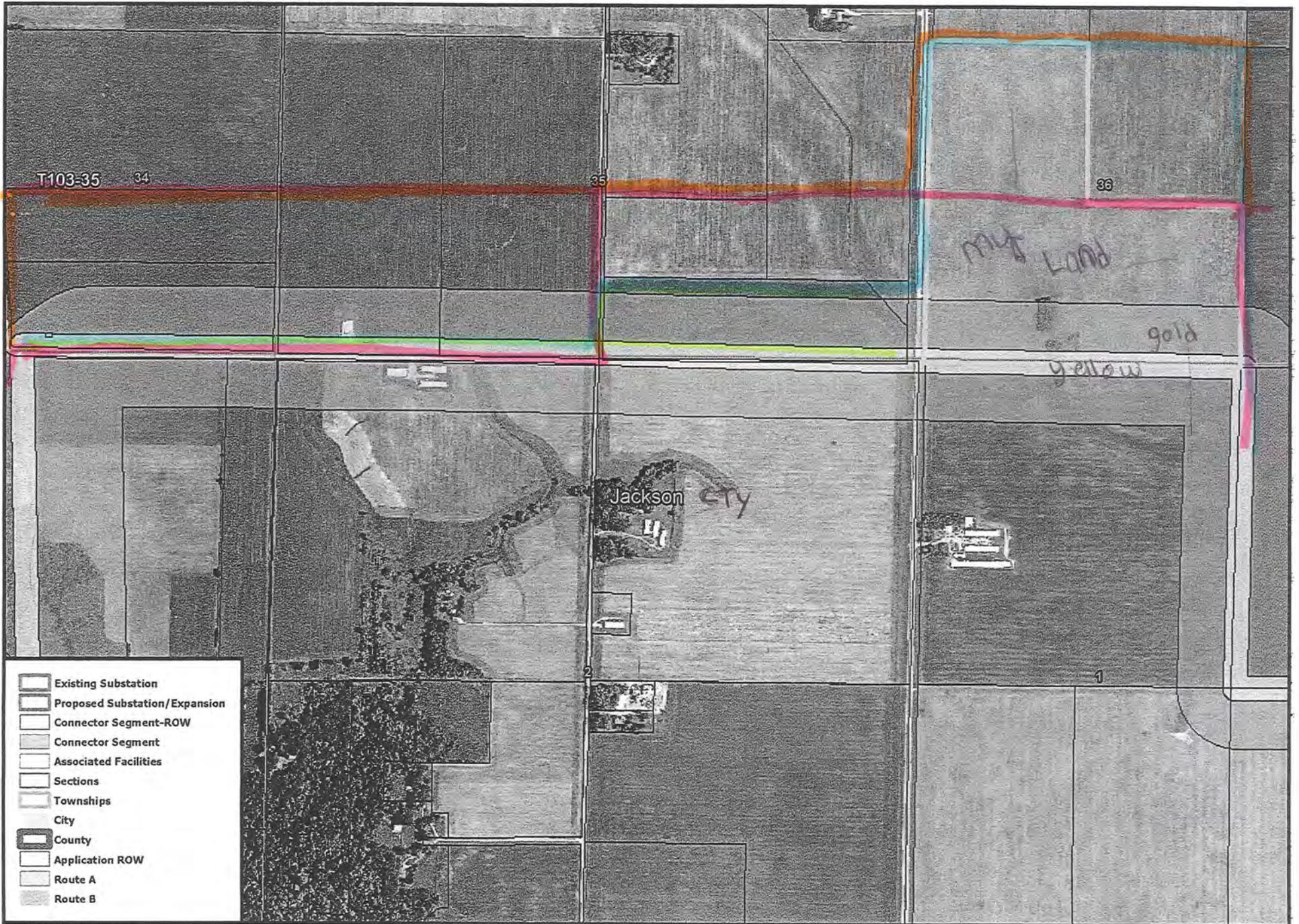
North grove

Building Site

71

Goodwin

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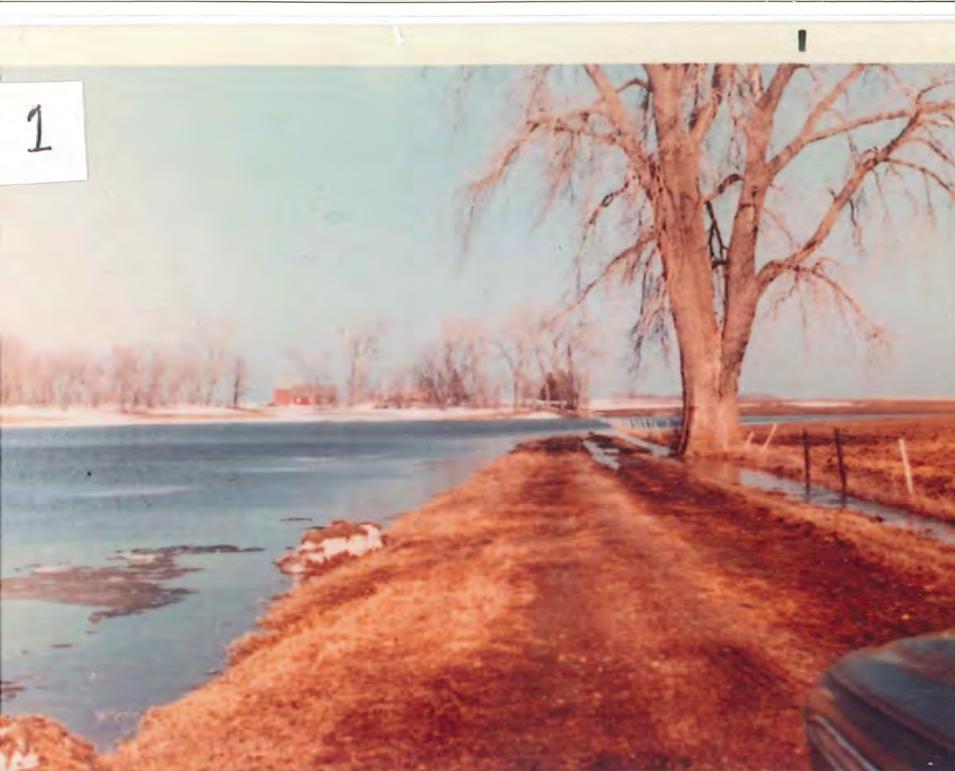
Date: 7/17/2013

trying to avoid other buildings & building sites



possible alternate routes??

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From: apache@web.lmic.state.mn.us
To: [Kirsch, Raymond \(COMM\)](#)
Subject: Laven Mon Jul 15 12:19:25 2013 ET6675/TL-12-1337
Date: Monday, July 15, 2013 12:20:35 PM

This public comment has been sent via the form at:
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: Joshua Laven

County: Martin County

City: Fairmont

Email: joshualaven@yahoo.com

Phone:

Impact: In response to ITC's new proposed route, why build on the south side of the interstate near Sherburn right through a Church's property and a number of fields when they already have a right-of-way on the north side? It really seems senseless...one of their proposals had called for using the existing right-of-way and modifying the current structures to carry the current load plus the new load which make way more sense. I think that trying to obtain more property on the south side of the interstate would make that area look like a jumbled mess of structures and wires. Talk about an eyesore. What would that do for that church?--not only would it significantly lower their property value, but also limit their ability to add anything on in the future like playground equipment for the kids.

How would that not affect flight patterns of birds?? Why have conductors running all over the place?

The last thing we need to do on these large scale upgrades is just throw something together haphazardly. I believe that aesthetics should also play a huge role. Look how long the existing systems have been in place. We need it to look good because you're talking about a lot of years to look at this stuff. Please reconsider this amended route and make ITC use it's existing right-of-way for the build.

Mitigation: The very best mitigation to relieve the significant negative effect of the proposed route is to use the existing right of way--that's what it is there for. Structures that hold the current and proposed new conductors exist. It may take a little planning, but it would look a whole lot better than simply running more conductor across the interstate. Again, we have to live with this stuff for decades so we must do it right.

