



Brookings County - Hampton
345 kV Transmission Line Project

Docket No. ET2/TL-08-1474
Exhibit 4

Comment Form
Advisory Task Force

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Contact Information

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Local Governmental Unit: Clerk Grandview Township - Lyon County -

Routing Challenges

- 1) Please describe what you believe are remaining significant routing challenges, if any, with the proposed Brookings County - Hampton transmission line in your community.

One Township has concerns with the routing near homes & building sites.

- 2) Is the proposed routing in direct conflict with planning and zoning done by your community? If so, in what ways?

- 3) If you have identified significant routing challenges, do you believe that an advisory task force would assist your community in addressing these challenges?

Yes, Grandview Township does believe that an advisory task force is essential to addressing these challenges directly.



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Contact Information

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Local Governmental Unit:
Township of Westorheim, Lyon Co., Minnesota

Routing Challenges

- 1) Please describe what you believe are remaining significant routing challenges, if any, with the proposed Brookings County - Hampton transmission line in your community.

the close proximity of the proposed power line to rural homes and farms could better be addressed with the input from those landowners directly affected

- 2) Is the proposed routing in direct conflict with planning and zoning done by your community? If so, in what ways?

the use of township roads are a concern do to weight restriction of commerial traffic and especially during times of wet conditions such as spring thawing

- 3) If you have identified significant routing challenges, do you believe that an advisory task force would assist your community in addressing these challenges?

the advisory task force should consist of community people who are knowledgeable and familiar with the area affected and the people that will be impacted the most.

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LYON COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

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FAX TRANSMISSION

DATE: 2-19-09

TO: Scott EK

FROM: John Biren

REMARKS: Comment Brookings County -
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Local Governmental Unit: Lyon County

Routing Challenges

- 1) Please describe what you believe are remaining significant routing challenges, if any, with the proposed Brookings County – Hampton transmission line in your community.
 - Future infrastructure upgrades to road and drainage ditches.
 - Being able to react to last minute routing changes. Last minute routing changes on the Lake Yankton to Marshall 115KV line had unintended consequences.

- 2) Is the proposed routing in direct conflict with planning and zoning done by your community? If so, in what ways?

The location of the structures will not meet Lyon County's Ordinance Setback Requirement of 90 feet from the centerline of a public road.

- 3) If you have identified significant routing challenges, do you believe that an advisory task force would assist your community in addressing these challenges?

Possibly would help.

Geography

- 4) If you have identified significant routing challenges, please describe where they occur, e.g. in the Minnesota River valley north of town, between New Prague and Belle Plaine.

Within Lyon County.

Please send your comments by February 27, 2009 to:

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Scott Ek

From: H Dieken [hf.dieken@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2009 12:59 PM
To: Scott Ek
Subject: RE: Canvassing Letter

yes of course, forgot.
Harold Dieken
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-- On Mon, 2/23/09, Scott Ek <Scott.Ek@state.mn.us> wrote:

From: Scott Ek <Scott.Ek@state.mn.us>
Subject: RE: Canvassing Letter
To: hf.dieken@yahoo.com
Date: Monday, February 23, 2009, 11:46 AM

Mr. Dieken,

Thank you for returning the comment form. Would you also please provide me with you contact information:

Name

Local Government Unit you represent

Your Title

Address

Phone

Thank you,

SCOTT EK

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2/24/2009

From: hf.dieken@yahoo.com [mailto: hf.dieken@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2009 11:44 AM
To: Scott Ek
Subject: Re: Canvassing Letter

Responses to the questions in the Comment Form:

1) The first routing challenge is quite simply that some of the data given in the route application is inaccurate and does not reflect the actual situation on the ground in Fairview Township , especially with regard to the proximity that the proposed line would have to houses. Several residences here are closer to the line than what is indicated in the application. The second routing challenge is that there are certain kinds of impacts that we do not think have been adequately analyzed and reflected in the route application. Among these include the effect of the removal of portions of tree groves surrounding farmsites as well as the effect that various proposed line configurations have upon the agricultural activities that occur here. A third routing challenge is simply to find an appropriate balance for all the types of impacts that are possible; we would like to understand better what criteria CapX2020 used when prioritizing the various impacts and why they chose the route segments that they did, and we would like to provide local input on whether those criteria were appropriate for our region. There are several locations along this line where there are significant impacts, and we would like to ensure that those impacts really, truly are unavoidable (and if not, find alternatives) before this route moves into the next phase of the process of public utility review.

2) The proposed route, as it proceeds through Fairview Township , crosses entirely through land that is zoned for Agricultural activities. As such, it is not in "direct" conflict with the area's planning and zoning; however we question whether, given the current route proposal, every possible attempt has been made to mitigate the impact upon the types of agricultural activities prevalent here as well as to the people who live in this area.

3) We believe that a Task Force would indeed help to address these challenges, as it would be composed of people who know the area and who could therefore correct inaccuracies as well as give input into the process that reflects the wishes of the people of this region.

4) The routing challenges listed here have been noted to occur throughout the route from Brookings to the Lyon County substation (on both the preferred and the alternate routes), and for this reason we feel that a Citizens Advisory Task Force dedicated to this entire segment of the line would be appropriate to address these challenges.

Harold Dieken

— On Fri, 2/13/09, Scott Ek <Scott.Ek@state.mn.us> wrote:

From: Scott Ek <Scott.Ek@state.mn.us>
Subject: Canvassing Letter
To: hf.dieken@yahoo.com
Date: Friday, February 13, 2009, 3:10 PM

Mr. Deiken:

2/24/2009

Attached is a blank canvassing letter, per your request. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

SCOTT EK

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