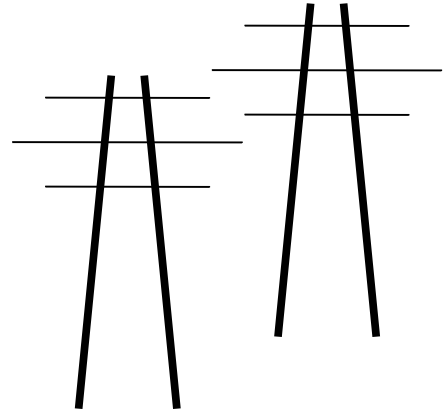


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RE: NoCapX 2020 & U-CAN Exceptions to ALJ Remand Recommendation
PUC Docket 08-1474

Dear Dr. Haar:

Attached for filing please find NoCapX 2020 and United Citizen Action Network Exceptions to ALJ Remand Recommendation in the above-entitled matter.

These documents have been eFiled and eServed.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol A. Overland".

Carol A. Overland
Attorney for NoCapX 2020 and United Citizen Action Network

cc: eFiled & eServed

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
BEFORE THE
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**In the Matter of the Route Permit
Application for a 345 kV Transmission
Line from Brookings County, South
Dakota to Hampton, Minnesota**

**PUC Docket No. ET2/TL-08-1474
OAH Docket No. 7-2500-20283-2**

REMAND - EXCEPTIONS

**NO CAPX 2020 and UNITED CITIZENS ACTION NETWORK
REMAND – EXCEPTIONS TO RECOMMENDATION
AND
REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT**

NoCapX 2020 and U-CAN offer the attached exceptions to the Report of ALJ Luis filed on December 22, 2010, and request that the routing permit for this CapX 2020 Brookings transmission line be denied because the applicants have not proposed a feasible or constructible option for crossing the Minnesota River. Applicants acknowledged the problems with the LeSueur crossing and shifted preference to the Belle Plaine Crossing. However, the record does not support an aerial crossing of the Minnesota River Valley, either at LeSueur or at Belle Plaine. Further, the Myrick Alternative, necessary to cross at LeSueur, is not available as it was not addressed in the EIS. For these reasons, there is no feasible route and the route permit request should be denied as infeasible. In the alternative, if the Commission wishes to approve a route permit, the Commission should require mitigation of harm to eagles and other migratory birds by

requiring the project be undergrounded in the migratory path of the Minnesota River Valley at whichever crossing location the Commission might choose.

NoCapX 2020 and United Citizens Action Network also hereby request oral argument before the Commission.

The two ALJ Recommendations, and any Commission decision, to the extent that they rely on these Recommendations and the record, are flawed because they are based upon the ongoing fiction in this case due to failure by Minnesota Office of Energy Security to timely make public the state and federal agency comment letters regarding EIS scoping and Draft EIS. The specific fiction is that the routing decision was unexpectedly thrown in disarray due to a last-minute, outside of the record, letter from United States Fish & Wildlife, and that this remand was based on upon questions regarding that letter. However, that's an inaccurate and small part of the story. There are facts and concerns raised by state and federal agencies, such as MnDOT, DNR and USFWS, that have a determinative impact on routing. There are facts, concerns and options raised by the Citizens Advisory Task Force, which recognized the infeasibility of the route options proposed and recommended a route that avoided the Minnesota River crossing entirely, but their informed suggestion was rejected in the scoping decision. The MOES fiction ignores agency and Task Force comments. Any decision made presuming the fiction in this case renders that decision unsupportable.

The Applicants and MOES knew or should have known no later than April 30, 2009, over a year and a half ago, that the LeSueur crossing was not feasible based on MnDOT scenic easements, that the DNR had significant concerns, and that either crossing at LeSueur or crossing at Belle Plaine, was recommended be non-aerial, and if aerial, would result in a prohibited eagle take. The Applicants and MOES knew or should have known, yet this important information

was not conveyed to the Commission. When the reality of those ignored comments became known during the public hearings, Applicants scrambled to find a way through, going beyond the established corridor for a way around the problem and the rules, resulting in the Myrick route proposed in late-filed “Supplemental” testimony on December 15, 2009, and not reviewed in the EIS. This route option was proposed by the Applicants DURING the hearing, and for which notice was not sent to landowners until after January 1, 2010, AFTER the hearing had closed, not in the EIS and not available to the Commission as a routing option.

Now, months later, after the initial Recommendation and the remand, we’ve received yet another “Recommendation” that is no recommendation – it again says essentially the same thing, “cross at LeSueur, and if not, cross at Belle Plaine.” We’re no further than we were before the remand. Why? Because crossing the river is not feasible and applicants knew or should have known, yet persisted. The Commission should tell the Applicants what the record demonstrates, that these options are not feasible and to come back when they have two feasible routes for review.

I. LEGAL BASIS FOR AND CRITERIA DRIVING SELECTION OF ROUTE

Minnesota Rules pertaining to siting (selected)

7850.1900, Subp. 2. Route permit for HVTL.

An application for a route permit for a high voltage transmission line shall contain the following information:

- A. a statement of proposed ownership of the facility at the time of filing the application and after commercial operation;**
- B. the precise name of any person or organization to be initially named as permittee or permittees and the name of any other person to whom the permit may be transferred if transfer of the permit is contemplated;**
- C. at least two proposed routes for the proposed high voltage transmission line and identification of the applicant's preferred route and the reasons for the preference;**
- D. a description of the proposed high voltage transmission line and all associated facilities including the size and type of the high voltage transmission line;
- E. the environmental information required under subpart 3;

- F. identification of land uses and environmental conditions along the proposed routes;
- G. the names of each owner whose property is within any of the proposed routes for the high voltage transmission line;
- H. United States Geological Survey topographical maps or other maps acceptable to the commission showing the entire length of the high voltage transmission line on all proposed routes;
- I. identification of existing utility and public rights-of-way along or parallel to the proposed routes that have the potential to share the right-of-way with the proposed line;
- J. the engineering and operational design concepts for the proposed high voltage transmission line, including information on the electric and magnetic fields of the transmission line;
- K. cost analysis of each route, including the costs of constructing, operating, and maintaining the high voltage transmission line that are dependent on design and route;
- L. a description of possible design options to accommodate expansion of the high voltage transmission line in the future;
- M. the procedures and practices proposed for the acquisition and restoration of the right-of-way, construction, and maintenance of the high voltage transmission line;
- N. a listing and brief description of federal, state, and local permits that may be required for the proposed high voltage transmission line; and
- O. a copy of the Certificate of Need or the certified HVTL list containing the proposed high voltage transmission line or documentation that an application for a Certificate of Need has been submitted or is not required.

Minn. R. 7850.2700 FINAL DECISION.

Subp. 2. EIS adequacy.

The commission shall not make a final decision on a permit until the commission has found the environmental impact statement to be adequate

Minn. R. 7850.2500 EIS Preparation

Subp. 10. Adequacy determination.

The Public Utilities Commission shall determine the adequacy of the final environmental impact statement. The commission shall not decide the adequacy for at least ten days after the availability of the final environmental impact statement is announced in the EQB Monitor. The final environmental impact statement is adequate if it:

- A. addresses the issues and alternatives raised in scoping to a reasonable extent considering the availability of information and the time limitations for considering the permit application;
- B. provides responses to the timely substantive comments received during the draft environmental impact statement review process; and

C. was prepared in compliance with the procedures in parts 7850.1000 to 7850.5600.

If the commission finds that the environmental impact statement is not adequate, the commission shall direct the staff to respond to the deficiencies and resubmit the revised environmental impact statement to the commission as soon as possible.

II. USFWS HAS SUFFICIENTLY STATED THREATS TO EAGLES

The Commission should take action that is consistent with the policies and directives of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and federal law. USFWS is a federal agency, not subject to state subpoena, informing the record can be difficult, and the intersection of state and federal jurisdiction can be an uneasy one. In the specific issue ordered reviewed in this remand, the state's DNR acquiesces to the jurisdiction of USFWS. Tr. Vol. 3, Testimony of Jamie Schrenzel, DNR, October 5, 2010. The Public Utilities Commission should give great weight and deference to this federal agency which pre-empts state jurisdiction over eagles and migratory birds.

USFWS has consistently recommended a non-aerial crossing if the Minnesota River Valley.. In EIS scoping for this project, USFWS sent critical letters addressing specific problems with the routing of this transmission line, beginning on or before April 30, 2009, with their EIS scoping letter, expressing concerns about the impacts of this project on USFWS lands and wildlife.¹ Since that time, there have been a number of USFWS letters entered into the record from that time until the most recent USFWS Comment of October 29, 2010. From the outset, USFWS has been concerned about the prospect of any aerial crossing, recommending specifically that an aerial crossing not be approved.² The importance of the series of USFWS letters, and the October 29, 2010 letter specifically, is that these letters confirm the extensive

¹ Exhibit 501, OES Public Comments.

² Id.

uniform presence of eagles in the Minnesota Valley area and the high probability of impact on eagles by either crossing.

A non-aerial crossing was again recommended in the April 30, 2009 letter, stating a preference for a crossing at LeSueur, **if non-aerial**:

At this time, the USFWS supports the CapX 2020 project using the Preferred Route west of the Helena Substation and the Alternate Route east of the Helena Substation. We support this alignment if the entire Minnesota River valley in the vicinity of the City of Le Sueur is crossed with a non-aerial method.

Ex. 163, Testimony of Leshar, Schedule 3; Ex.517; USFWS Letter, April 30, 2009, to David Boyd, Chair, PUC. The letter states that if the river is not crossed at Le Sueur, then Belle Plaine, also **non-aerial**, noting that “the line placement should attempt to avoid all impacts to these water features as well as minimizing aerial impacts to avian species that will move between these water features on the local landscape.” Id.

USFWS’ focus on non-aerial options continues with its DEIS Comment letter, requesting “clarification and rewording for accuracy,” including:

- Life of project maintenance interval and costs of aerial versus underground.
- More information of crossing method alternatives, including repayment rates.
- Future use of treatment ponds as wildlife habitat is not compatible within an aerial transmission line corridor. Regardless of whether this area has been defined as a disturbance corridor, it provides significant habitat to nesting and migrating songbirds, raptors, and waterfowl under MBTA.
- Impacts to migratory birds related to aerial transmission lines, including nocturnal migratory species, impacts due to local climactic conditions found within riverine corridors, impacts from placing transmission lines above tree canopy height within habitat which is known to increase bird strikes.

Ex. 163, Testimony of Leshar, Schedule 3; Ex.517; USFWS Letter, Nov. 30, 2009, to Scott Ek.