Submission date: Mon Jul 15 12:19:25 2013

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
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Name: Steven P. Lawrence Email: slawrence9760@bcvcomm.net
 Street Address: 1120 Highland Drive
 City: Blue Earth MN State: MN ZIP: 56013

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Please use route A. Route B would cut up several of our fields. Route B would impact the way we farm these fields.

Signature: St P Lawrence Date: 7/19/13

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Name: WAYNE & DONNA LAWRENCE Email: wd7900@bevc.com.net
 Street Address: 120 BARTEL DR.
 City: BLUE EARTH State: MN ZIP: 56013

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We are already impacted by route A & would prefer that ~~that~~ is the route used. Route B would impact another 160A of ows. Cuts it completely in half. We prefer Route A.

Signature: Donna Lawrence Date: 7-18-2013

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April 12, 2013

FROM

Eugene & Betty Lehman
1642 196th Av.
Fairmont, MN. 56031.

To State of Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

PUC Docket Number: ET-6675/TL-12-1337

There is an existing 161 KV line 360 feet north from our home.
There is a proposed 345 KV line 395 feet north west from our home.
There is a proposed 161 KV line 145 feet west from our home.

My grandparents bought this farm in February of 1932.
My wife and I and our 2 children moved this farm in 1971.
We bought this farm in 1979, since we have remodelled and added to the home. Also added 2 new livestock buildings, 2 large storage buildings, 1 with a shop, 2 grain storage bins.

We have planted trees giving us a wind brake on the north and west, also on the west side of the road, [196th Av.] is a wind break starting just south of the existing 161 KV power line running parallel with the road. This wind brake is in CRP and also an easement with Blue Earth River Basin Initiative Living Snowfence Conservation, consists of 0.7 Ac of "living snowfence" and 1.4 Ac. of "snow catch" for the total of 2.1 acres subject to the terms of the easement. This protects the road and our place from wind and snow. In the CRP and our grove there is a lot of wild life. We have worked hard to make our place nice, our granddaughter had her wedding in our yard. We have 42 years of memories and hopefully many more for our family.

My wife and I live here, we have 5 grand children who stay with us at different times. Also 3 great grand children ages 3 to 9 years old that stay 3 days and nights a week with us. They play in the yard where the proposed line would be a few feet away. It is a known fact that the magnetic field and stray voltage is a great health hazard to people especially in children.

We raise beef cattle, it is a proven fact that stray voltage can cause production problems such as breeding failures, abortions, poor rate of gain and death.

Route A proposed along 196th Av has 5 homes next to or very close proximity with small children living there full time, part time and visiting often, playing a few feet from the proposed power line.

A better route for the 345 KV line would be either connect route B to route A northwest of Welcome giving a direct route to the proposed substation at Huntley.
Another option would be to continue the 345 KV line along Interstate 90 and connect to the north-south line south of Huntley. The route along Interstate 90 would give the power line company better access to the line.

.These routes would eliminate the need for the existing 161 KV line from Fox lake to Huntley.

Thank you for your time.
Sincerely Eugene and Betty Lehman

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Name: EUGENE LEHMAN Email: _____

Street Address: 1642 196 TH AV

City: FAIRMONT State: MN. ZIP: 56031

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I ATTENDED YOUR MEETING JULY 16 AT FAIRMONT K.C. HALL 1:00 PM. I GOT UP TO TALK AGAINST THE LINE RUNNING ALONG 196 TH AV. BECAUSE OF THE 4 HOUSES CLOSE TO THE ROAD POSSIBILITY AFFECTING YOUNG CHILDREN. ALSO THE LOSS OF TREES IN THE PART OF FARMSTEAD WINDBRAKE. WHEN MR. KIRSCH ASK ME WHAT TO DO I SAID MOVE ALONG I 90. AFTER THE MEETING I TALKED TO ENGINEER DICK COEUR, HE TALKED ABOUT THE PROBLEMS WORKING ALONG I 90 AND THE NEED TO LOOK INTO THE RUTLAND SUBSTATION. AFTER CONSIDERING THE BEST IDEA FOR THE LINE, BUILDING A 345 KV. LINE ALONG

Signature: Eugene Lehman Date: JULY 19, 2013

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ROUTE B AND RUN A LINE 1 MILE NORTH TO THE RUTLAND SUBSTATION. THIS WOULD ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR THE EXISTING 161 KV LINE WHICH IS ABOUT 54 YEARS OLD.

RESPECTFULLY

EUGENE LEHMAN

507-236-4092

Signature: Eugene Lehman

Date: JULY 19, 2013

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From: [John and Diane](#)
To: [Kirsch, Raymond \(COMM\)](#)
Subject: transmission line project
Date: Friday, August 02, 2013 8:13:26 PM

Our property was homesteaded 137 years ago when U.S. Grant was President of the United States. In 1976 our farm was recognized as a Minnesota State Century Farm. A Minnesota DNR naturalist has identified native prairie ground, plants and flowers on our farm. The DNR has always wanted to preserve this and surrounding areas.

Our farm was part of the original Norwegian settlement called Brownsburg. This has been recognized by the Jackson County Historical Society.

This is why we are opposed to Route B.

We feel this is a part of history that has been preserved and should continue to be. The presence of of transmission lines across this beautiful area would diminish this. We strongly feel the transmission lines should stay where they currently are.

Sincerely,

John Lilleberg

Section 28 Belmont Township, Jackson County, Minnesota

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 :

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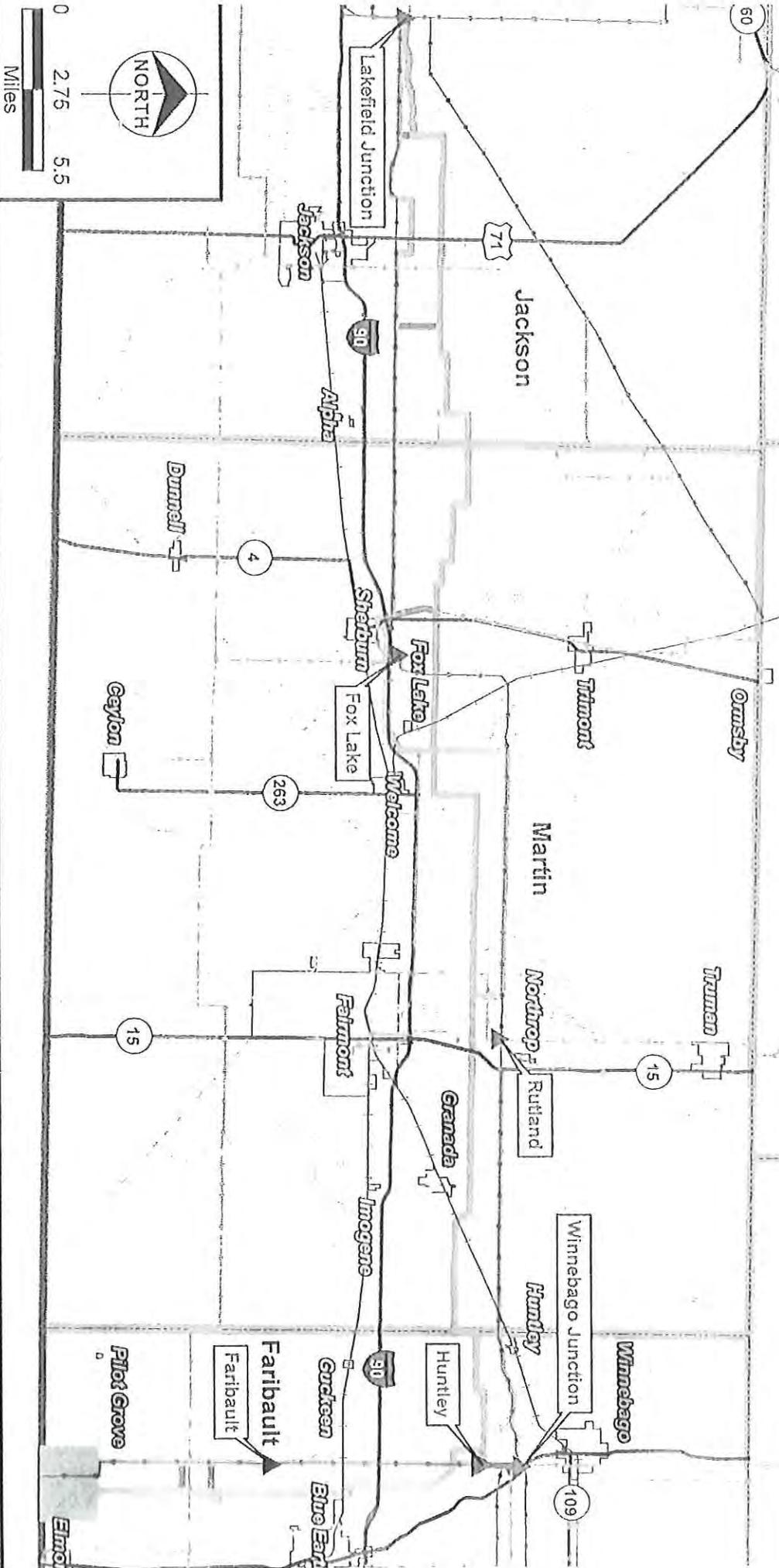
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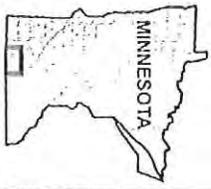
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Name: DON LOOS Email: jloos@midco.net
 Street Address: 310 N. Lynn
 City: Sherburn State: MN ZIP: 56171

