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Subject: Great northern Transmission Line Project Docket Number: E-015/CN-12-1163
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Greetings:

I am a farmer in Roseau County, MN and have a beef cow/calf and small grains operation. I live and farm in the area of one of the proposed routes. I am in opposition to the Minnesota Power Great Northern Transmission Line Project.

I attended the public meeting in Roseau on February 11th.

The following need to be researched thoroughly in the Environmental Review:

1. Is there truly a need and are there other options for the power than transmitting? If there truly is a need identified, why not create the power in the area that it is needed rather than transmitting it across valuable agricultural land. Shouldn't MN preserve every acre possible for producing food for our state and country. Also, keeping the business in the USA seems more appropriate.
2. At the meeting in Roseau, Minnesota Power stated they have a contract with Manitoba Hydro and are not able to cancel it. In my opinion, all contracts can be canceled and I expect they were not truthful. One of the public participants commented that Manitoba has not finalized any of the proposal so...how can Minnesota Power be so sure of themselves?
3. I am very concerned about the impact of electromagnetic fields for the cattle and other livestock in this community and also human health. In addition, Roseau County has many types of wildlife. What may the impact of harm be to the wildlife now and in the future?
Minnesota Power states that it is not significant, however, they also have the capacity to add even more kV to the lines. Please study this portion thoroughly - what are futurists saying from current data - not only that from ten years ago. One of the participants at the meeting shared that he has a deer stand for hunting near the power line by Salol, MN and the metal is warm (on a cold day)....how can we not say that there is potential for health effects on animals and humans?
4. Strong consideration should be given to the aesthetics and visual impacts for the community and the effect on farm operation and management. It is difficult to operate machinery around these huge power structures and a detriment to aerial spraying. People that live in rural America appreciate the open views of a beautiful sky and horizon and the sight of power structures is not appealing. Please consider the impact on the agricultural businesses both in the production and operation

Please consider all of the specific concerns listed in the Environmental Review.

Please reply informing me that I have sent my comments to the appropriate person.

Thank you.

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