The USFWS non-aerial recommendation continues in its routing docket Comment letter:

As discussed below, we strongly encourage you to consider a non-aerial river crossing regardless which crossing site is ultimately selected.

For the reasons discussed in the attached analysis... the Fish and Wildlife Service concludes that both the proposed Le Sueur and Belle Plaine crossings will likely disturb nesting, foraging, and winter roosting eagles. Both Bald Eagles and Golden Eagles are present in the Minnesota River Valley. The placement of the power line crossing in an area of such high eagle concentration and in a major movement corridor (the Minnesota River) can reasonable be expected to cause eagle mortality through both line collisions and electrocution. Additionally, erecting structures in this high eagle concentration area will encourage eagles to nest on poles and transmission lines, causing electrocution of eagles and damage to the power lines (electrical shorts, fires, power outages). These disturbances (including harassment and mortality) of bald and golden eagles are a violation of the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S. C. 668-668c). Permits are available (and required) for all activities that kill or disturb eagles. (*See* Eagle Permit Regulations at 50 C.F.R. Part 22). However, **no permit would be available** unless an applicant has first taken all practicable steps to avoid take of eagles. (*See* 50 C.F.R.22.3, defining “practicable.”) In this context, we urge you to further analyze both the economic and technological feasibility of a non-aerial line at any Minnesota River crossing, and to follow the other recommendations in the attached document.

Ex. 163, Testimony of Leshar, Schedule 2; Ex.517; USFWS Letter, February 8, 2010, to Craig Poorker.

In May, Applicants representatives Dan Leshar and Kevin Lennon requested that USFWS advise them and the Office of Energy Security staff (other parties were not included) “by the end of the month whether the USFWS believes an incidental take permit is necessary prior to construction.”³

What followed was the June 10, 2010 letter, not just stating that a permit would not be available, but taking it a few steps further:

- Transmission lines crossing the Minnesota River at Le Sueur is likely to result in take of bald eagles. If such a take does occur, the project applicant will need to have first obtained a permit to avoid violating federal law.
- Permits are only available when the take cannot practicably be avoided and the applicant has minimized the impacts to eagles to the extent practicable.
- Crossing the river at Belle Plaine is a practicable alternative to crossing at Le Sueur. If an aerial crossing is built at Le Sueur, any take of eagles would be in violation of law.
- A Belle Plaine crossing was recommended.

³ Ex. 163, Testimony of Leshar, Schedule 3; Ex. 519; Letter May 13, 2010 to USFWS.

- USFWS recognized Applicant’s position on financial cost of non-aerial crossing but “cannot render a final determination on this specific matter at this time, but the issue is largely moot due to the existence of an alternative which is less impacting to bald eagles.
- If a non-aerial crossing is practicable, USFWS supports the Belle Plaine crossing.
- “The area near the proposed Le Sueur crossing attracts wintering migrants that would not necessarily be familiar with the transmission line.”
- If Belle Plaine is chosen, USFWS will be able to advise proponents on need for incidental take permit.
- A “take” of eagles is possible even in the Belle Plaine location.

Ex. 163, Testimony of Leshner, Schedule 4; Ex.517, USFWS June 10, 2010 Letter to Dan Leshner.

On October 29, 2010, we see that the USFWS has come full circle and:

- 1) Suspended its earlier recommendation of June 10, 2010 favoring a Belle Plaine crossing; and
- 2) Acknowledged the conclusions and testimony of Michael Albrecht and the DNR’s Jamie Schrenzel: The impacts on eagles, migratory birds and wildlife would be essentially the same at either Minnesota River Valley crossing.

USFWS October 29, 2010, Letter to Leshner, GRE. In this letter, USFWS notes:

- New information on wintering eagle numbers and open water in both the Belle Plaine and Le Sueur Areas.
- A study is necessary over the winter to address eagle numbers.
- Silver Lake is another nearby area of eagle concentration.
- An eagle take permit would be necessary whichever site is selected.
- Permit conditions and mitigation measures are necessary for either site.

A non-aerial crossing is consistently recommended, and as both proposed crossings are aerial crossings, either would result in an eagle take. As noted by USFWS, an eagle take permit will not be available to Applicants unless an applicant has first taken all practicable steps to avoid take of eagles.

As defined by 50C.F.R.22.3:

Practicable means capable of being done after taking into consideration, relative to the magnitude of the impacts to eagles, the following three things: the cost of remedy compared to proponent resources; existing technology; and logistics in light of overall project purposes.

50 C.F.R. 22.3, Definitions.

USFWS permit conditions, mitigation and compensatory mitigation is necessary. And no permit will be issued if there is a practicable alternative. The practicable alternative presented is a non-aerial crossing.

III. MnDOT's COMMENTS ON SCENIC EASEMENTS WERE IGNORED

The Mn/DOT has taken a similar proactive role, initially filing on April 30, 2009, an EIS scoping letter, expressly noting that the EIS must take into account scenic easements, and that comment was inexplicably ignored. Follow up comments on November 30, 2009, were brought to public attention at the public hearing – but for that public testimony and filing, we would not have known of the MnDOT prohibitions that rendered the “Preferred” route unworkable.

MnDOT scenic easements were “flagged as an issue” in an April 30, 2009, EIS Scoping Comment from MnDOT that specifically identified scenic easements as an issue requiring investigation:

Rest Areas

The "preferred" route for the proposed Brookings to Hampton transmission line will encroach upon the Minnesota River Valley Safety Rest Area located on US169. The rest area is located 1.0 mile north of LeSueur and occupies land purchased by the state in fee title for scenic purposes (Control Section 4013 parcel 902-206A). MnIDOT located the rest area at this site to take advantage of the site's scenic qualities. The route as proposed will cause a significant negative impact to the scenic views from the rest area. The transmission lines would occur between the rest area and the scenic view in the primary viewshed from the rest area lobby. Also, pruning and removal of existing mature woodland vegetation required in the transmission blowout area would cause significant negative impacts to the rest area.

The "alternate" proposed transmission route will encroach upon the New Market Safety Rest Area. The rest area is located on southbound 1-35, ½ mile north of the Rice County line. To minimize negative impacts to the rest area, transmission lines should not occur along southbound 1-35. Negative impacts would include negative aesthetic and scenic impacts, unreasonable limitations to future rest area expansion and limitations on current and future use of the site.

DOT 4/30 letter filed June 10, 2009.⁴

The initial ALJ Recommendation clearly and specifically attributed the DOT's concerns as the reason the LeSueur crossing was not feasible, that the DOT scenic easements and Policy of Accommodation render the Le Sueur crossing unworkable because it would not issue a permit.⁵

IV. DNR COMMENTS REFLECTED PAUCITY OF MOES EIS

The DNR also submitted EIS scoping comments on April 30, 2010, that concerns that were specific to the Minnesota River Crossings:

To better evaluate the potential Minnesota River crossings, the DNR requests detailed mapping for the Preferred and Alternate Route, and an impact matrix that includes potential impacts associated with each crossing. The impact matrix should include impact categories such as wetland, floodplain, forested land, rare plant and animal species or communities, and avian flyway impacts along with a comparison of potential impacts for each alternative.

River crossing options, such as overhead or underground, should also be evaluated for the Preferred and Alternative Routes. Each of those options should also include the associated impact matrix. The options within each alternative are necessary due to the wide variation in potential natural resource impacts associated with where the transmission is located.

DNR EIS Scoping Letter, p. 2, April 30, 2009.⁶

The DNR noted in the DEIS Comment six months later that the information requested, that concerns raised, had not been addressed in the DEIS, and that there was not sufficient information to provide meaningful comments:

... The DEIS does not currently contain the information necessary to sufficiently compare alternatives, segments, or various combinations of segments...

... The DNR was unable to determine the potential direct and indirect impacts to WMAs from the maps and discussion in the DEIS...

⁴ PUC Doc. [20096-38376-05](#) filed by MOES 6/10/09.

⁵ Initial Recommendation, FoF 104 see also FoF 95-103.

⁶ PUC Doc. [20096-38376-05](#) filed by MOES 6/10/09.

... The FEIS should place an additional emphasis on river crossings. A discussion of river crossings and what specific avoidance and minimization techniques will be used to reduce impacts should be included...

In general, discussion of mitigation should be addressed in more detail. It was previously recommended that appropriate mitigation should be discussed and agreed upon prior to finalization of the EIS. Therefore, more detail should be provided in the FEIS as route and substation locations are selected and more thoroughly defined.

DNR DEIS Comment Letter, November 30, 2009.⁷

Comments of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources should be taken seriously

– comments that state that the EIS is insufficient to provide a basis for evaluation:

Previous comments submitted by the DNR requested information on permanent and temporary impacts to resources such as Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs), Minnesota County Biological Survey (MCBS) sites of biodiversity, public water and river crossings, native prairies, wetlands, and trails. The responses provided in the FEIS included references to very general information in the DEIS such as descriptions of the value of resources and general expected impacts if an area were to be crossed. Mitigation methods are also generally listed. Distances to resources are given in a table and the number of watercourse and Public Waters Inventory watercourse crossings is given for each route. However, this does not describe expected impacts in enough detail to evaluate specific routes and segments. It is difficult for the DNR to provide constructive input during the environmental review process about which route or segments would best protect state resources if information such as estimated acreage of permanent and temporary impacts for each location, total impact acreage for each route, and specific plans for mitigation of impacts are not provided in the Draft or Final Environmental Impact Statements. This EIS also did not identify whether impacts would be expected on existing transmission line corridors or new corridors. The above information is necessary for evaluation of impacts to natural resources and evaluation of license to cross permits.

DNR Comments February 8, 2010⁸

Jamie Schrenzel, DNR, testified that the environmental characteristics are “roughly similar” and regarding impacts at Belle Plaine or LeSueur, the considerations are “even.”⁹

⁷ PUC Doc. [20096-38376-05](#) filed by MOES 6/10/09.

⁸ Ex. 518, Albrecht Testimony, MLA-3, DNR Letters.

⁹ Belle Plaine Public Hearing, Oct. 5, 2010, p. 90.

The Natural Heritage Database Information System locations of eagles confirm that eagles frequent both potential crossings.¹⁰ USFWS maps provided documentation that there is an eagle nest in the middle of both the proposed LeSueur crossing and the proposed Belle Plaine crossing.¹¹

DNR comments also recognized the necessity of mitigation, but mitigation only where avoidance is not possible:

The DNR supports the use of bird flight diverts in areas with a high potential for collision, such as river crossings or in the vicinity of waterfowl productions, WMA's recreational areas, or wetland complexes. However, where possible, avoidance of these highly utilized areas is first encouraged.