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SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT

Signature: Donald Loos Date: 7-28-13

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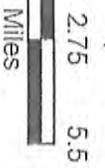
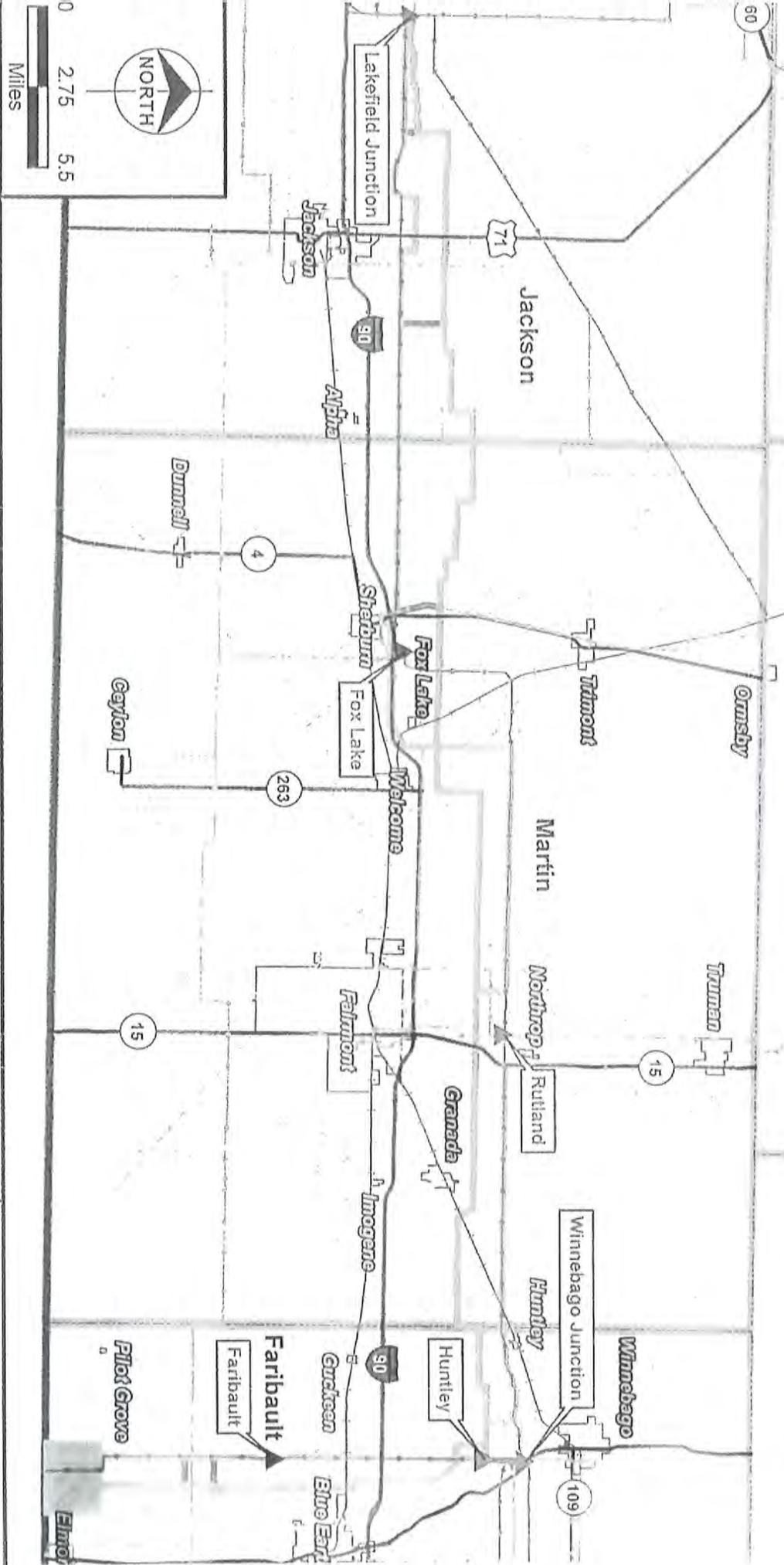
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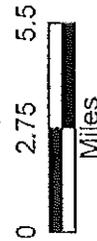
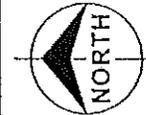
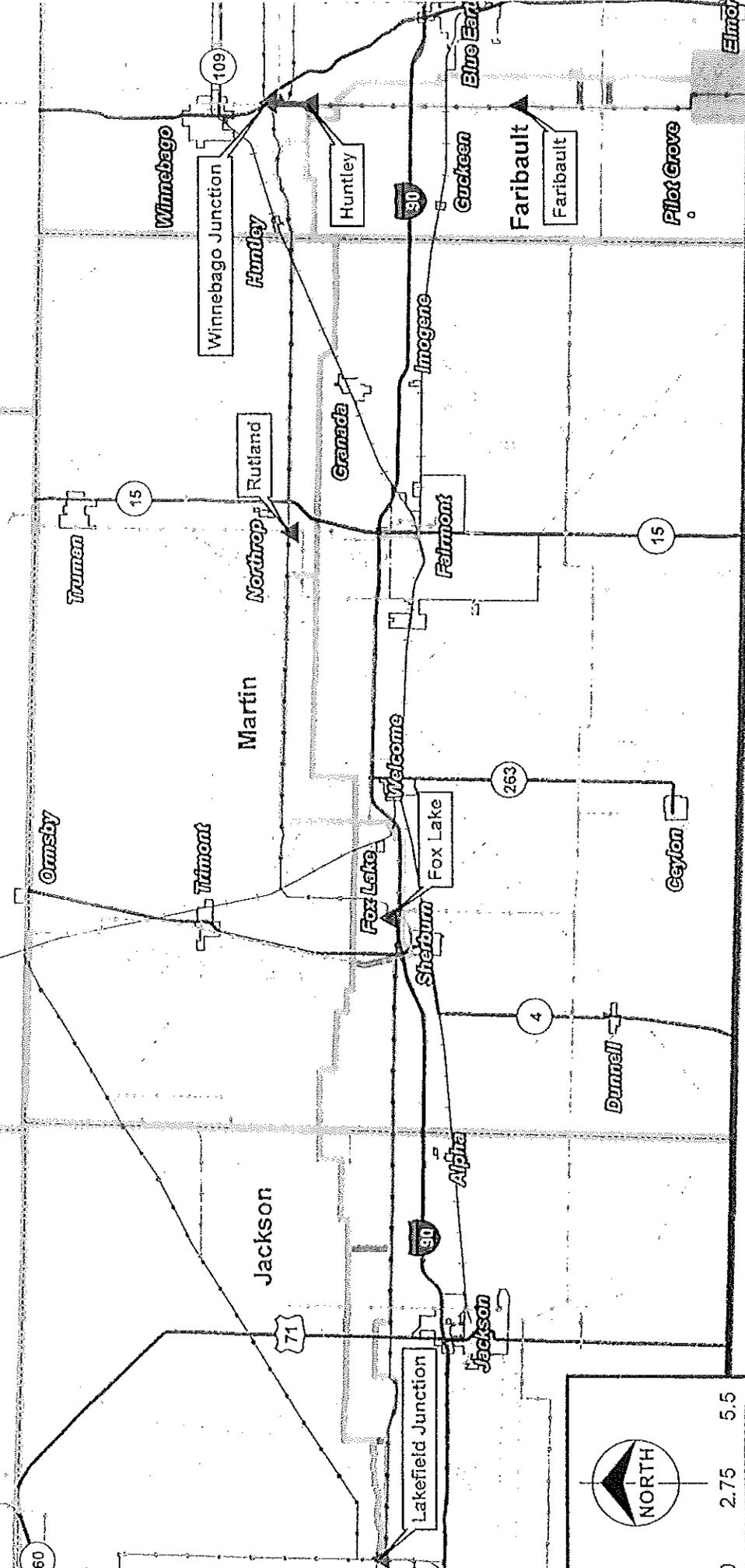
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From: [Regional Worship Center](#)
To: [Kirsch, Raymond \(COMM\)](#)
Subject: 345 kV transmission line
Date: Monday, July 15, 2013 12:03:12 PM

