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Duane Kamrath Letter, January 4, 2010

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Reason: CapX 2020 Route near Belle Plaine

Docket # 7-2500-20283-2

Honorable Judge Luis:

First, I wish to Thank You for your fairness in listening to all the people (including myself) at the December public hearings concerning the proposed CapX 2020 routes. I personally attended three meetings at Winthrop, Henderson and New Prague. At all 3 meetings, I stressed that concerning the two original proposed routes crossing the Minnesota River --- the northernmost route near Belle Plaine and the southern route near Le Sueur --- my personal choice is the Belle Plaine route.

This Belle Plaine route still strongly remains my first choice. The two Le Sueur options I presented in the spirit of accommodation (Option 3 -- County Road 28 option and Option 5 -- Modified Myrick Street), I wish to withdraw at this time as neither of these options preserves the scenic value and property values south and east of the Highway 169 Public Rest Area.

Secondly, all five (5) Options at the Le Sueur site near the 4,700 foot wide permit application simply do NOT work well when we consider Mn-DOT's Scenic 67 acres of owned and leased land at the Public Rest Area (HWY 169) and the wooded area leading past the Green Giant sign toward the Minnesota River bridge crossing near Buck's Lake with its Rookery and Eagle nests (Options 1, 2 and 3 must be ruled out). Further consideration of the woods, bluffs and scenic views as well as homeowners property values near Doppy Lane, Woods Drive and Myrick Street as well as Mn- DOT's stated goal of preserving trees and the scenic view (Options 4 and 5 -- should be ruled out of order, that is both Myrick Street options). Also, both Option 4 and 5 at LeSueur fall outside the original 4,700 foot permit application area and thus it would be very unfair to the Myrick Street homeowners to even consider these newly introduced options 4 or 5.

So, we the Undersigned Citizens of the LeSueur area do NOT want the 345KV Transmission Line to cross the Scenic Highway 169 Minnesota River crossing at Le Sueur.

We prefer that the crossing be at the Alternate Route near Belle Plaine.