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Mr. Storm,

I would like to comment on the “need” for a power line from Manitoba to the Blackberry Substation in Itasca by Minnesota Power.

While I commend efforts to create a mix of power sources for the future, I think in this case this project does not make sense. They propose to run power lines for roughly 250 miles! Does Canada not need their own power? Does Canada have any coal plants that they could close down and use their own power? It would have the same CO2 emissions effect, but without destroying hundreds of thousands of acres of land with a 250 mile transmission line.

I grew up in Willmar, Minnesota, that had its own power plant, and then went to school at St. Olaf in Northfield, which also had its own power plant. To me, it makes more sense to build a plant where you need the power instead of destroying and disrupting hundreds of miles of land with a transmission line. Duluth has great infrastructure to support a power plant. The *only* reason not to build a plant in Duluth is our own stupidity of self-imposed regulations that are not based in any true scientific facts, but only in political hype and massaged statistics.

Minnesota Power has NO PHYSICAL NEED for to build this transmission line! Build a power plant where you need the power!

Thank you,

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