re: PUC Docket Numbers ET-6675/CN-12-1053 and ET-6675/TL-12-1337

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Sincerely,
Janet Loos
Sherburn, MN



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Name: Janet Loos Email: jloos@midco.net
 Street Address: 310 N Lynn
 City: Sherburn State: MN ZIP: 56171

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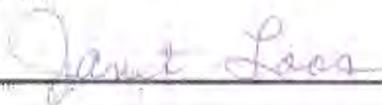
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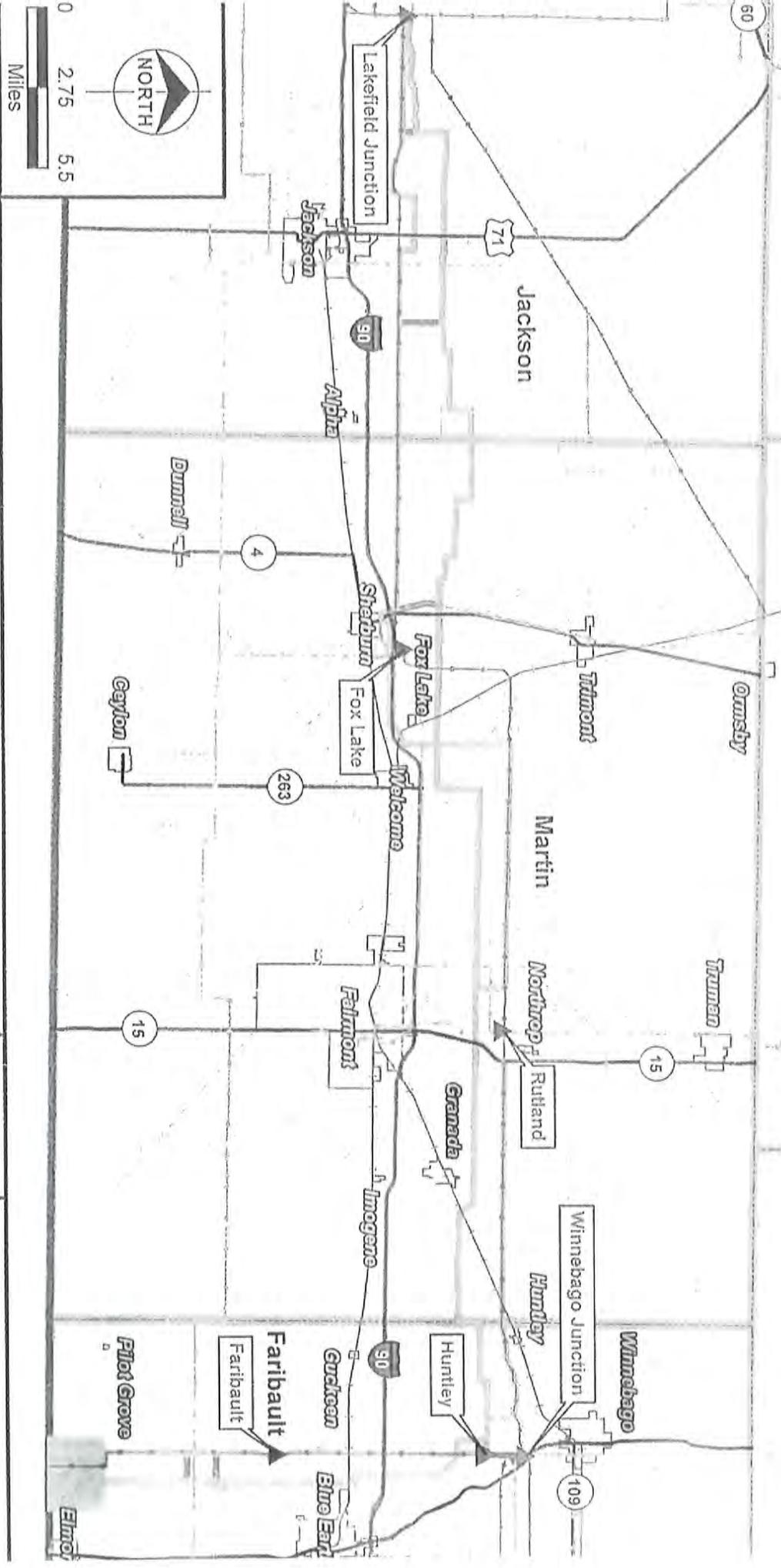
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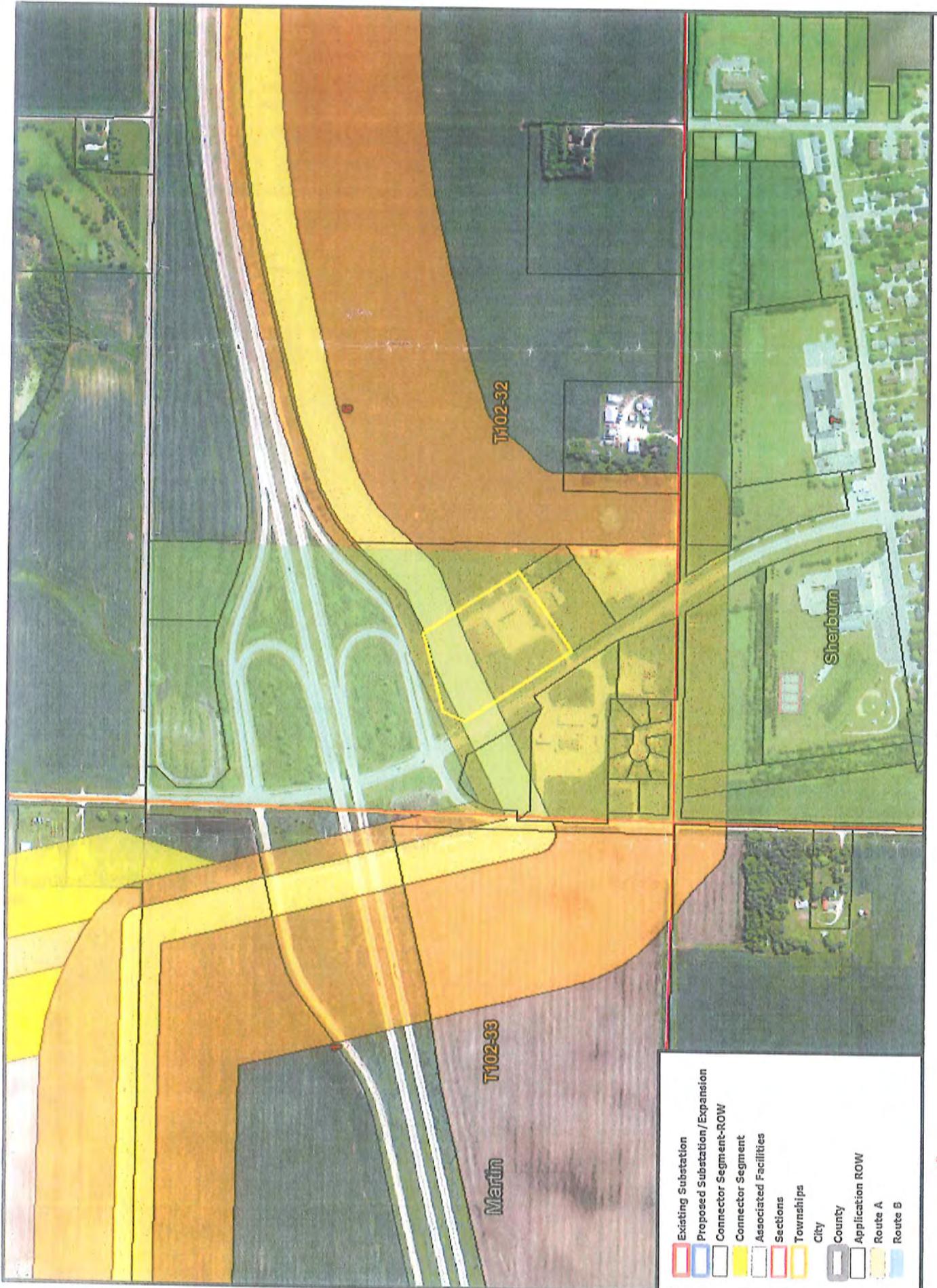
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Name: STEVE LOOS Email: steveloos@alliantenergy.com
 Street Address: 400 COUNTY ROAD 13
 City: Sherburn State: MN ZIP: 56171

