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RE: In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power for a Route Permit for the Great Northern High-Voltage Transmission Line Project from Manitoba, Canada- Minnesota Border to the Blackberry Substation near Grand Rapids, Minnesota
PUC Docket No. E-015/TL-14-21

Dear Mr. Bill Storm,

I would like to submit an alternative route for the Great northern transmission line. It is a combination of the Blue and Orange routes with one new segment avoiding what I refer to as the Wasson Lake Bog. I used to live west of this area and always considered the bog area east of Wasson Lake and south of Wolf lake as a special area. It is a complex bog area located near the continental divide and is a headwaters recharge system. It is relatively undisturbed roadless area crossed only by the Swampsider's Snowmobile Trail in the winter time. I feel it has potential for special designation by the Minnesota DNR. I would think construction of a power line in the area would be difficult and very disruptive. I suggest this alternative route east of the Wasson Lake bog for your consideration as an alternative to crossing this bog area.

I also would like the Commission to consider a combination of the Blue and Orange Routes to avoid impacts in the Balsam Township area. Following the Orange west route and then going south on the Blue route to the blackberry substation would avoid the power line concerns expressed by the Balsam Township residents at the public hearings in Grand Rapids.

I have attached maps of the proposed route and a map of the Wasson Lake Bog.

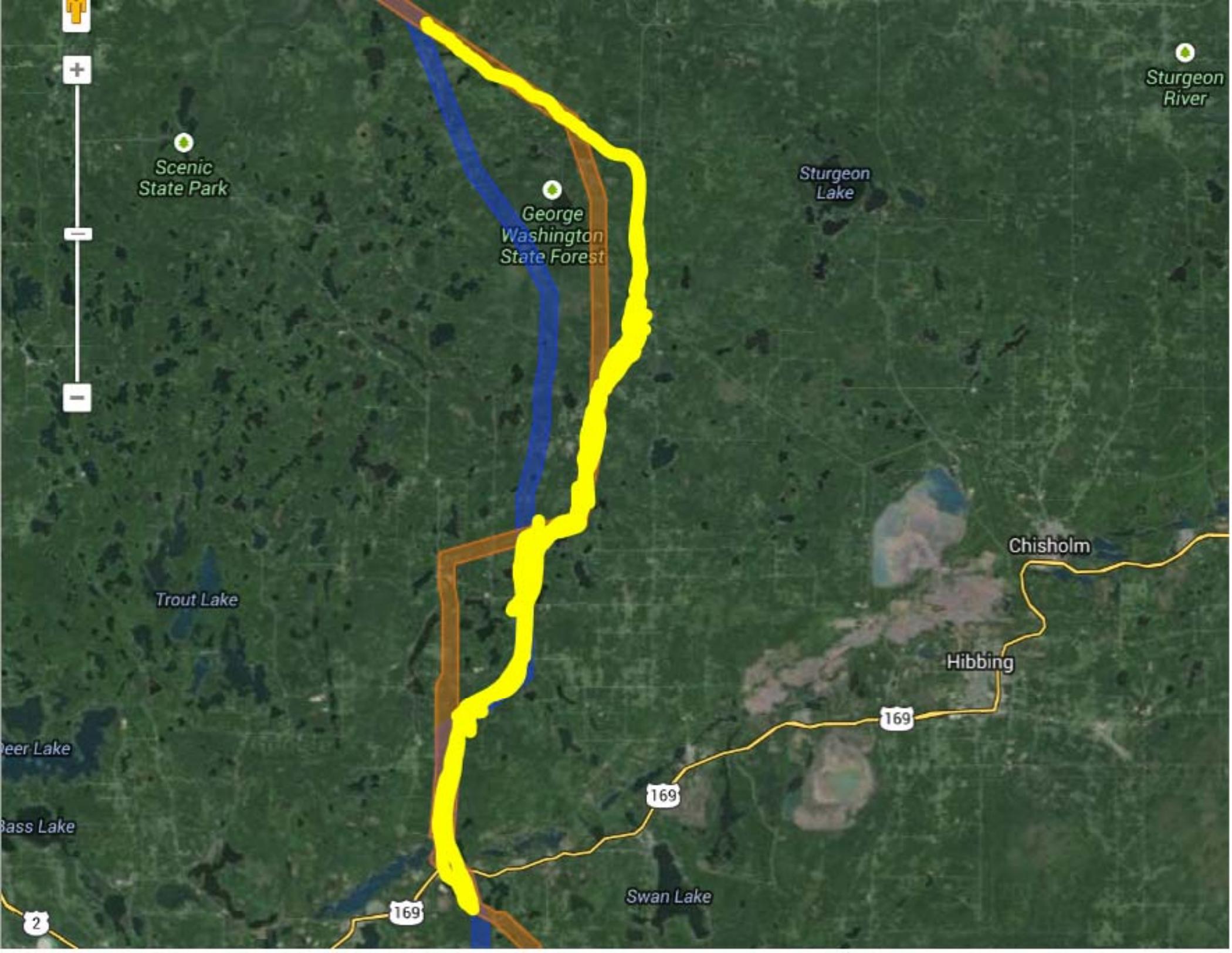
this opportunity to comment.

Thank you for

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