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To: jbatkinson@mnpower.com; [Storm, Bill \(COMM\)](#)
Cc: [Joe Boyle](#)
Subject: Notice of Filing for the Great Northern Transmission Line Route Permit Application
Date: Thursday, May 15, 2014 2:43:33 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Re: Private Property

- 1) Section 32, Twp 58.0, Rg 23, Lot Blk, Acres 39.95**
- 2) Section 32, Twp 58.0, Rg 23, Lot Blk, Acres 40.06**
- 3) Section 32, Twp 58.0, Rg 23, Lot Blk, Acres 39.29
119.30**

TO: Jim Atkinson, Environmental Lead, Minnesota Power
Bill Storm, Environmental Review Manager, Minnesota Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Atkinson and Mr. Storm,

As a follow up to the letter we sent on April 30, and in an effort to keep the dialogue open with both MN Power and the MN Department of Commerce, we would like to clarify our concern and our wishes as you proceed through your process to determine the route for this power line.

Today we received notification that Minnesota Power filed the Route Permit Application with the MN Public Utilities Commission and the MN Department of Commerce. While we appreciate being notified of the progress, the information available to date does not clearly indicate whether the BLUE or ORANGE route is more likely to be the final route. Nor is there anything that would indicate that a combination of the two routes might be considered.

Below are two graphics that show your two routes and our lake property (GRASS LAKE in red circle). It is our fervent hope that you will avoid using the portion of the BLUE route that runs DIRECTLY through our Grass Lake property (see solid red circle in figure 1 below) and would affect multiple small lakes in the nearby area. All of these lakes (Thirty, Bray, Trestle, Crooked and our Grass Lake in dotted circle in Fig. 1) have homes near them and the construction of this power line along the BLUE swath proposed would negatively impact the land, habitat (including areas where bald eagles nest, as well as migratory birds like loons and snow geese), view and property value.

However, the ORANGE Route in this particular segment (See black arrow) does not go directly *through* lakes and lakefront property. These two routes meet up again to the south and west of all of the lakes (See Fig. 2), and at that point continue on toward Grand Rapids. It is this one portion of the project that we STRONGLY URGE you to consider using the ORANGE route.

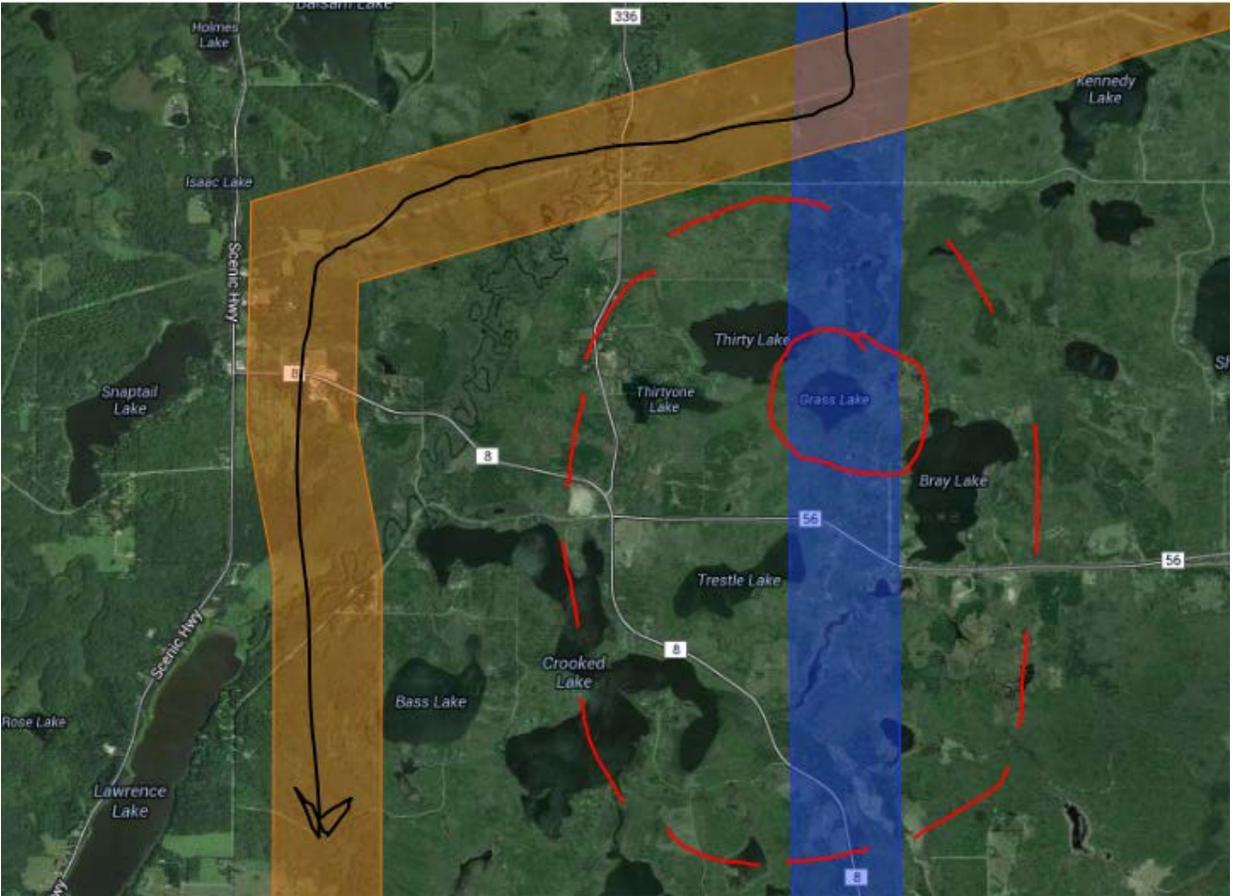
We would appreciate receiving confirmation that you received this letter. We would also be very interested in any information regarding decisions about the BLUE and ORANGE routes. We await continued updates on this project as well as your serious consideration of our concerns.

Thank you very much.

Most sincerely,

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FIG. 2





AAN Vision: To be indispensable to our members.

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