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Signature: [Signature] Date: 7-28-13

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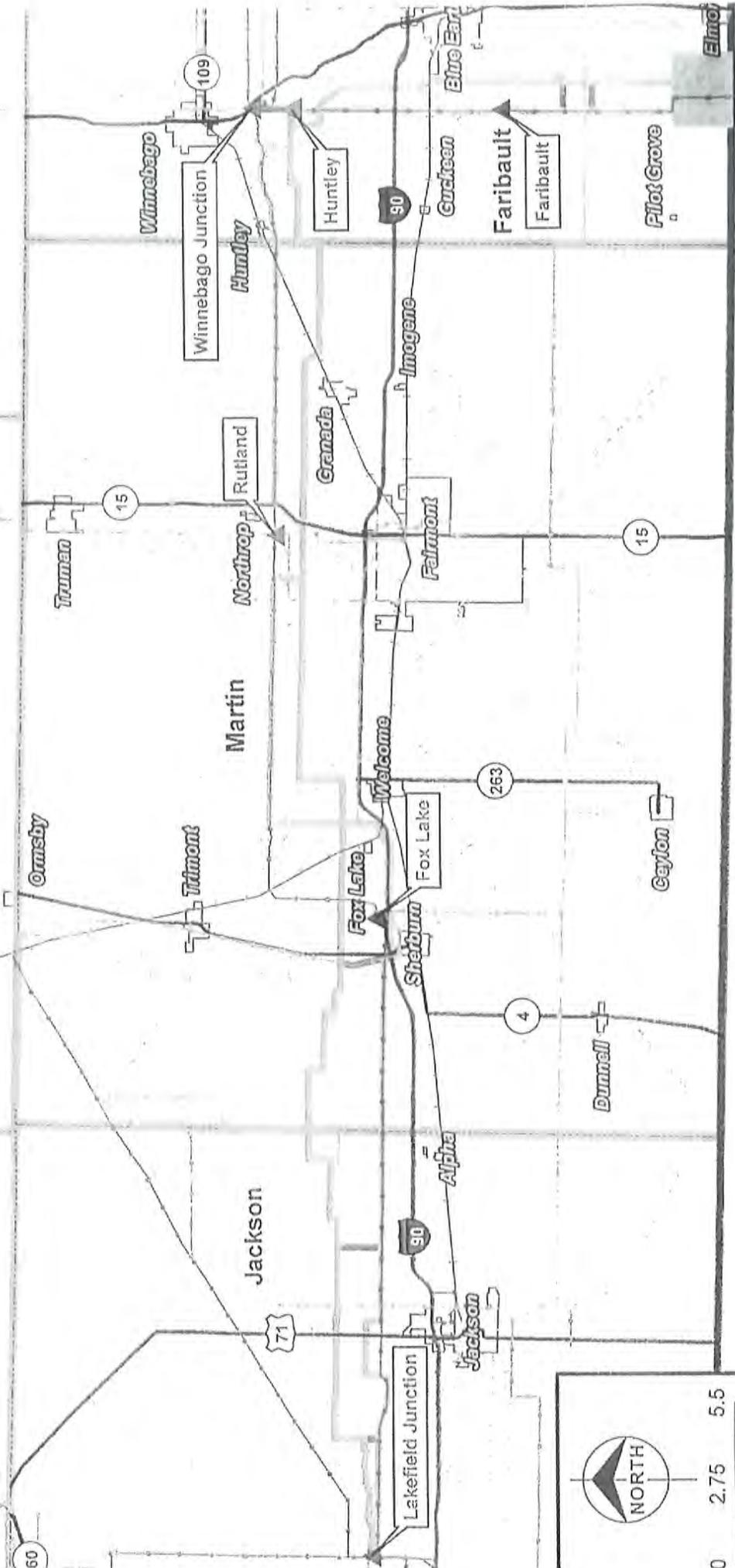
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From: apache@web.lmic.state.mn.us
To: [Kirsch, Raymond \(COMM\)](#)
Subject: Loos Mon Jul 15 08:14:11 2013 ET6675/TL-12-1337
Date: Monday, July 15, 2013 8:15:18 AM

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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: Steven Loos

County: Martin County

City: Sherburn

Email: sloosky@hotmail.com

Phone: 507-764-4338

Impact: Hi, I would like to comment on a small section of the proposed line. At the north end of Sherburn the line is proposed to go right through our church lawn. There are children that play on this lawn. Also the church has plans of expanding to the north, which this line would make that nearly impossible. There is plenty of bare ground that could be used without ruining this. There is an existing power line on the north side of the freeway(I-90). It should be run right with that line. So I guess I just wanted to say that I am very much against this line. Thank You

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Submission date: Mon Jul 15 08:14:11 2013

