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**Subject:** Notice of Filing for the Great Northern Transmission Line Route Permit Application  
**Date:** Monday, August 18, 2014 3:41:40 PM  
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**August 18, 2014**

**Re: Buy the Farm Law Option  
Balsam Township Property  
Property ID Numbers:**

- **04-032-2200**
- **04-032-2300**
- **04-032-3200**

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

Hello Mr. Atkinson & Mr. Storm,

If the proposed Blue Route is chosen the transmission line will go directly through our property from north to south. (Property ID numbers listed above).

This is to hereby state that if this should be the case, we would like to take full advantage of the **Buy the Farm Law Option** as stated in the **Frequently Asked Questions** section of your **May 2014 Newsletter** (See link below).

[http://www.greatnortherntransmissionline.com/files/5814/0017/0976/Newsletter\\_May2014\\_web.pdf](http://www.greatnortherntransmissionline.com/files/5814/0017/0976/Newsletter_May2014_web.pdf)

Please confirm receipt of this letter so we know it has been received. We would welcome any further information with relation to the route decision as it pertains to our property – and also any insight you may have as to the Buy the Farm option as it pertains to our property.

Also, if this request needs to be sent to another contact better equipped to help us, please advise us with that contact info.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Joe Boyle [<mailto:jgboyle60@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 30, 2014 7:08 PM

**To:** 'jbatkinson@mnpower.com'; 'bill.storm@state.mn.us'

**Subject:** Notice of Filing for the Great Northern Transmission Line Route Permit Application

**Importance:** High

**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

Hello Mr. Atkinson & Mr. Storm,

This is in response to receiving the recent Notice of Filing Letter dated April 25. After reading the notice letter and having a phone conversation with Mr. Atkinson, my wife and I visited the [greatnortherntransmissionline.com](http://greatnortherntransmissionline.com) website and were stunned and saddened to find that the proposed Blue Route would pass *directly through the majority of our private property* which consists of the three sections listed above. This property is directly adjacent to the southern portion of Grass Lake and south to County Road 56 in Itasca County, and lies between Bray Lake and Thirty Lake. Also note that Blandin Paper Company owns the land adjacent to ours to the east and west.

Gentlemen, my wife and I are vehemently opposed to the *Blue Route* passing through our property and strongly encourage using the alternate *Orange Route* - which would pass north of Grass Lake and would not disrupt our personal private property.

The large swath of forest land that would be removed – and the eye-sore that your large and permanent transmission line would create would be unacceptable to my wife and I as private land owners.

We purchased this property 25 years ago because it was a unique, secluded and primarily untouched piece of property, ideal for hunting, fishing and hiking. We purposely made no changes to the property or altered the terrain in any way – outside of removing some timber on a select cutting basis. We've been excellent stewards of the land and so were extremely discouraged and disheartened learning of the proposed transmission line changing our landscape forever .

This transmission line would grossly alter the physical terrain, create a mammoth structure changing the views from the lake and forest, and drastically lower the value of our outdoor experiences – not to mention the property value. There's no arguing these points. This land has been a major part of our lives and a significant portion of our retirement dream for 25 years. The Great Northern

Transmission Line threatens our dream both physically, financially and psychologically.

If for whatever reason you forego using the proposed Orange Route – and it is decided to proceed with the Blue Route across Grass Lake and our land – then we must insist that The Great Northern Transmission Line, Minnesota Power and the Allete Company buy our land by paying us the fair market value for our 119.3 acres of property. While this would be a shame, it would allow us some recourse for starting over elsewhere - while allowing your organizations the use of the land as you deem necessary.

Since formal MPUC approval of the eventually selected route ultimately gives Minnesota Power the Route Permit and ***Eminent Domain*** to acquire the land necessary for the project pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 117, I implore you to hear our plea and give strong consideration to choosing the Orange Route over the Blue Route or, at the very least, altering the Blue Route to avoid Grass Lake and our property. Please advise us on which route is most likely to be chosen with regard to this area.

Also, please forward this correspondence to anyone that could potentially influence this decision – and provide us with the contact information for any individuals that could prove helpful. I will see to it that they hear from us. We hope to hear back from you very soon.

Thank you very much.

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