

41366 Scenic Highway

Bovey, MN 55709

July 28, 2014

Bill Storm: RE. Docket Number E-015/TL-14-21

Dear Sir:

Thank you for the opportunity for further comment on the Great Northern Transmission Line environmental impacts and to suggest a route.

Adding to my testimony given at the open house at Bigfork on July 23, 2014, here are my subsequent comments: My comments are only on the proposed routes found on pages 48, 49, & 50 of the map book. The orange route, I feel, will have negative impacts on both wildlife and human activity. The abandoned right of way found on pages 48 & 49 of the map book contains remaining poles and cross bars left for osprey nests and possibly eagle nests. Prime waterfowl habitat is located NE-NW section 1 T57N-R24W found on page 49 of the map book. As far as human impact, there are many within the orange (west) corridor through Balsam Township. The line would go close to a church and the township park is entirely within the orange corridor. The line would go right through the business district and between two clinics (Bergren Family Chiropractic and the Bigfork Valley Hospital Satellite Clinic). If you take pages 48, 49, & 50 of the map book and count the yellow dots in both the orange route and the blue route, you will find many more yellow dots in the orange route as opposed to the blue route.

In conclusion, no one wants this line in our backyard, but looking at it as objectively as I can, the blue route shown on pages 48, 49 & 50 in the map book seems the best way to route the line.

I realize the MN Power has spent a lot of time selecting and preferring the blue route. At this point I have to agree with them as it is straight forward and will affect the least number of people.

Thank you,

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