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Name: Tammy Loos Email: _____
 Street Address: 4000 County Rd. 13
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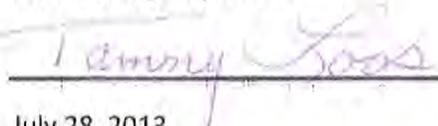
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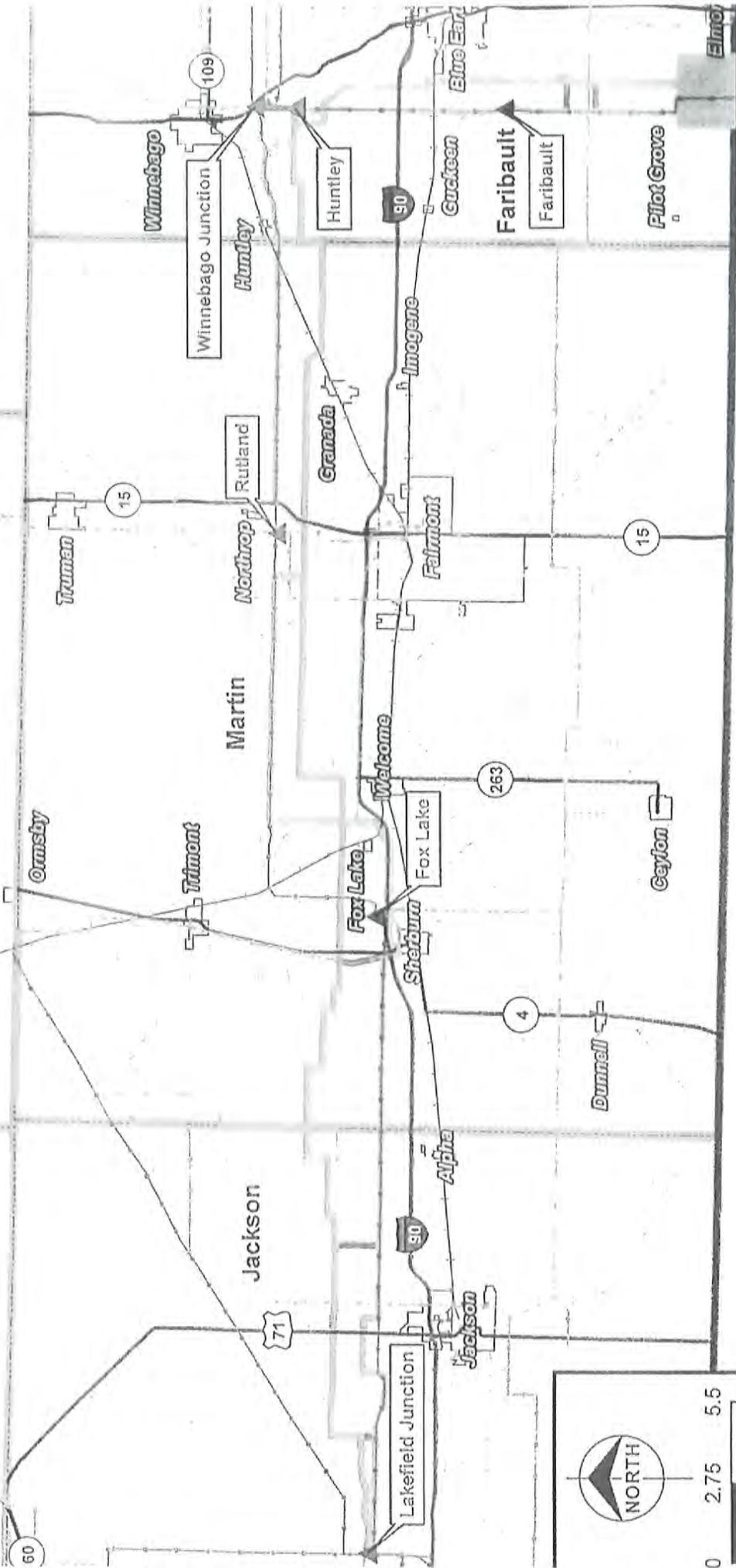
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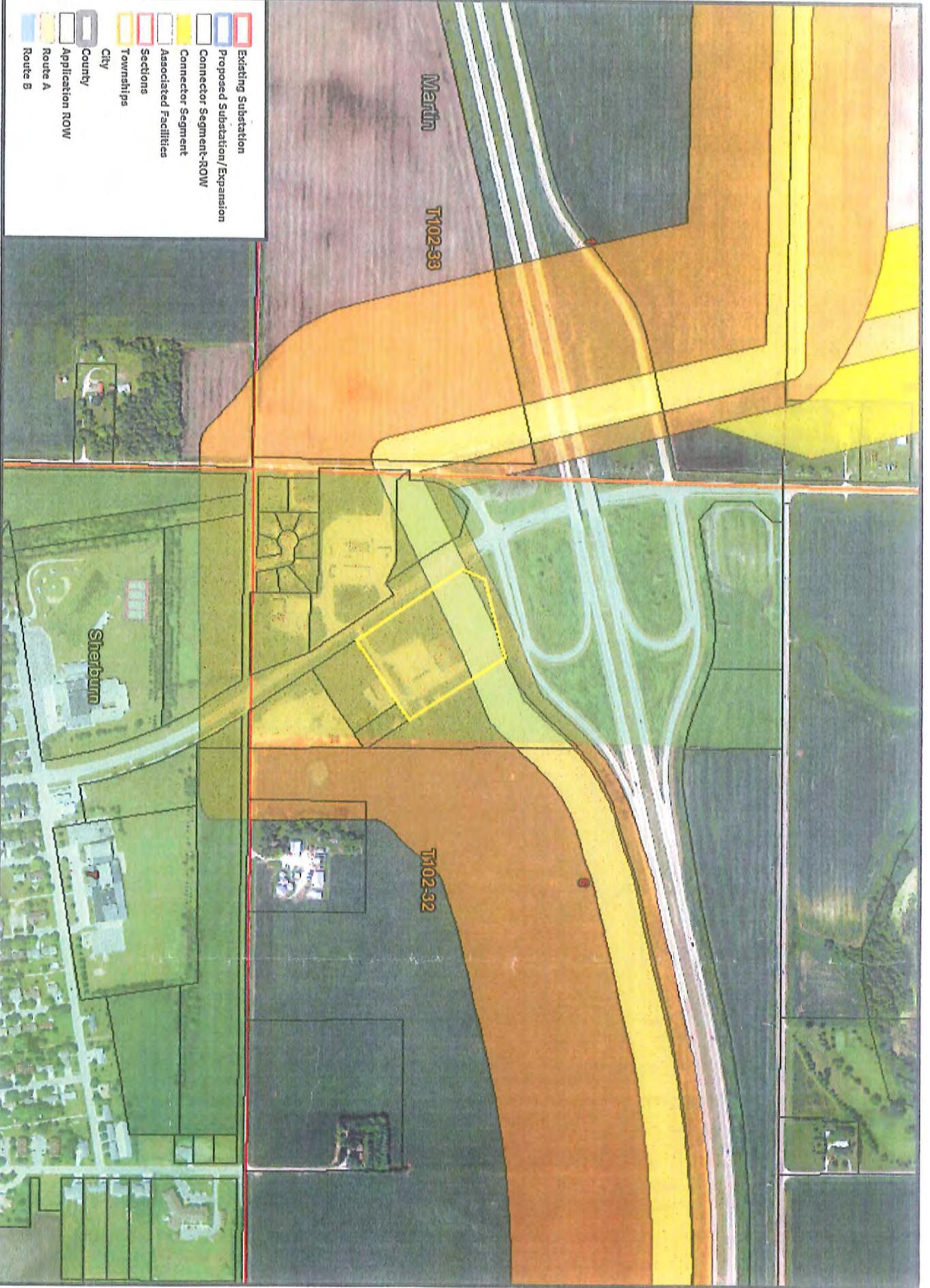
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Re: ET-6675/CN-12-1053 and ET-6675/TL-12-1337

Sir:

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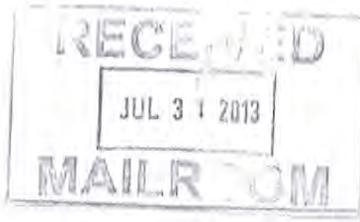


