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From: Larry Lindholm
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2014 1:37 PM
To: 'PublicComments.PUC@state.mn.us'
Subject: PUC Docket Number E-015?TL-14-21
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Attached please find comments from RGGGS Land & Minerals LTD., L.P. regarding Minnesota Power's route permit application for the Great Northern High-Voltage Transmission Line. RGGGS appreciates the opportunity to participate in this review and will continue to follow the comment period and public hearings.

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RE: PUC docket Number: E-015/TL-14-21

May 19, 2014

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission:

RGGS Land & Minerals, LTD., L.P. is a surface and mineral owner of multiple parcels impacted by various route options for the Great Northern High-Voltage Transmission Line as proposed by Minnesota Power. RGGS has reviewed the project and wishes to submit a comment/concern. As a mineral owner interested in maintaining the viability of current and future mining resources, RGGS is concerned that a portion of the proposed route intersects the known mineral reserves located within the Biwabik Iron Formation- specifically in Sections 14, 15, 22, and 23 in Township 56-24, Itasca County, MN. The significant infrastructure involved in the 500 kV transmission line would present a major encumbrance to potential iron mining projects in that tract. RGGS would request that this concern be considered and addressed in the permit application along with options to reduce (route the line along the existing encumbrance of Highway 7) or eliminate (move the route westerly to avoid intersecting the Biwabik Iron Formation). While this transmission line project is a critical project for northern Minnesota, RGGS requests that a thorough review of options to reduce or eliminate encumbrances to current or future mining operations be considered in the permit application process.

Sincerely,

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From: wyuenger <wyuenger@northlc.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 17, 2014 2:36 PM
To: staff, cao (PUC)
Subject: Great Northern Transmission Line

To Whom It May Concern; I am writing to express my opposition to the orange route segment that passes through Balsam Township. While I see the need to reduce dependence on fossil fuels I must state that the land owners across whose land it passes will see no direct benefit.

My opposition to the orange route through Balsam township stems from the following.

1. The core adore encompasses what could be called the Balsam business center, passing thru (from north to south) Balsam's only church, The site of the new Fire Hall, Balsam Township community center, Hockey Rink, play ground, tennis court, and ball fields. Two medical clinics, The Balsam Store, and other privet business.
2. The line itself appears to pass as close as 150ft from a number of residences.
3. Last but by no means least, as a disabled individual with limited mobility one of my greatest joys is setting on my deck (which faces south) and looking out over the field and woods. By my calculation the towers required where the line turns south would be approx. 500 feet from my house.

Thank you for your consideration.

Richard Yuenger

SEC: 26 SE NW TWP. 58-24

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From: Marlin Elton <melton@wiktel.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2014 3:18 PM
To: #PUC_Public Comments
Subject: bad rout

I am a land owner and a member of the Piney Pinecreek Airport Commmission. if you run this line where you propose it will go directley through the clear space for the proposed crosswind runway of the piney pinecreek airport, check with the minnesota DOT. written complaints have been sent to Manitoba hydro on this issue as well. on my farm you will cross about a mile of my property, this is a five generation farm since the 1880s we grow grain oilseed and certified grass for seed, since the beginning the focus has been to control weeds to protect our certification and now you want to put up towers approximately 40 ft sq that will need to have constant weed control. not to mention having to work around these towers, but that is old news right the bottom line here is the large amount of money some one will make off the backs of the tax payers. the day will come when greed and disrespect will go against you. there are routs you can go that will not impact agriculture, a little common sense can go a long way to make friends instead of enemy's.