Ex. 518, DNR Letter of November 30, 2009.

Avoidance is possible where a practicable alternative exists. The practicable alternative that mitigates the environmental concerns of the river crossing is undergrounding.

V. APPLICANTS SHIFTED PREFERENCE TO BELLE PLAINE CROSSING

The Applicants shifted preference away from the "Modified Preferred Route," in an acknowledgement of the issues raised with the proposed river crossing options, stating:

Additionally, there are a number of other differentiating circumstances supporting the Belle Plaine crossing, that although not largely significant by themselves, when combined, lead Applicants to slightly prefer the Belle Plaine crossing.

Remand Ex. 163, at 12 (Leshner Remand Direct).

This stated shift in preference made the ALJ's "Recommendation" that followed very confusing reading where it referred to the "Preferred" route!

VI. MOES HAS FAILED TO INFORM THE RECORD

There has been a recurrent procedural failure in siting and routing dockets, resulting in barriers to communication between the EIS process and the administrative hearing – resulting in

¹⁰ Id., p. 119, see also Exhibit532, Public and Trade Secret Version.

¹¹ Ex. 517, Testimony of Albrecht, MLA-2-USFWS Correspondence, June 10, 2010.

last minute revelations and a record that is not supportable. In this docket, the USFWS, DNR and DOT scoping comment letters were not made part of the evidentiary hearing record, and appeared only on the MOES website under “[Public Scoping Comments \(474 KB\)](#)” on the MOES website¹², and the DNR and DOT scoping comments were listed on the spreadsheet, under the name of the individual filing them, and not as “Agency Comments.” The DEIS comment letters of the DOT did not become part of the discussion until entered into the record by the DOT’s Seykora at a public comment hearing.¹³ The same for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which did not get notice in the administrative record when they were written, and instead were not noticed until late in the process during the public hearings.¹⁴ These Comments were listed in a long spreadsheet, cited above, listed by the party’s name rather than noted as “Agency Comments,” and agency comments were not separated out, were not entered into the record, and not included in the DEIS or FEIS! They were not posted as “Agency Comments” on the MOES website and were not eFiled in the PUC posting of Comments, only a transcript of Public Scoping Comments was eFiled. These DNR and DOT Comments are attached, below.

Information relevant and perhaps determinative of routing is entered into the Scoping or DEIS process, but it is not summarily entered and integrated into the record in the routing administrative process. Parties are not able to learn of these comments. If it is integrated at all, it occurred only after issuance of the DEIS which is very late in the process, or the FEIS, after the hearing record is closed, leaving us to traverse in the dark. This leaves us in the position we’re in now, with routes that are not feasible or constructible, and the fiction that this is “new”

¹² <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=19860> June 3, 2009 Public Scoping Comments.

¹³ Ex. 309, November 30, 2009 MnDOT DEIS Comment letter; Ex. 318, MnDOT Scenic Area Order No. 40049.

¹⁴ Exhibit 321, March 5, 2009 letter to Ek from Blair, USFWS; Ex. 322, April 30, 2009 letter from USFWS to Boyd, Chair PUC, et al; (don’t see USFWS 11/30/09 comment letter, entered by Mueller, Dec.7 in Henderson).

information when instead, it is information long known by MOES and not addressed by MOES or conveyed to the Commission.

All substantive agency comments should have been a part of the routing docket record immediately upon filing, and the agency concerns should have been acknowledged and addressed as part of Applicants' case. The Minnesota Office of Energy Security has failed its charge by not forwarding information and important communications to the administrative side of this proceeding.

A full and open record would have more quickly exposed the problems with the Applicant's chosen routes. Failure to integrate critical information in a timely manner, if at all, has compromised this process, and this docket to the extent that any resulting recommendation would not find sufficient support in the record.

VII. RUHLANDS AND KATZENMEYERS EXPERIENCE PROVIDES EXAMPLE OF HOW NOT TO ROUTE LINE

The stories of the Ruhlands and Katzenmeyers tell us much about how not to route transmission lines.¹⁵ Neither Ruhlands nor Katzenmeyers have existing transmission over their land, and their property in now way presents as a "corridor" for transmission. Ruhlands and Katzenmeyers have filed Exceptions before, and will likely file them again. Both the Ruhlands and the Katznmeyers participated extensively in this process, beginning with the pre-application meetings held by the Applicants, and then in the Scoping Comment process, the Task Force, and subsequent Comment periods. The Katzenmeyers testified as witnesses for NoCapX 2020 and United Citizen Action Network. They knew at the outset that the proposed centerline was near their land, but also knew that the maps showed that they would not be directly affected.

¹⁵ Comment of Theresa Ruhland, December 11, Lakeville and December 28, New Prague; Comment of Kazenmeyers, December 8, Lonsdale and December 28, New Prague.

Theresa Ruhland went to the public scoping meetings and commented, she was a Task Force member, and repeatedly told and warned the MOES staff and Applicants that there was a fireworks factory along the route, right next to her property. She was ignored and no attention was paid to this significant impediment to transmission line routing until RES intervened in the proceeding, and until its owner testified in Henderson on December 7, 2009. Only after that, when “adjustments” were made to the route, did Theresa Ruhland learn that her land was to be bisected by transmission to avoid the RES fireworks factory! Her diligence was “rewarded” with continued promotion of that route, with NO alternative route offered, by the Applicants.

The Katzenmeyers’ story is similar. Also active participants, they knew that the planned route was near, but not over their land, they submitted comments and attended meetings and hearings. It was not until after the entry and notice of the USFWS and DOT letters, and testimony at the Henderson meeting, that the “Myrick Road” route was proposed, and Shirley Katcnmeyer learned that they were directly affected by reading notes on the NoCapX 2020 blog!

The Myrick Route was proposed in mid-December, in the middle of public hearings, by Duane Kamrath, an affected landowner in the LeSueur area, after the entry and notice of the USFWS and DOT letters, and testimony at the Henderson meeting. Applicants also promoted this route as feasible in their “Comments” of February 8, 2010, p. 2-3. This route was not reviewed in the EIS. Further, it was withdrawn by its advocate, Duane Kamrath in a statement to Judge Luis on the public hearing record, in an emotional and heartfelt acknowledgement that it was wrong to suggest that transmission be put on another’s land to save his own, which reinforced his letter a year earlier, dated January 4, 2010.¹⁶ Several days before the Kamrath letter withdrawing the “Myrick Route” was received, the City of LeSueur also withdrew its

¹⁶ Transcript, Vol. 3, Testimony of Kamrath, see also Exhibit 529, Kamrath Letter, January 4, 2010

support for the Myrick Route and LeSueur crossing and withdrew its offer to provide easements across city parkland.¹⁷

APPLICANTS HAVE YET TO DISCLOSE PROJECT OWNERSHIP

This application did not disclose project ownership. Ownership of the CapX 2020 project has been an issue since the Certificate of Need proceeding, where ownership of the project when completed could not be tied down, such that the Commission ordered a compliance filing.

As suggested by UCAN, the Commission will direct Applicants to make a compliance filing disclosing each project's transmission capacity, owners, and ownership structure.

...

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Commission Action B & Order Point 4, Certificate of Need Order, May 22, 2009.

The statement in the application is evasive, but admits that ownership has not been determined.¹⁸ When asked specifically who the operators of the project would be, Mr. Poorker could only answer:

I don't know.

Testimony of Poorker, Dec. 15, 2009, Tr. Vol. 3.

Upon information and belief, and upon examining the PUC Docket¹⁹, this compliance and filing has not yet been made. This is significant because as the CapX 2020 transmission routing applications are winding through the hearing process, the largest transmission the Commission is approving transfer of assets from Xcel to ITC.²⁰ A "transmission only" company does not

¹⁷ Exhibit 530, City of LeSueur Letter January 2, 2010.

¹⁸ Exhibit 2, Application, §1.1.

¹⁹ PUC eDockets 06-1115, available online.

²⁰ See e.g. PUC Docket E002/PA-10-15, December 9, 2010 Agenda.

have the power of eminent domain – it is not a public utility. Xcel, as the Lakefield Junction - Fox Lake applicant is using its public service corporation status to build the lines it is transferring to ITC. What are Xcel and Great River Energy, as applicants, intending for the CapX 2020 lines?

CONCLUSION

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NoCapX 2020 and United Citizens Action Network also hereby request oral argument before the Commission.



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NOCAPX 2020 AND U-CAN EXCEPTIONS TO RECOMMENDATION
FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS

*The exceptions below will be identified by selecting the Findings at issue and using the same number as in the ALJ's Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Recommendation. These exceptions are not all-inclusive, and if a paragraph does not have an exception listed below, that does not mean that NoCapX 2020 and U-CAN agree with the omitted Finding, Conclusion or Recommendation, it only means that it was omitted. As required by the rules, these exceptions are **specific, relevant** to the matters at issue in this proceeding, and **stated and numbered separately**.*

Exceptions to December 23 Amendments to Recommendation

[**CONCLUSIONS**, page 37, number 7]

7. The record demonstrates that the Modified Preferred Route for Segment 4, and its Associated Facilities, with an aerial crossing of the Minnesota River at Le Sueur, **does not** satisfy the route permit criteria set forth in Minnesota Statute § 216E.03, subd. 7 and Minnesota Rule 7850.4100.

[**CONCLUSIONS**, page 37, number 8]

8. The record establishes that both the Gibbon Crossover Route and the Arlington Crossover Route, each connecting the Modified Preferred Route and Alternate Route in Sibley County, and with an aerial crossing of the Minnesota River west of Belle Plaine, and its Associated Facilities, **does not** satisfy the route permit criteria set forth in Minnesota Statute § 216E.03, subd. 7 and Minnesota Rule 7850.4100.

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1. The Applicants in this proceeding are Great River Energy and Xcel Energy. Great River Energy is a Minnesota cooperative corporation that owns and operates high voltage transmission lines in Minnesota and provides wholesale electric service to 28 distribution cooperatives serving nearly 1.5 million customers in Minnesota and Wisconsin.³ Xcel Energy is a Minnesota corporation headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota.⁴ **The applicants have not disclosed the identity of the ultimate owners of this transmission project. See Application.**

4. On January 29, 2009, the Commission accepted the Application as complete and authorized the OES Energy Facility Permitting staff to process the Application under the full permitting process in Minnesota Rules 7850.1700 to 7850.2800.⁸ The Commission, **upon petition**, also authorized the OES Energy Facility Permitting staff to name a public advisor and to establish an advisory task force.