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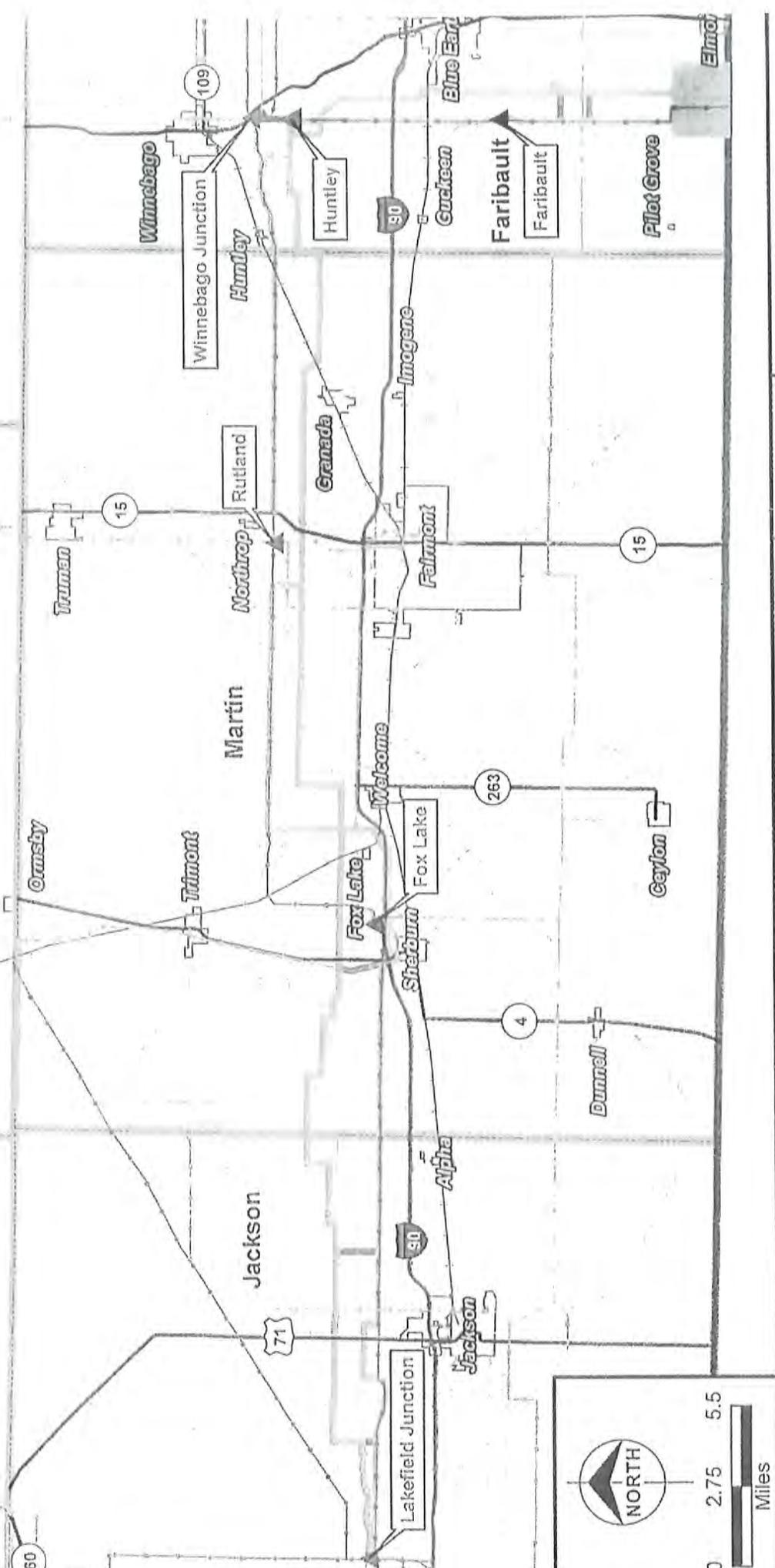
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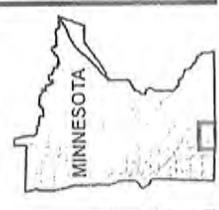
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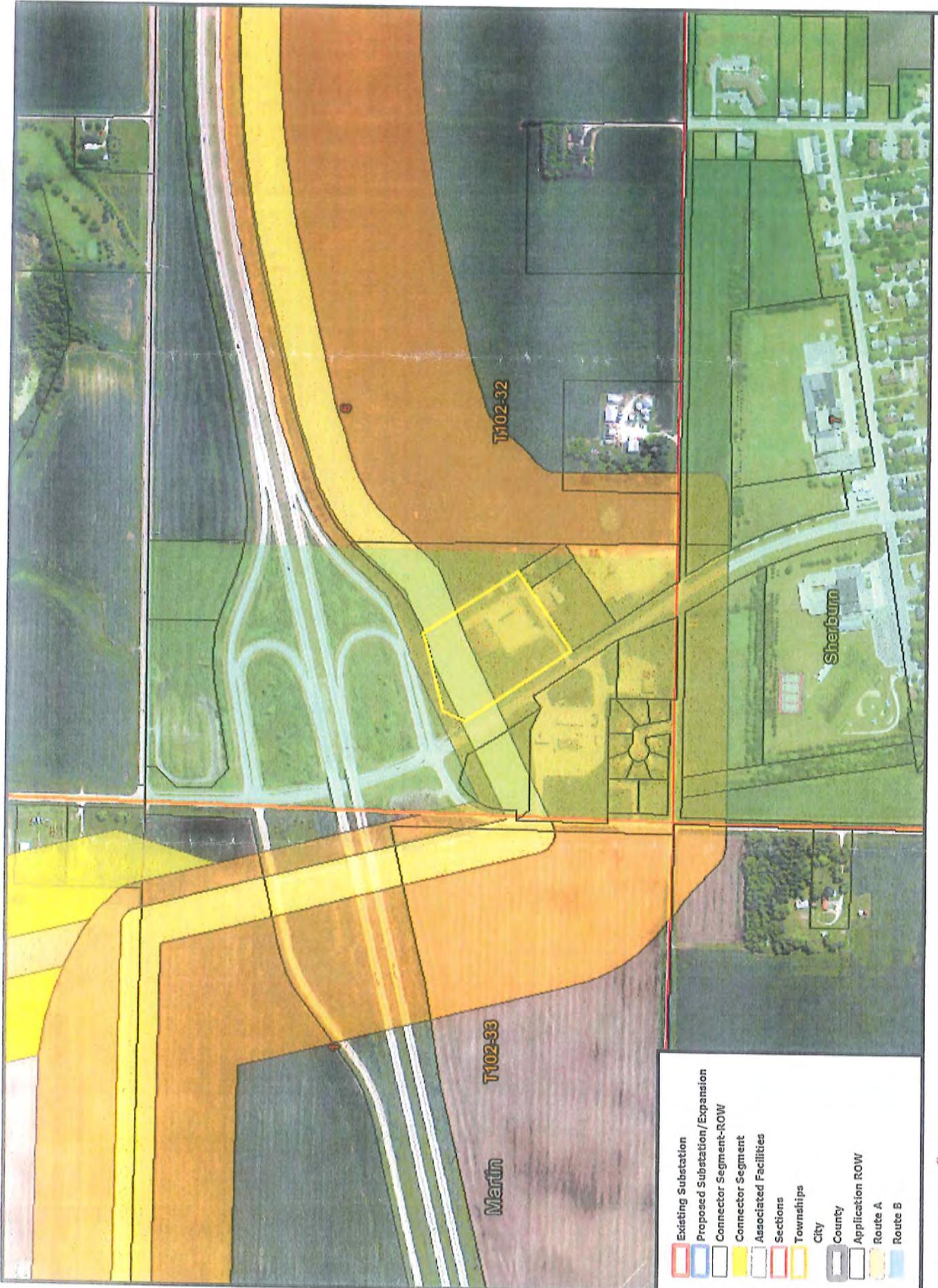
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Subject: Lutterman Tue Jul 16 14:42:50 2013 ET6675/TL-12-1337
Date: Tuesday, July 16, 2013 2:45:23 PM

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Docket number: ET6675/TL-12-1337

User Name: Della Lutterman

County: Martin County

City: Sherburn

Email: della.lutt@hotmail.com

Phone: 507-764-8752

Impact: I am wondering why the line jogs across Interstate Hwy 90 right by Sherburn. Will this be a safety issue for children because the line is so close to town and even crossing by the Assembly of God church lot?

