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Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary
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William Storm, MDOC
State of Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and
Minnesota Department of Commerce

PUC Docket Number/s: E-015/TL-14-21
OAH Docket Number: 65-2500-31637

Dear Mr. Haar, Mr. Kaluzniak, and Mr. Storm:

This letter is regarding the proposed route of the Great Northern Transmission Line running east/west and south of Roosevelt, MN of which I strongly oppose. I live in the rural Roosevelt area, and there are already two other manmade/synthetic structures (transmission/power lines) running east/west and south of Roosevelt within three miles of each other through beautiful wilderness including the Beltrami Island State Forest. In addition, I own 160 acres of land in the Beltrami Island State Forest in addition to my residence (homestead) in close proximity of this area. However, I have a couple suggestions/requests and “reasons why” regarding the proposed power line, and they are as follows:

- One suggestion/request is to run the proposed power line north of our 160 acres paralleling the existing power line running east/west, and it would not run through our private property, which is surrounded by state land. Therefore, the proposed power line would run through state land 100%, and the state of MN would get the money for the easement of our property’s width of ½ mile. My brother, Jeff Johnson, and I have planted 100s of jack pine, white pine, and white cedar trees on the north side of our property that would be destroyed by the power line going to the south of the existing power line. In addition, permanent deer stands would be affected by the power line going to the south of the existing power line.
- Another suggestion/request if the power line goes to the south of the existing power line running east/west is to do a “land trade” with the state of MN. My request would be to acquire the width of the easement of the new power line on the south side of our 160 acres of perhaps 200-300 feet by ½ mile or whatever land would be affected by the new power line being installed. This option would give the state of MN the easement money and keep our 160 acres of private property intact as it is historical regarding the fact that it is an “original homestead” of 160 acres in Beltrami Island State Forest, which there are few today that are still intact and without a manmade/synthetic structure running through it.

The legal description of the 160 acres and my residence in this area are as follows, respectively:

- 160 Acres – Roosevelt, MN (**Jeffrey N. Johnson and James L. Johnson**)
The Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Fifteen (15) in Township One Hundred Sixty-one (161) North, Range Thirty-five (35) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian in Minnesota, according to the United States Government Survey thereof.

- 29054 680th Ave., Roosevelt, MN (**James L. Johnson**)
All that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Twenty-six (26), Township One Hundred Sixty-two (162) North, Range Thirty-five (35) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian in Minnesota, according to the United States Government Survey thereof, LYING AND BEING South of the South right-of-way line of Minnesota Trunk Highway NO. 11, as now located and established.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and my suggestions/requests to the proposed route of the Great Northern Transmission Line running east/west and south of Roosevelt, MN. Please call me at (218) 242-2462 or e-mail at jimjohnson767@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

James L. Johnson