12. On June 10, 2010, prior to the scheduled July 27, 2010 Commission decision, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) issued a letter to Applicants (“June 10 USFWS Letter”) stating its preference for the Belle Plaine crossing and stating it was unlikely a Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (“BGEPA”) permit could be issued for a Le Sueur crossing.¹⁶

18. This Project consists of 345 kV and 115 kV transmission line facilities.¹⁹ The portion of the Project that is the subject of the Remand Proceeding is the 345 kV transmission line facilities and substation connections between the Cedar Mountain Substation and Helena Substation, to be constructed with double-circuit 345 kV facilities.²⁰ Applicants indicated that the crossing of the Minnesota River could be physically accomplished using either double-circuit 345 kV facilities on a single H-frame structure or side-by-side structures using single circuit 345 kV facilities.²¹

26. The first of these two modifications alters the alignment of the Preferred Route centerline at the Le Sueur Minnesota River Crossing to parallel U.S. Highway 169. Applicants made this modification to avoid crossing Buck’s Lake, which the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (“MnDNR”) identified as a habitat to “substantial numbers of bald eagles, great egrets, and other waterfowl.”³⁸ The MnDNR did not support a crossing of Buck’s Lake “due to the high concentration of species using the area for resting, roosting, feeding and nesting.”³⁹ This modification was made in the “Supplemental Testimony” submitted December 15, 2009. Id.

27. The second of these two modifications changed the Preferred Route width and proposed alignment to avoid the RES Specialty Pyrotechnics, Inc. (“RES”), facilities near Belle Plaine. The Institute of Makers of Explosives has detailed guidance regarding proximity of transmission line facilities to pyrotechnic facilities. This guidance recommends that transmission lines be located no nearer to the pyrotechnic facility than the width between poles in the line (in this case, 1,000 feet).⁴⁰ This modification was made in the Rebuttal Testimony submitted November 20, 2009.

41. In this Remand Proceeding, Applicants have been in consultation with the USFWS, MnDNR, and Minnesota Department of Transportation (“Mn/DOT”). These agencies have submitted comments or provided staff to testify at the hearings held pursuant to the Commission’s Remand Order. A subpoena request was made and an agreement reached under which state agency staff would be present to testify under MOES sponsorship.

47. On April 30, 2009, MnDOT filed a letter in the scoping process to the OES that did flag issues that MnDOT suggested should be covered in the EIS. Scenic areas and

scenic easements were flagged as issues for investigation.²¹ On November 30, 2009, Mn/DOT filed a comment letter on the DEIS.⁶⁸ In this letter, Mn/DOT advised that it would be unable to issue a Utility Permit for the proposed alignment in a segment of the Applicants' Modified Preferred Route at Le Sueur.⁶⁹ Mn/DOT again observed that the Modified Preferred Route would "run through a scenic easement area located near the rest area adjacent to U.S. Highway 169."⁷⁰ Mn/DOT again stated "that removal of significant mature woodland vegetation would be required to construct the HVTL along the proposed route" and therefore was prohibited by federal requirements.⁷¹ While there are exceptions to these prohibitions, Mn/DOT concluded that it "has not seen a route that would not require extensive tree removal or alteration of trees in the scenic area. Therefore, it believes it would be unable to issue a permit in this location."⁷²

48. Despite the alert regarding scenic easement in Mn/DOT's April 30, 2009 Scoping Comment, it was only after ~~Based on~~ Mn/DOT's November 30, 2009 letter that Applicants reevaluated the alignment of the Modified Preferred Route in the vicinity of the Minnesota River Valley Safety Rest Area to determine if there were any modifications that could alleviate Mn/DOT's concerns.⁷³ On December 14, 2009, based upon the suggestions of Duane Kamrath at the Henderson hearing,²² Applicants developed a new alignment generally within the 4,700-foot wide route that avoided Mn/DOT's scenic easements ("Myrick Alternative").⁷⁴ Kamrath has since withdrawn his suggestion. Id.

51. Applicants will need a route width, beyond that in the application or reviewed in the EIS, of approximately 4,700 feet for the Modified Preferred Route in the vicinity of the Minnesota River Valley Safety Rest Area to utilize the Myrick Alternative.⁸²

53. During the hearings on remand Mn/DOT again noted that transmission would not be permitted across DOT scenic easements and indicated that there are no Mn/DOT scenic easements located along Route Segment 4 of the Project in Belle Plaine or Le Sueur (using the Myrick Alternative).⁸⁵

62. In response to USFWS, Applicants also evaluated several non-aerial construction methods: connecting the new transmission line to the U.S. Highway 169 bridge, attaching the new transmission line to a stand alone pier that would be constructed next to the U.S. Highway 169 bridge, and undergrounding the new 345 kV transmission line.¹⁰³ Copies of four undergrounding studies were provided to USFWS in correspondence from Applicants dated May 13, 2010.²³

63. MnDNR also provided written comments to OES on April 30, 2009²⁴ and November 30, 2009.¹⁰⁴ In its November 30, 2009 letter, MnDNR " ... The DEIS does not currently contain the information necessary to sufficiently compare alternatives, segments, or various

²¹ Tr. Vol. 3 at p175, Testimony of Seykora, Dec. 6, 2010, referencing 4/30/09 letter of MnDOT's Michael Barnes to Scott Ek.

²² Henderson, and Winthrop Afternoon Transcript, p. 111-120, Kamrath Comments, January 12, 2010, Doc. ID 20101-46568-02.

²³ Remand Direct Testimony of Leshner, Ex. 163, Schedule 3, 4, 5, 6.

²⁴ Public Scoping Comments, DNR Matt Langan, 4-30-09.

combinations of segments...The DNR was unable to determine the potential direct and indirect impacts to WMAs from the maps and discussion in the DEIS...The FEIS should place an additional emphasis on river crossings. A discussion of river crossings and what specific avoidance and minimization techniques will be used to reduce impacts should be included... In general, discussion of mitigation should be addressed in more detail. It was previously recommended that appropriate mitigation should be discussed and agreed upon prior to finalization of the EIS. Therefore, more detail should be provided in the FEIS as route and substation locations are selected and more thoroughly defined.

opined that a Belle Plaine crossing by way of the USFWS/MnDNR Alternative “appears to be the most protective of the Minnesota River.” but expressly declined to make an endorsement. 105 If the Lower Minnesota River crossing occurs at Le Sueur, MnDNR requested the Modified Preferred Route avoid Buck’s Lake.106 MnDNR did not state any preferences for the crossing of the Minnesota River between Le Sueur or Belle Plaine.107

70. Minnesota statutes and rules require OES to prepare an EIS for the Project.118 As detailed in the ALJ Recommendation, OES engaged failed to take into account issues raised by MnDOT, DNR and USFWS -in the full process for thorough assessment of the potential environmental impacts that could result from the Project. On January 26, 2010, OES published the Final EIS (FEIS).119 The Modified Preferred Route, and the segments comprising the Arlington Crossover Route and the Gibbon Crossover Route were all considered in the FEIS.120 The Myrick alternative has not been considered in the FEIS. ²⁵ OES has chosen to not issue a supplement to the FEIS. No supplement is required for the purposes of the Remand Proceeding.

76. ~~The testimony filed by~~ Mr. Lennon and Mr. Lesher testified regarding engineering challenges in the Le Sueur/Myrick Alternative Route Area based upon their professional assessment, is summary/conclusory in nature and lacks references to detailed support such as cost studies or engineering data. ~~For example,~~ Mr. Lennon’s contention, at Finding 74 above, stated that the line along the Myrick Route needs to be moved to the east side of Highway 169 to stay away from the retention ponds stands alone, ~~without an illustrative map or any reference to or factual showing of flood history or soil studies.~~ It is noted also that any of the challenges to construction at Le Sueur relied upon by the Applicants to result in a “slight preference” for a Belle Plaine Crossing existed at the close of the record in the original CAPX 2020 case, when the Applicants preferred the Le Sueur Crossing.

78. The PPSA requires that route permit determinations “be guided by the state’s goals to conserve resources, minimize environmental impacts, minimize human settlement and other land use conflicts, and ensure the state’s electric energy security through efficient, cost-effective power supply and electric transmission infrastructure.”137 Only routes reviewed in the EIS may be permitted.

122. Five eagle nests were identified in the Minnesota River Valley with the southernmost being north of the proposed Le Sueur crossing point of the Preferred Modified Route. The northernmost eagle nest identified is south of the Belle Plaine crossing point for both the

²⁵ See FEIS (eFiled Jan. 26, 2010), eDocket Document No. 20101-46444-03.(does not appear to be in hearing record)

Arlington Crossover Route and Gibbon Crossover Route.¹⁹¹ ~~The survey did not note the eagle nests shown on USFWS maps.~~²⁶

124. ~~Contrary to USFWS eagle nest maps and testimony of Michael Albrecht²⁷, n~~No eagle nests have been observed within a mile of the proposed corridors, but eagle nest locations can change from year to year. Eagle nests are typically spaced 2-3 miles apart based on their home range and territory, and a pair of nesting eagles will not tolerate another pair in “their” territory.¹⁹³ The entire area of the Minnesota River valley between Le Sueur and Belle Plaine is a major corridor for spring and fall migration and for nesting pairs of eagles that utilize open water patches to forage. This entire area is “prime real estate” for bald eagles.¹⁹⁴

126. The evidence in the record of the Remand Proceeding does not show a marked difference between the impact on eagles to be expected from following either the Modified Preferred Route crossing the Minnesota River at Le Sueur or the Alternate Route crossing at Belle Plaine. ~~There is no impact on eagles that precludes permitting of either crossing point.~~

157. Mn/DOT, USFWS, and MnDNR ~~repeatedly~~ expressed concern with various aspects of the Modified Preferred Route.²²² These concerns were addressed in the ALJ Recommendation. ~~Regarding Segment 4, Mn/DOT and MnDNR expressed no specific concerns.~~

160. On remand, MnDNR did not identify any new issues with the Le Sueur and Belle Plaine crossings ~~and confirmed that substantive issues and concerns raised in EIS comments had yet to be addressed.~~²⁸

161. ~~The Modified Preferred Route with a Neither~~ Lower Minnesota River crossing at ~~either~~ Le Sueur ~~or Belle Plaine~~ would minimize impacts to the Minnesota River Valley because: ~~1) the land use near the point of crossing the Minnesota River at Le Sueur features industrial uses, thereby reducing of significant~~ impacts to homes and sensitive environmental features ~~including eagle takings prohibited under federal law;~~ and ~~2) opportunities for sharing existing corridors exist at Le Sueur. Placing the crossing point at Belle Plaine would have a disproportionate adverse impact on the potential for economic development coincident with population growth in that area when compared to Le Sueur. Neither proposed crossing site is feasible in light of the impacts and failure to mitigate.~~

162. For both Le Sueur and Belle Plaine, Applicants analyzed undergrounding alternatives. A full analysis of undergrounding was conducted in the contested case held prior to the Remand Proceeding.²²⁴ ~~The undergrounding estimates provided in this Remand were not part of the record in the original proceeding.~~²⁹

165. ~~A~~The federal permitting agency has yet to applying the three criteria in the federal regulation, ~~specifically~~ the cost (\$400 million in 2007 dollars) of the remedy (undergrounding) ~~is very high~~ in relation to the cost of the rest of the Project (\$700 - \$800 million in 2007 dollars),

²⁶ USFWS Letter, June 10, 2010.