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

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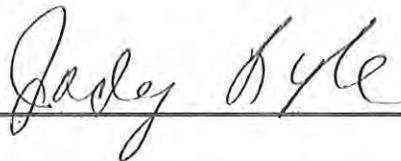
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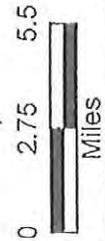
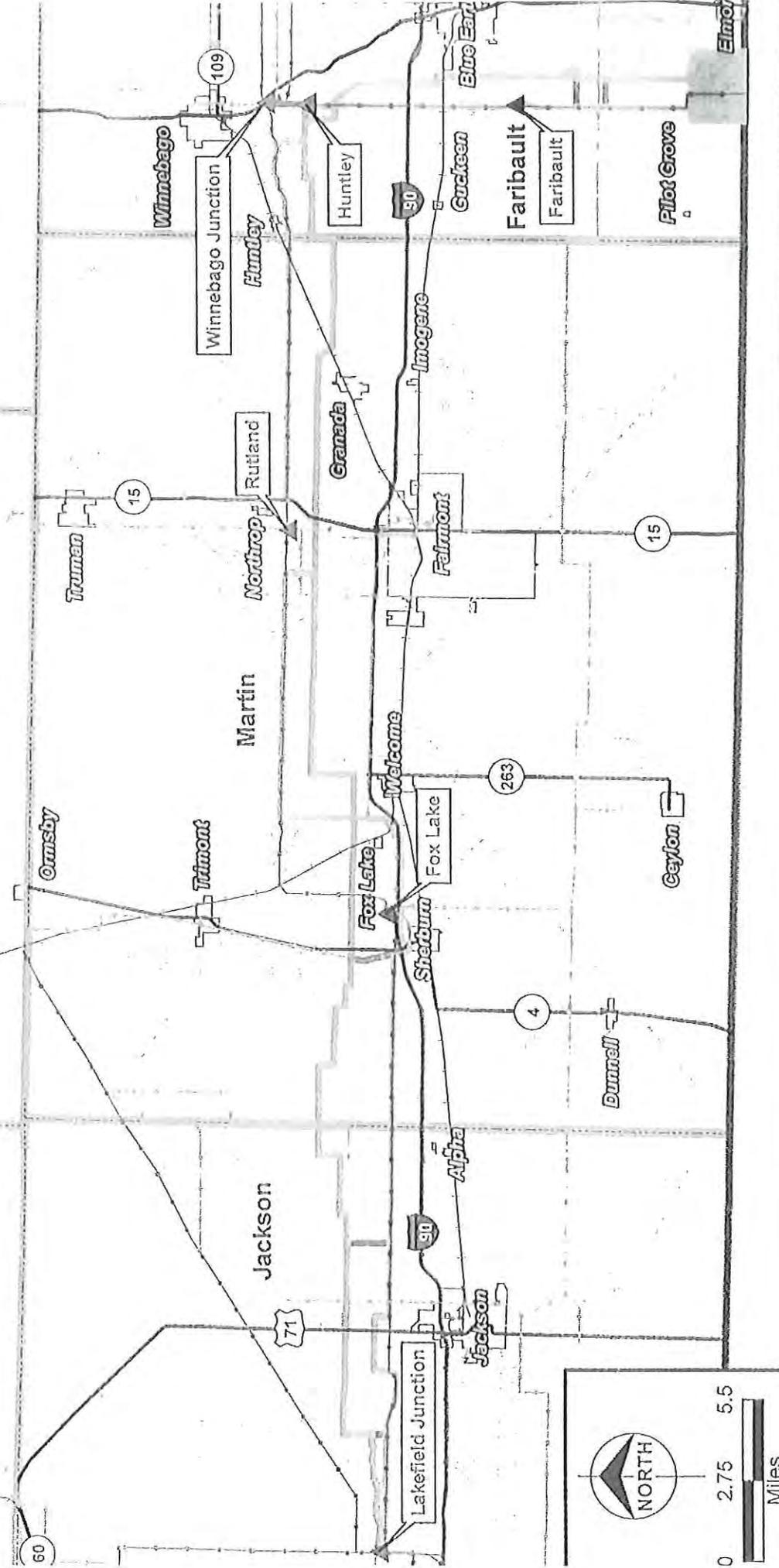
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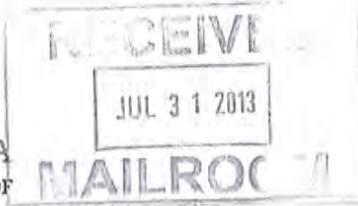


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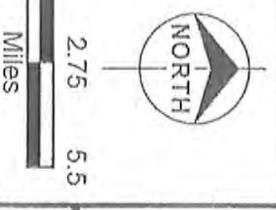
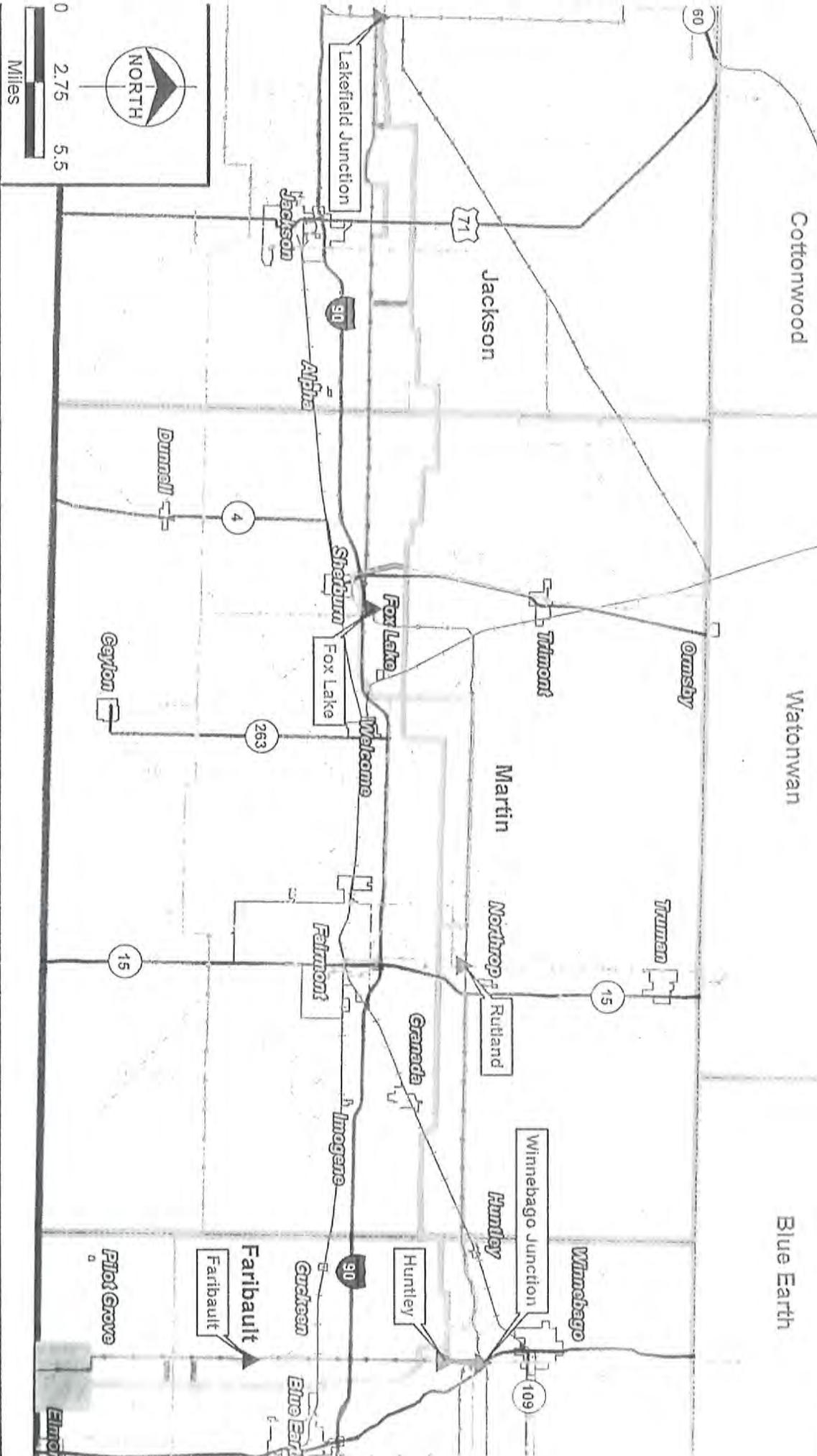
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