David Birkholz

From: karla jo [karlajo@lidcomm.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2005 4:19 PM
To: David.Birkholz@state.mn.us; George.Johnson@state.mn.us
Cc: LaGow-Cheryl Heser; Lidstrom, Tim; Drummer, Mike
Subject: Mankato transmission line project

Gentlemen: I am writing on behalf of the new owner of the former "north" Wenner property (which we have previously discussed). The new owner, Drummer Properties, would like to express the following regarding the expansion of the transmission lines along their property boundaries:

1. Their preference is to have the extension of Adams Street along the southern boundary of the Drummer parcel on the north and the remaining Wenner property on the south be straight east-to-west, without the potential northerly jog around Xcel Energy's existing transmission property.
2. Drummer Properties is requesting authorization from Xcel Energy to construct the holding ponds for the development of the Drummer property under the existing and future pole locations on the property.

Please review and let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached via email at: lidstrom@lidcomm.com via phone at 507-625-4606 or via fax 507-625-5260.

Sincerely,
Tim Lidstrom
Lidstrom Commercial Realtors

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From: karla jo [karlajo@lidcomm.com]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2005 11:59 AM
To: David.Birkholz@state.mn.us; George.Johnson@state.mn.us
Cc: Lidstrom, Tim; Vogel, Paul
Subject: Mankato--from Tim Lidstrom

Gentlemen: I thought I would clarify the preference of the Sohler family regarding the location of the new transmission lines in Mankato. Their preference is to have the lines located on the east side of 589th Avenue and then the north side of Thompson Ravine Road. It is also my understanding that the lines will be located on the east side of Power Drive to reach US Highway 14.
Please let me know if you have any questions or need further clarification.
Thank you for your consideration.

Tim Lidstrom

Birkholz

August 26, 2005

Mr. David E. Birkholz
Energy Facility Permitting
MN Dept. of Commerce
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St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

RE: In the Matter of the Excel Energy's Application for a Route Permit Under the Alternative Permitting Process for the Eastwood 115 KV HVTL Tap Project (EQB Docket # 05-95-TR-Eastwood 115-115 kV; PUC Docket #E002/TR-05-1192)

Dear Mr. Birkholz:

We attended the public information meeting in the Minnesota River Room at 10 Civic Center Plaza in Mankato on August 25, 2005 from 5 – 8 concerning a proposal by Xcel Energy to construct and operate a 115 kilovolt (kV) double-circuit transmission line in Lime and Mankato Townships in Blue Earth County.

Please be advised that we support the Xcel Energy proposed project route shown on the attached.

We do not support the project route proposed by the City of Mankato.

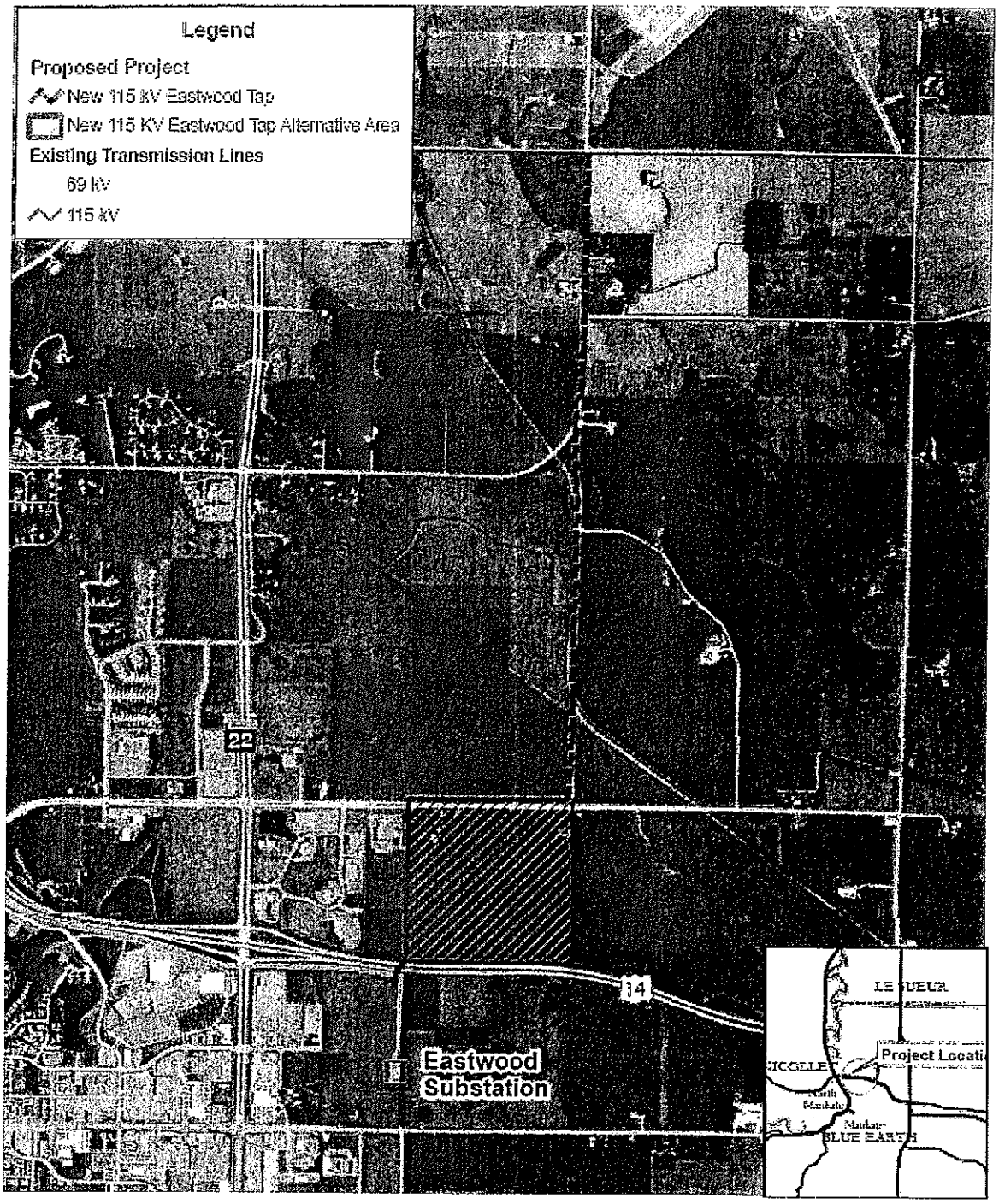
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 507-387-7603.