²⁷ Testimony of Michael Albrecht, Ex.516.

²⁸ Testimony of Schrenzel, fn. 105-107.

²⁹ Ex.163, Testimony of Leshner, Schedule 3.

undergrounding is the only existing technology that will address the problem, and logistically, implementing the undergrounding alternative would be expensive but all undergrounding estimates noted it was constructable. Id. difficult. However, under the rule criteria, undergrounding is ~~not~~ a practicable option for crossing the Minnesota River.

166. As discussed elsewhere in this Recommendation, the USFWS has not identified any impact to the eagle population that precludes issuance of a permit for aerial routing of the HVTL. Mn/DOT has affirmatively stated that neither proposed crossing will affect any scenic easement held by Mn/DOT. No undergrounding alternative has been identified that would significantly reduce the cost of that option. However, under MERA, economic considerations alone are not sufficient or supportable basis for a determination. Minn. Stat. §116B.05.

167. Due to the significant environmental impacts, construction challenges and costs, undergrounding crossing at Le Sueur or Belle Plaine is not ~~a superior alternative to an aerial crossing-feasible.~~

168. The record does not support an ~~underground design~~aerial crossing-at either of the Minnesota River crossings under consideration in the Remand Proceeding.

176. The notice that Applicants provided to the public and local governments prior to the Remand Proceeding was ~~detailed in the ALJ Recommendation and~~ found not to satisfy of Minnesota statutory and rule requirements.²³⁵

177. On September 17, 2010, Applicants mailed a notice to landowners whose property was within or adjacent to the proposed or alternate routes in Segment 4 in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 216E.03, subd. 6.236 That mailed notice was limited to those landowners whose property falls within 1000 feet of the proposed routes. Notice was not mailed to Myrick Road landowners until January, 2010, after the hearing had closed.

180. The Commission's Remand of this proceeding did not change the locations to be examined for routing of the segment under consideration. All of those areas were included in the FEIS completed by the OES. The Myrick Route was not included in the scoping decision and was not included in the FEIS. The record demonstrates that the FEIS is inadequate for this routing decision because the FEIS fails to addresses the issues and alternatives raised in by agency commeneters, in the Scoping Decision, and fails to provides adequate responses to the substantive comments received during the DEIS review process, and was prepared in compliance with Minnesota Rules 7850.1000 to 7850.5600. The EIS is inadequate.

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3. OES has not conducted an appropriate environmental analysis of the Project for purposes of this route permit proceeding and the FEIS satisfies Minn. R. 7850.2500. Specifically, the FEIS fails to addresses the issues and alternatives raised through the scoping process in light of the availability of information and the time limitations for considering the permit application, did not sufficiently provides responses to the timely substantive comments received during the DEIS

review process, and was not prepared in compliance with the procedures in Minn. R. 7850.1000-7850.5600. ³⁰

7. The record demonstrates that neither the the Modified Preferred Route or the Alternate for Segment 4, and its Associated Facilities, satisfies the route permit criteria set forth in Minnesota Statute § 216E.03, subd. 7 and Minnesota Rule 7850.4100. The permit should be denied, without prejudice, because neither crossing of the Minnesota River is feasible as proposed.

8. If the Applicants resubmit an Application, the Applicants must fully disclose ultimate ownership in compliance with CoN Order Point 4.

~~8. The record establishes that both the Gibbon Crossover Route and the Arlington Crossover Route, each connecting the Modified Preferred Route and Alternate Route in Sibley County, and crossing the Minnesota River west of Belle Plaine, and its Associated Facilities, satisfy the route permit criteria set forth in Minnesota Statute § 216E.03, subd. 7 and Minnesota Rule 7850.4100.~~

~~9. The record demonstrates that the Modified Preferred Route for Segment 4 is the best alternative for the 345 kV transmission line between Brookings County Substation and Hampton Substation.~~

~~10. The record demonstrates that it is appropriate to grant a Route Permit for the 345 kV transmission line and Associated Facilities along the Modified Preferred Route. 11. The record demonstrates that it is appropriate for the Route Permit to provide the requested route width of 600 feet, except for those locations where Applicants are requesting a route width of 1,000 feet or up to 1.25 miles, as shown on Attachment 2 to Applicants' Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Recommendation. 12. It is appropriate for the Route Permit to require Applicants to obtain all required local, state, and federal permits and licenses, to comply with the terms of those permits or licenses, and to comply with all applicable rules and regulations.~~

³⁰ See MnDOT, DNR Comments of 4/30/09 and 11/30/09.

