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Judge Beverly Jones Heydinger  
Office of Administrative Hearings  
P.O. Box 64620  
600 North Robert Street  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620

Dear Judge Heydinger:

Ref: Docket Number 15-2500-20665-2

We wish to present a concern we have regarding the route of Xcel Energy and Great River Energy's 345 kV Transmission Line Project from Monticello to St. Cloud. Ziegler Inc. owns property and operates a business located at 2225-255<sup>th</sup> St. in St Cloud. Our concern is "Route D," recommended by the OES, which shows the potential line over our property near the intersection of Interstate 94 and County Hwy 75.

We question why the alternate Route D would change from the Utility's "Preferred Route" to the opposite side of Interstate 94 (over our property) and then cross the Interstate again to continue back on the Utility's Preferred Route. We want to point out that Route D at the intersection of Interstate 94 and County Hwy 75 deviates from the Utility's Preferred Route for a very short distance. It is within that short distance that it crosses over our property. We sell, rent and service large, high reaching construction equipment. For example, we rent aerial lift booms capable of reaching a height of 135 feet. Power lines over or near our property would put our employees in life threatening situations.

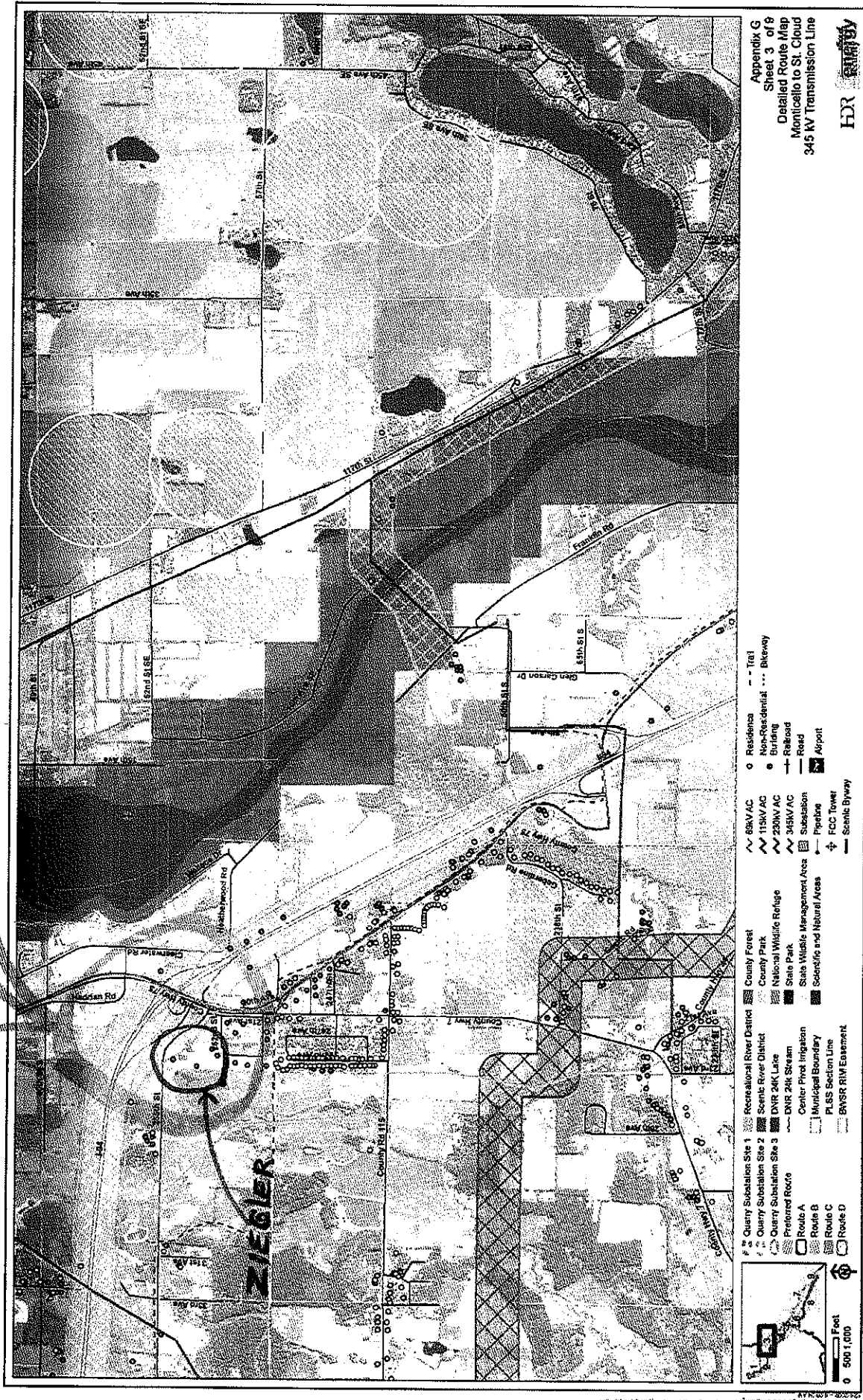
We also want to make it clear that we support the Utility's Preferred Route along Interstate 94. The short deviation from the Preferred Route does not seem practical or necessary.

Please review the attached map from the OES and consider the danger and hardship Route D would cause our Company. We have highlighted the areas of concern. We ask that your recommendation to the Commission block Route D from deviating from the Utility's Preferred Route in the area of Interstate 94 and County Hwy 75.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Appendix G  
 Sheet 3 of 8  
 Detailed Route Map  
 Monticello to St. Cloud  
 345 kV Transmission Line