Thank you…

Sincerely,

Anthony & Shirley Baker

Anthony & Shirley Baker
22697 589th Avenue
Mankato, MN 56001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From: karla jo [karlajo@lidcomm.com]
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Cc: Kakeldey-Stacey; Lidstrom, Tim
Subject: Mankato, MN

Mr. Birkholz and Mr. Johnson:
I am writing as the real estate representative for the Sohler family, whose property is located at the intersection of Thompson Ravine Road and 589th Avenue in Mankato. The Sohlers received the Notice of Public Information Meeting regarding Xcel Energy's expansion/upgrade of the transmission lines in Mankato, howe er will not be able to attend the meeting on August 25th..
The current proposal has the transmission line running south on the east side of County Road 12 until it intersects with 589th Avenue when it will jog over to the west side (on the Sohler property) all the way to Thompson Ravine Road, then it will turn west on the north side of Thompson Ravine Road/County Road 3 for up to 0.5 miles (again on the Sohler property).
The Sohler's would strongly prefer that the portion of the line running south along 589th Avenue be located on the east side of the road (they also own this property) in order to limit the negative impact on their property to just the 0.5 miles along the north side of Thompson Ravine Road/County Road 3.
I will be attending the meeting on August 25th on behalf of the Sohlers, however if you have questions prior to the meeting, please call me. I can be reached at 507-625-4606.
I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,
Tim Lidstrom, CCIM
LIDSTROM COMMERCIAL REALTORS

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From: Vogel, Paul [pvogel@city.mankato.mn.us]
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Cc: George.Johnson@state.mn.us
Subject: EQB Docket #05-95 PUC Docket #E002/TR-05-1192 - Updated

David, we would like to add a comment regarding the proposed transmission line.

Regarding the 3rd comment below, we would ask that the line be located on the east side of the future CSAH 12 extension, which is north/south route between Sections 2 and 3. The alignment should be closely coordinated with Blue Earth County – Al Forsberg, County Engineer.

Thank you.

Paul

David, just to confirm that the room is available and will be ready. It has power point capability if needed. Just bring a cd. I will not be able to attend the meeting on the 25th, but someone will be available to assist with the room.

In regards to the project, we (the City Community Development Department) would like to submit the following comments:

1. The new line is located in the flight hazard areas of the Mankato Regional Airport – both existing and proposed as part of the runway extension. The line must conform to the standards and height limits of the hazard areas. I believe Xcel has coordinated a review with our contract engineer – Bolton and Menk, but the final plans should be confirmed.

2. In Sections 7 and 8, in the vicinity of the Alternative Area, the line may impact several important economic development projects of the City. The route should be coordinated with the City in order to avoid conflict with pending projects. We would prefer that the line follow proposed roads in the area.

3. The City and County are planning an extension of CSAH 12 with an interchange at Highway 14. The power line alignment near the Lime Siding is within the proposed corri or of the CSAH 12 extension and the line placement should take into account the future roadway.

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