Last Name	First Name	Title	Link	City	Zip	Category1	Category2	Category3	Category4	Category5	Comment
	Endres Farms		LENDRES.PDF	Hampton	55031	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	Stray Voltage	Rare or Unique Species	Concerned with impacts to family farm, EMF, stray voltage, livestock and wildlife
	City of Lynd		City_of_Lynd.pdf	Lynd	56157	Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative	Property Value/Compensation			Supports the Preferred Route or other route that does not cross the Lynd city limits or otherwise negatively impact the future development of the City of Lynd. Signed by Diane Boe - Mayor and Faye Angimison, City Clerk.
	Blakely Township		Blakely_Township_Petition.PDF	Blakely Township		Aesthetics	Other				Petition opposing lines through Blakely Township due to farm impacts, future development plans, and impacts on scenery.
	Nosbush Dairy		Dairy_Nosbush.PDF	Fairfax	55332	Other					Has heard that people want to run route on 640th Ave. instead of 660th Ave. This would impact large dairy farm.
	Derrynane Township Board		Derrynane_Township_Board.PDF			Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation				Feel that the current proposed and alternate routes create too great a conflict to residents of Derrynane township.
	Grandview Township		Grandview_Township.PDF	Grandview Township		Specific Route Alternative					Proposes several changes to existing route - signed by Grandview Township Board and some concerned landowners. See PDF.
	Lanesburgh Township		Lanesburgh_Township.PDF	Lanesburgh Township		Rare or Unique Species	Other				Submitted by Lanesburgh Township, who has several issues with farm impacts, accuracy of document (e.g. says route will go along farm lines but actually goes through them), wildlife impacts, and wetland impacts. See PDF.
	St. Andrew's Church		St_Andrews_Church.PDF	Fairfax	55332	Noise	Aesthetics	General Route Selection			Would like an alternate route from the current 640th Ave. Unsightly presence and the constant humming would be a disturbance for family and friends during burial service.
	Brown County Planning and Zoning		Brown_County.PDF	New Ulm	56073	General Route Selection	Proximity to Homes				Comment from Brown County regarding thoughts on project and recommended actions such as having lines follow township and county road ROWS. See PDF for all comments.
	City of Hampton (Mary Schultz, City Clerk)		City_of_Hampton.pdf	Hampton	55033	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Rare or Unique Species			Resolution adopted by the city of Hampton. Oppose project due to concerns with property values, impacts to the environment, and EMF risks.
	City of Lynd	City Clerk and Mayor	City_of_Lynd.pdf	Lynd	56157	General Route Selection	Property Value/Compensation	Other			City of Lynd support the Preferred Route, which would have the least environmental impacts on the Redwood River. Concerned with future development, environmental impacts. See PDF for maps and resolution of the city of Lynd.
	Lynd Township	Lynd Township Chariman and Supervisors	Lynd_Township.PDF	Marshall	56258	Rare or Unique Species	General Route Selection				Lynd Township opposes route crossing the Redwood River due to environmental impacts.
	USFWS		USFWS_043009.pdf			Rare or Unique Species	Other				Comment contains review of biological information by USFWS. Supports using the Preferred route west of the Helena Substation and the Alternate route east of the Helena Substation. Concerned with MN River Valley. See PDF for all information.
	Royal Township	Royal Township	Royal_Township.PDF	Ivanhoe	56142	Health/EMF					Provided "Risks to health are too high" article.
Ackerman	Julie		Ackerman.pdf			Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes				Supports Modified South Route from the perspective of existing ROW/field lines and impacts on human settlement
Albrecht	Lynn		Albrecht.pdf	Belle Plaine	56011	Health/EMF	Stray Voltage	Other			-need -not for wind
Alexon	Beth & Steve		Alexon.pdf	Webster	55088	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Aesthetics	Noise	Rice County Webster Twp T112 R21 Section 2 Stay on W side of 35W
Allison	Chuck		Allison.pdf	Norwood	55057	Specific Route Alternative	Noise	Trees/Wind Breaks	Aesthetics		Has objections to the preferred river route crossing near Franklin, MN. I feel that there are other options for a river crossing of this magnitude. See PDF for alternate suggestions.
Amberson	Marge		Amberson_M.pdf	Henderson	56044	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Aesthetics			Project in effect rapes the land that it crosses, WHEREVER it crosses that land. How does this project compare cost wise to building a power plant WHERE THE DEMAND FOR POWER IS? Do not agree with preferred route crossing Buck's Lake in Henderson.
Amberson	Darrell	President, Lehman's Garage	Amberson.pdf	Henderson	56044	Health/EMF	Aesthetics	General Route Selection			I am opposed to this project but prefer route that crosses MN River at Belle Plaine rather than south of Henderson due to the environmental and visual impact at Buck's Lake.
Amberson	Darrel		Henderson.pdf	Henderson Township		General Route Selection					If there is an increased need for the electricity, why are we, as a state, transmitting electricity across two-thirds of the state? Why not build a power plant closer to the metro?
Amberson	Darrel		Amberson_Darrell.PDF	Henderson	56044	Aesthetics	Rare or Unique Species				Opposes project but prefers that the line crosses the MN River at Belle Plaine rather than south of Henderson due to the environmental and visual impact at Buck's Lake.
Ammann	Lori		Ammann.pdf	Le Sueur	56058	Proximity to Homes	Health/EMF	General Route Selection			Henderson Township Section 27 Too many homes impacted.
Ammann	Troy		Ammann.pdf	Le Sueur	56058	Health/EMF	Other				-asked Dr. what his opinion was of the electro magnetic fields emitted by these lines and he said he would move -How efficient is it to transmit wind generated power?
Ammon	Randy		Ammon-2.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	Rare or Unique Species		Supports Modified South Route.
Ammon	Rand & Nancy		Ammon.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative	Property Value/Compensation	Rare or Unique Species			Supports Modified South Route.
Amundson	Lee	Lincoln County Engineer	Amundson_L.pdf	Ivanhoe	56142	Specific Route Alternative					
Amundson	Lee	Lincoln County Engineer	Amundson.pdf	Ivanhoe	56142	General Route Selection					
Anderson	Tony & Deb		Anderson.pdf	Marshall	56258	Health/EMF	General Route Selection				
Anderson	Patty		Anderson.pdf			Noise	Health/EMF	General Route Selection			Lives across from substation on 245th and Pillsbury Ave. Already hears buzzing from substation.
Anderson	Chad		Anderson_C.pdf	New Prague	56071	General Route Selection	Specific Route Alternative	Aesthetics			-would like to see the alternate route become the primary route -If the lines must follow the current primary route I would like them to be placed on the north side of county road 2
Anderson	Louise & David		Anderson.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes	Property Value/Compensation			Support the Modified South Route.
Anderson	Gary		Granite_Falls.pdf			Stray Voltage					Concerned with stray voltage and livestock.
Anderson	Debra		Lakeville-3.pdf			Health/EMF					Would like to know the process for the state looking into health concerns of EMF and what are the qualifications of the persons doing that process.
Anonymous	Anonymous		Anonymous-1.pdf			Other					
Anonymous	Anonymous		Anonymous_1.pdf			Other					Rice County Wheatland township section 21 Possible Business?
Anonymous	Anonymous		Anonymous_2.pdf			Other					Scott County Helena Twp T113 R23 Section 22 and 27 Corrections to house locations noted on GIS map
Anonymous	Anonymous		Anonymous_3.pdf			Other					Scott County Bell Plaine Twp T113 R24 Section 35 Correction to house location in Heelena Substation North Area
Anonymous	Anonymous		Anonymous_4.pdf			Proximity to Homes	Rare or Unique Species	General Route Selection	Other		Scott County Cetar Lake Twp T113 R22 Section 20, 23, 2 Concern re proximity/impact to homes
Anonymous	Anonymous		Anonymous - 2.pdf			Specific Route Alternative	Other				Severance Township T112 R31 Section 32 - wants line on south side of road
Anonymous	Anonymous		Anonymous - 3.pdf			Other					Empire Township T114 R19 Section 35
Anonymous	Anonymous		Anonymous - 4.pdf			Other					House is in the incorrect location.
Anonymous	Anonymous		Anonymous - 5.pdf			Other					Missing House location
Anonymous	Anonymous		Anonymous.pdf			Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes				Collected comments from other people. Several alternate routes proposed - see PDF.
Anonymous	Anonymous		Anonymous.pdf			Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes			Support Modified South Route through Rice County. Move Lake Marion Substation south to align with the Modified South Route.
Anonymous	Anonymous		Anonymous-2.pdf			Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF		Supports Modified South Route.
Aslakson	Jean		Henderson.pdf	Belle Plaine	56011	Proximity to Homes					Property on alternate route. We live within 1,000 feet of the oil pipeline that just came through. Now they want to put this power line on our property and I am opposed to it.
Aslakson	Kurt & Jean		Aslakson_Kurt_&_Jean.PDF	Belle Plaine	56011	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Rare or Unique Species	Trees/Wind Breaks	Aesthetics	We do not want power lines. Concerned about health risks, eagles and other animals, and impacts to trees. Already have a pipeline. Power lines would be an eye sore along Hwy 25
Baeyen	Steve		Baeyen.pdf	Webster	55088	Health/EMF	Other				I live in the sky harbor air park development and I am concerned about the power lines posing a hazard to aviation the power line would be on the approach path to our air park.
Balfany	Michael		Balfany.pdf	Webster	55088	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Rare or Unique Species			Strong opposition to the proposed Alternate or Route B through rural Webster on 57th Street West. The Webster township area is rich in natural habitat, waterways and fertile cropland. Route lines with existing high capacity lines.
Balfany	Anastasia		Balfany-2.pdf	Webster	55088	Rare or Unique Species	Property Value/Compensation	Aesthetics			Eiminate the option of 57th Street in Webster, also known as Alternate or Route B, and focus the lines in more suitable areas - preferably underground, near existing high capacity power lines and/or along major corridors like interstate highways.
Balk	Lena		Balk.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes			I am very concerned about how little information has been shared with the city of New Market as most residents just found out about this issue this week. Concerned with proximity to Eagleview Elementary.
Barnes	Michael	MnDOT, Director, Engineering Services Division	MnDOT.pdf	Saint Paul	55155	Other					Letter sent from MnDOT in response to route permit application. MnDOT supports the project in general and wishes to participate in the effort to evaluate effects on the state transportation system. See PDF for comments.
Barnett	Jay		Barnett_Jay.PDF	Webster	55088	Health/EMF					Concerned about impacts to horse business because horses have highly developed nervous system and cannot tolerate lines.
Basballe	Jan		Redwood_Falls.pdf			TV/Radio/GPS/etc.					Is the compensation for an easement just a one-time payment or an annual one? Will the line interfere with cable, etc.?
Bauer	Bernard & Mary Lou		Bauer.pdf	Hampton	55031	Proximity to Homes					Please move the 170 poles further south and away from Hampton.
Bauer	Bob	Attorney with Severson, Sheldon, Dougherty, and...	New_Prague.pdf			Other					Represents Steve and Camille Coman and Steve's company, Pyrotechnic Specialities, Inc. Concerned with the line coming through property that contains a lot of explosives associated with the company.
Bauer	Bernard		Lakeville-1.pdf	Hampton	55031	Other					Concerned that the route will end up on his property regardless of changes because he owns the land on and around Hampton Corner. Fed up with all the projects going through his farmland.

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Bauer	Mary Lou		Lakeville-1.pdf			Other					Wondering what profit this project is to MN. Concerned with whether the electricity would even be used in MN.
Beaudette	Kristofer		Beaudette.pdf			Health/EMF	General Route Selection				-Use alternate route -Lake Marion Substation should be moved south instead of expanding.
Bebnerk	Frank		Bednarek.pdf	Ivanhoe	56142	Stray Voltage	Proximity to Homes	Other			Dairy farm owner; homes close to line in this area; poot twp road winter maintenec Cemetery is located 3/10 of a mile north of Fairfax on County Rd #74 in the NW corner of Section 5 Cario Township, Ronville County
Becker	James	Secretary, St. John Luthern Church	Becker.pdf	Fairfax	55332	Specific Route Alternative					Suggest placement of the line several hundred ft north or south of cemetery.
Bedard	Sheila		Schifsky-2.pdf	Hampton	55031	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	General Route Selection			Underground lines.
Bedard	Robert & Vivian		Bedard_Robert_&_Vivian.PDF	Hampton	55031	Property Value/Compensation	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.	Rare or Unique Species			Concerned that ROWs and substations would take too much of their farmland, which they rely on for their only income. Lines would interfere with crop spraying If the lines are installed along the proposed route, we will be impacted by the risks to the health of our families and neighbors, noise from the lines, and loss of the views that we enjoy. Support Modified South Route.
Beebe	Sue		BeebeViere.pdf	Webster	55088	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Aesthetics		
Beebe	Sue		Beebe_S.PDF	Webster	55088	Rare or Unique Species	Aesthetics	Noise	Property Value/Compensation	Specific Route Alternative	Concerned about impacts to nature, wildlife, and views. Favors alternate route. Property has a very unique raptor area.
Beilke	James & Patricia		Beilke.pdf	Morgan	56266	Proximity to Homes	General Route Selection				We believe the proposed power line is too close to the farm sites here and would encourage the selection of the alternate route.
Beissel	Jerry		Lakeville-1.pdf	Hampton	55031	Other					Doesn't think the project is necessary. Thinks line should end at Lake Marion substation.
Beissel	Joyce & Jerry		Beissel_Joyce_&_Jerry.PDF	Hampton	55031	Health/EMF	Rare or Unique Species	Aesthetics			Concerned with impacts to seniors and people with compromised immune systems in area. Concerned with environmental impacts. Does not think project is necessary.
Belina	Kelly		Belina.pdf	Morgan	56266	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	General Route Selection		I am against the "Preferred Route" through Redwood County north of Hwy 68. I would like to see the lines relocated at least five miles away from this route. Using the "Alternate Route" would be fine with me. House is 2400 ft south of pref. route.
Belzer	Gloria		Belzer.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF	Rare or Unique Species			Dakota County -Requesting consideration locating the route South of Eureka rather than North of through Eureka Township. The Lake Marion Station should align wioth the South route.
Bender	W.A.	New Prague Mayor	City of New Prague.pdf			Specific Route Alternative					new alternative route would start near Brookings, head south along Interstate 29 to Interstate 90, follow Interstate 90 to the east, north along Highway 56 to Dodge Center and finally a leg heading north to Hampton or continuing east to LaCrosse.
Berg	Richard		Berg.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative	Trees/Wind Breaks	Proximity to Homes			Use the "Modified South Route"
Betzold	Kathleen		Betzold-2.pdf	Farmington	55024	Specific Route Alternative	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Rare or Unique Species		Modified South Route preferred
Betzold	Kathleen		Betzold.pdf	Farmington	55024	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Rare or Unique Species			
Beuning	Lisa		Beuning.pdf	New Market		Health/EMF					Opposed to preferred route I am writing because I understand that a transmission line is set to be built near the Eagle View Elementary School in New Market. I feel that this REALLY needs to be
Beuning	Lisa		Bintner.pdf			Health/EMF					Proximity y to Eagle View Elementary School in New market
Bigaodette	Larry		L.BIGAODETTE.PDF	Belle Plaine	56011	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Rare or Unique Species			Concerned about health risks and impacts on wildlife in the area. Already have a pipeline in the area. I hope the alternate route will not be considered.
Billmeier	Daniele	Chairman Sherman Twp Board	Billmeier.pdf	Morton	56270	Other					Nice work
Binczik	Tom & Dianne		T.BINCZIK.PDF	LeCenter	56057	Specific Route Alternative	Other				Transmission lines would do considerable damage to the tile along road ditch aond LeSueur County Rd. 32. Suggests alternative route - see PDF.
Bistodeau	Tracy		Bistodeau.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Other					Already 1 power line near home
Bistodeau	Nick		Bistodeau_Nick.PDF	Lakeville	55044	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Aesthetics			Concerned with health risks and property values.
Bistodeau	Tracy		Bistodeau_Tracy.PDF	Lakeville	55044	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Other			Concerned with health risks and property values. Thinks lines will interfere with hunting. Lines will affect family business.
Black	Chris		Black.pdf	Fairfax	55332	Specific Route Alternative					
Black	Chris		Black.pdf	Fairfax	55332	Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes				In area of MN River Crossing on Co Rd 3 heading N where preferred route heads E/W down 660th ave - consider running line E from Co Rd 3 down 640th (fewer homes, less impact to livestock)
Black	Chris		Black.pdf	Fairfax	55332	Specific Route Alternative					Renville County, Wellington Township. Sec 34. House is on North sida of the road 80ft and livestock barns are 100ft.
Black	Lyle		Black.pdf	Gibbon	55335	Proximity to Homes	Stray Voltage				For line running in Renville and Sibley Counties crossing the MN River on Co. Rd. 3: Suggests using 640th avenue instead of 660 th Ave/280th St
Black	Leroy		L.BLACK.PDF	Fairfax	55332	Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes				Suggests alternate route to portion running through Renville County crossing the Minnesota River on Co. Rd. 3, heading north - see PDF.
Black	JoAnn & Darwin		J.BLACK.PDF	Fairfax	55332	Specific Route Alternative	Other				Line running in Renville Cty, crossing the MN River on Co. Rd. 3 heading north. Would like different route - see PDF. Concerned with impacts to drain tile. Doesn't want lines by church cemetery.
Black	Lisa		Black.pdf	Gibbon	55335	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes		Concerned with preferred line running through Renville and Sibley Counties along 660 Avenue and 280 St., where there are more than a dozen farm dwellings along this route housing both families with small children and
Black	Arden		Black_A.PDF			Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes				Suggests change to line running in Renville County crossing the MN. River on Co. Rd. 3 heading north. Consider running the line east from Co. Rd. 3 down 640th Ave., which would affect as few as 3 dwellings which are also further from road.
Black	Lisa		Black_Lisa.PDF USFWS_Abeyance_Letter_for_Cap_X_2020_3-5-09.pdf	Gibbon	55335	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation				Concerned with health risks of children and livestock. Alternate route appears to be more direct, which would be less costly with fewer towers. Will counties, cities, etc. be compensated for damage to roads, etc.?
Blair	Charles	USFWS Refuge Manager	USFWS_Abeyance_Letter_for_Cap_X_2020_3-5-09.pdf	Bloomington	55425	Rare or Unique Species	Other				
Bleick	Bert		Bleick_Bert.PDF	Farifax	55332	Proximity to Homes					I don't want it on my land.
Blomber	Jennifer		Blomberg.pdf	Northfield	55057	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	Rare or Unique Species	Trees/Wind Breaks		MN Fact sheet shows EMF levels from 345kV lines do not reach 0 until at least 200 feet from line. This means property owners should be compensated for at least 400 feet right of way.
Bly	Barbara		Bly.pdf			Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	General Route Selection			Own two pieces of property affected by this line. Concerned with health hazards. Land in Scott County is prime development property - property value will drop. Bury line underground or move to alternate route.
Bly	Jarrett		Bly.pdf	Minneapolis		Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	General Route Selection			
Boelter	Cary		Boelter.pdf			Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Rare or Unique Species			Does not support route along Cty Rd. 2, between New Prague and New Market. My home is in that area, along with a daycare and bald eagle nests.
Boelter	Cary & Diane		Boelter.pdf	Webster	55088	Health/EMF	Rare or Unique Species	Proximity to Homes	Property Value/Compensation		Opposes north route following Cty. Rd 2 between New Prague and New Market. Concerned with impacts to bald eagles nearby and impacts on day care.
Boerboom	Paula		Boerboom.pdf			General Route Selection					One of the proposed routes for the line from the Lyon County substation to Granite Falls is less than 100 feet west of my home in Stanley Township, Lyon County. Already a power line 50 ft west. Thinks lines should be combined and not run parallel.
Boerboom	Bailey & Casey Jo		Boerboom-2.pdf	Redwood Falls	56283	Health/EMF	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.	Trees/Wind Breaks	Proximity to Homes		House resides within segment L99 of the preferred route. Propose that line drop south on Justice Ave. See PDF for other proposed alternatives. Concerned with health, loss of trees, disruption to internet.
Boerboom	Galen		Marshall-1.pdf			Proximity to Homes	Other				Lives between Gehnt and Minnesota. Mailings received looked like junk mail. Denied a task force meeting.
Boerboom	Bailey		Redwood_Falls.pdf	Redwood Falls	56283	Stray Voltage	Specific Route Alternative				We have an electrical fence directly underneath your proposed power line if it goes on the south side of the road. Would like to know when we will know if line will be on north or south side of road. Prefer route on north side of road.
Bohike	Wayne		Henderson.pdf			Other					Discussed Highland Creek project versus the Rush River project several years back. Concerned that the company is trying to divide communities. Opposes project.
Boisen	Danny & Barbara		Boisen.pdf	Le Sueur	56058	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF	Aesthetics	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.		We own lands and a house and buildings along 320th Street in Sections 28 and 29 of Derrynane Township in Le Sueur County. The existing 345kV transmission line already cuts diagonally between our two properties. Follow interstate highways.
Boltz	Wade		Redwood_Falls.pdf			Other	General Route Selection				Own property in Section 26 in Delhi. Has 2 wetlands and a high-pressure natural gas line so you can't do anything in that corner of the property. Concerned with lines interfering with aerial spraying to control weeds.
Bonlehe	Donna		Gaylord.pdf			Other					Do you have examples of where lines like these have been built and what do the communities say about how it affects them?
Borth	Gilbert & Carolyn		G.BORTH.PDF	Fairfax	55332	Proximity to Homes	Property Value/Compensation	Specific Route Alternative			Concerned with portion of line running in Renville County crossing the Minnesota River. Suggests alternate route - see PDF.
Borth	Tom		T.BORTH.PDF	Fairfax	55332	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative			My land value will go down and I don't want to farm around your poles. Will you pay me each year for my extra expense? Consider a route with less dwellings on it. See PDF for alternative route.
Borth	Daniel & Dorothy		Borth_David_&_Dorothy.PDF	Farifax	55332	Other	Specific Route Alternative				We don't want anything more on our farmland, please give respect to farmers. Also attached form letter suggesting alternate route for area of line running in Renville County crossing the MN. River on Co. Rd. 3 heading north.
Bosch	David		Bosch.pdf	Webster	55088	General Route Selection	Rare or Unique Species	Proximity to Homes			-Do NOT place the power line along county road 2.
Bot	Don & Rosemary		Bott.pdf	Cottonwood	56229	General Route Selection	Specific Route Alternative				Avoid private land. Should follow established routes.
Boyle	Duane		D.BOYLE.PDF	Webster	55088	Proximity to Homes	Other				The project is 20 years late, the area is too developed and affects too many houses. The line farther south would affect less people. Alternate route is too close to the air park on Cty Rd 3 and Canby Ave. Power lines and planes are not compatible.
Boyle	Duane		Boyle_Duane.PDF	Webster	55088	General Route Selection	Proximity to Homes				Thinks area is too developed for project. Prefers line farther south or north because it affects less people. Concerned about alternate route running too close to airpark
Boyum	Mary Ann		Boyum-2.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Proximity to Homes					Dakota County Lakeville Concern Re line crossing 100 acre farm she owns
Boyum	Mary Ann		Boyum-3.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation				

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Boyum	Mary Ann		Boyum.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Proximity to Homes					Dakota County Lakeville Concern Re line crossing 100 acre farm she owns
Braatz	Stanley		Braatz Stan.PDF	Henderson	56044	Property Value/Compensation					Would like to know how much they are going to pay for going across private property. Bought land 3 years ago with intention to divide into lots but worried power lines will not allow that plan.
Brandt	Elizabeth		E.BRANDT.PDF	Webster	55088	Specific Route Alternative					Comment is from 3 residences. Lines would go over one of the residences. Proposes different route - see PDF.
Brandt	Gloria		Brandt.pdf	Belle Plaine	56011	Rare or Unique Species	Health/EMF				Opposes alternate route in Belle Plaine. Already have pipeline there, more wildlife there. Alternate forms of energy should be focus of attention.
Braucher	Kathleen & Jim		Braucher.pdf	Webster	55088	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF				Can a plan be developed to route the major transmission line along the I90 I35 corridor and also serve intermittent substations with a lower voltage transmission line, from the source of power generation, that never connects to the major line? Need ideas
Braucher	Jim		Braucher Jim.PDF	Webster	55088	Health/EMF	Rare or Unique Species	Aesthetics	Trees/Wind Breaks		Petition opposing alternate route - petitioners are residents in map tiles 15 and 16.
Braun	Craig & Theodora	Braun Turf Farms	Braun.pdf	Farmington	55024	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF	Aesthetics	Property Value/Compensation		Property has been annexed into the City of Farmington to be developed into single family homes. Suggests keeping line south of property and not jog north on the east side of highway 3.
Braun	Craig		Braun Craig.PDF	Hampton	55031	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation			Does not want proposed line on property or near adjacent school or wetland.
Bristol	Brian & Cheryl	Le Seuer County Environmental Services	Bristol.pdf	Webster	55088	Other	General Route Selection				Residents of Sky Harbor Airport located in Webster township, Rice County - strongly oppose Alternate Route. Concerned with transmission lines and planes. Supports Preferred Route.
Brockway	Kathy		New Prague.pdf								Sat in on comments on behalf of the Le Seuer County Board of Commissioners. Would like to see Scott County's alternative route.
Broderick	Gladyce		Broderick G.PDF	Northfield	55057	Property Value/Compensation	Rare or Unique Species	Aesthetics			Please remove 57th street as an alternate route. Concerned with lines changing lifestyle and impacting environment.
Bronk	Brittany		Bronk.pdf			Specific Route Alternative					I strongly protest the placement of the proposed permanent easement along Scott Cty Rd 46/Pillsbury Avenue (ON MY PROPERTY). If pref. route is not chosen, there is an existing easement for a trans. Line paralleling I35 that can be built for both lines.
Brown	Linda		Lakeville-3.pdf	New Market Township		Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation		Opposes alternate route, specifically where it goes south from Lake Marion substation, down Pillsbury and then back north again. Proposes a couple of alternatives - see PDF.
Buesgens	Mark	State Representative	Buesgens.pdf			Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative				I support the modified south route, however I don't see this issue of one being whether or not it runs through Rice, Dakota, or Scott County. The issue as I see it is whether or not it runs through a rural or a non-rural area. See PDF for additional info.
Buesing	Michael	Chairman Lynd Twp Board	Lynd Township.pdf	Marshall	56258	General Route Selection	Rare or Unique Species				Opposed to alternate route crossing Redwood River due to potential environmental impacts
Buesing	Derek		Buesing.pdf	Granite Falls	56241	Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative				Would like to see the route located within the MN State Hwy 23 corridor between Hanley Falls and Granite Falls.
Buesing	Dean		Granite Falls.pdf	Granite Falls	56241	Other					Will negotiation with different landowners be a transparent process?
Buesing	Dean & Barb		Buesing D_and_B.PDF	Granite Falls	56241	Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes				Would like the lines to be located within the MN State Hwy. 23 corridor all the way to Granite Falls.
Bullard	Lisa		Bullard.pdf	Lonsdale	55046	Aesthetics	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative		Reconsider putting line down I90 in Southern MN. Concerned with losing farmland and farm scenery. Concerned with unknown health risks.
Bungert	Wendy		Bungert W.pdf			Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Specific Route Alternative			-Use "Modified South Route" -Why is the powerline not being run in A) lower population area or B) along the highways where there is already a clear right of way?
Bungert	Dan		Bungert D.pdf			Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	Health/EMF			-support the proposed Modified South Route because it will impact fewer homes
Bungert	Dan		Bungert.pdf			Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative				Proposed Modified South Route
Buysee	Brian		Marshall-1.pdf			Other					He called and emailed hoping to be on a task force.
Buysse	Pat		Buysse.pdf	Marshall	56258	General Route Selection	Rare or Unique Species	Aesthetics			Request not using south/alternate route through Lyon County; Already 2 new lines in this area (one buried), impacts on wildlife, distrust of utilities
Cafitsch II	Neale H.		Cafitsch.pdf	Prior Lake	55372	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.					Operates a radio tower business in Le Sueur Concerned with interference
Cahill	Kay		Cahill.pdf	Hampton	55031	General Route Selection	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Aesthetics	Specific Route Alternative	Terminate line at Lake Marion Substation Stay South of the Hampton woods in an area much less populated or in cooridor 1 mi No 200th St where existing HVTL is located
Call	Virjean		Calls.pdf			Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	General Route Selection		Wants the line further south.
Callahan	Daniel		Callahan.pdf	New Prague	56071	General Route Selection	Specific Route Alternative	Property Value/Compensation	Aesthetics	Trees/Wind Breaks	Le Sueur County Derrynane Twp Section 22 Alternate route should be chosen - line follows N route through Le Sueur County
Callahan	Daniel		Callahan.pdf	New Prague	56071	General Route Selection					Derrynane Twp, Sec. 22, Le Sueur County
Callahan	Daniel		Callahan.pdf	New Prague	56071	Property Value/Compensation	Specific Route Alternative				Derrynane Twp, Sec. 22, Le Sueur Co. Supports Alternate Route. See PDF for photos of power lines and property.
Callahan	Dan		New Prague.pdf	New Prague	56071	Proximity to Homes	Property Value/Compensation	Rare or Unique Species	Noise		Resident of the area (Section 22, Derrynane Township), and I went to school near where this power line is proposed. Proposed route goes across where he is planning to build. Has land in Section 3, Limestone Township, Lincoln County. The Preferred route is acceptable to him, as long as it is placed at the edge of the existing road ROW, with proper compensation provided. Has some suggestions for the proposed route - see PDF.
Callens	Albert		A.CALLENS.PDF	Taunton	56291	Property Value/Compensation					"Modified South Route", being considered by the Citizens Energy Task Force, is far superior because it affects fewer houses, impacts less people, and maximizes use of right-of-ways
Carlson	Frank		Carlson.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative					
Carlson	Lucinda		Carlson.pdf			Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	General Route Selection			Concern re: proximity to Eagle View Elementary School in New Market; Request less populated route; prefer southern route followin I-35 betw Elko and Lonsdale
Casey	Irene		I.CASEY.PDF	Le Sueur	56058	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	Aesthetics	General Route Selection	Opposed to powerline crossing family farm at SE 1/4S22 T112, R25 in LeSueur County. There is already one overhead and one underground powerline on property. Seems unreal that this powerline must cross entire state of MN. Concerned about health issues.
Casse	Daniel		Casse.pdf	Hampton	55031	Other					Says preferred route is "perfect". Build it as soon as possible.
Castro	Gabriel		Castro.pdf			Proximity to Homes	Health/EMF	General Route Selection			Request re-routing the lines to have minimal impact on the cities of Elko and New Market.
Cauwels	Joe		Marshall-2.pdf	Milroy	56263	Proximity to Homes					Am I correct that anybody who generates electricity can put it over this power line if they buy into it, or hire out the power line? Concerned with minimum distances from a dwelling. What kind of ice load at what wind levels can it carry?
Chamberlin	Bob		Lakeville-3.pdf			General Route Selection	Other				Unsure of necessity of the project in Hampton.
Chao	Mramx		M.CHAO.PDF	Eden Prairie	55347	Other					Do not permit line along 220th street - would affect Watt Munisotaram Temple of Mn Cambodian Buddhist Society, located at 2925 220th St. in Hampton, Mn.
Charlton	Barbara & Stephen		Charlton.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Aesthetics	Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative			Oppose route along Cty Rd. 46 (Pillsbury Ave). Using the I-35 easement will save money.
Chmelar	Charlie		Redwood Falls.pdf			Health/EMF	Other				Concerned with height restrictions from airport runways. How will I get compensated for having my view be the power line a mile away? I assume my taxes will be the same.
City Clerk - City of Hampton	Mary Schultz		City of Hampton.pdf	Hampton	55033	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Other			City Resolution Opposing the line
Clobes	Marion		M.CLOBES.PDF	Fairfax	55332	Property Value/Compensation					I feel there are too many farm sites close to the route on 660th Ave. Also many hog confinement units. Will hurt value of the land.
Clobes	Mark		M.CLOBES000.PDF	Fairfax	55332	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	General Route Selection			Power lines will take the value away from land and hog operation. Already has to ground all feeders, gates, etc b/c of stray voltage that is present. Consider a different route.
Cole	Charles		Cole Charles.PDF	Lakeville	55044	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Rare or Unique Species	General Route Selection		Prefers route through Rice County, which impacts fewer people.
Colvin	Kyle	Assistant Manager, Engineering services Met. Coun.	Metropolitan Council.pdf			Other					Letter from Metropolitan Council. Alternate route may coincide with a portion of the alignment of a current metropolitan interceptor project. Please contact Jim Roth, Metropolitan Council Staff Engineer once preliminary plans are available - 651-602-1123.
Coman	Steve & Camille	RES Specialty Pyrotechnics Inc.	RES_Specialties.pdf	Belle Plaine	56011	Health/EMF	Stray Voltage				Letter was sent by their legal council, Severson, Sheldon, Dougherty & Molenda, P.A.
Cook	Greg & Helen		Cook.pdf	Farmington	55024	General Route Selection					Does not want the line run on or near the property. Runs a licensed daycare out of the home.
Coquyt	James & Janie		Coquyt James & Julane.PDF	Milroy	56263	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes	General Route Selection			Didn't feel that questions were adequately answered at meeting. Concerned with lines affecting health. Prefer the alternate route.
Cotterman	Larry		Cotterman 1.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	Other					Scott County Cedar lake Twp T113 R22 Section 23 24 DSL boxes bordering Zachary and 260th 20'x30' easements
Cotterman	Larry		Cotterman 2.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	Other					Scott County Cedar Lake Twp T113 R22 Section 23 Note of age of lakes along route
Cotterman	Larry		Cotterman L.PDF	Elko New Market	55020	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Aesthetics	Proximity to Homes		Property located in Cedar Lake Twp, S23, R113. Concerned with big tower that would be placed on property with the preferred route. Also concerned with losing view.
Coudron	Mike		Marshall-1.pdf			Other					How are offers for easements negotiated, is there a base for each parcel of land?
Cowan	Scott		Cowan.pdf	Webster	55088	Proximity to Homes	Property Value/Compensation				
Cowan	Scott, M'Kenzie, & Addison		Cowen S M A.PDF	Webster	55088	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes			Lines affect 100% of our property and the ability to run a future daycare business. Concerned about being able to sell house with lines present.
Crandall	Susan		Crandall.pdf			Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF				Opposes route through Scott County. Supports Modified South Route. Has child with immune system deficiency and concerned with his health in addition to the disruption to the general neighborhood.
Dandurand	Lois		LDANDURAND.PDF			Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes				Comment written by attorney. Concerned with property value. Suggest a more southern route b/c it is more rural.

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Daniel	Callahan		Callahan.pdf	New Prague	56071	Other					Follow up email. Previously sent letter with several pages of information.
Danielson	Ron		Redwood_Falls.pdf	Fairfax	55332	Health/EMF	Noise				How far away from the power lines does EMF actually radiate out, and also, what are the noise levels?
Danielson	Ron		Danielson_Ron.PDF	Fairfax	55332	Specific Route Alternative	Other				Concerned with impacts to farms on 660th Ave. Would like alternate route to the north or route along 640th.
Davis	Jeanne		Davis.pdf	Le Sueur	56058	General Route Selection	Health/EMF				Henderson Township, Sec 28
Davis	Brad	Planning Director, Scott County	New_Prague.pdf			General Route Selection	Specific Route Alternative				Speaking on behalf of the County Board of Commissioners. Commissioners opposed the proposed routes for the CapX 2020 transmission line project and recommending a new alternate route. See PDF for details.
Dawson	Mary		Dawson.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative	Property Value/Compensation	Rare or Unique Species			-suggests modified South Route -migratory stop for birds
Debbaut	Delmer		Marshall-1.pdf			Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes			My daughter-in-law's daycare center in Section 27 of Underwood Twp, Redwood Cty.
Debbaut	Greg		Redwood_Falls.pdf			Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes	General Route Selection			Property owner on preferred route in Underwood Twp. Section 27. Has daughter-in-law with a daycare out of that property. Has there ever been any thought of following the interstate
DeChon	Bev & Yance		DeChon.pdf	Lonsdale	55046	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF				Wheatland Township, Section 15 -runs a massage therapy business out of my home and can't imagine that some people wouldn't think twice about having a massage at a place with a huge, buzzing power line
Deering	Sam & Melanie		Deering.pdf	Webster	55088	Other					Opposes alternate route near Webster because of the interference with air planes.
DeFor	Kathy		DeFor.pdf			Health/EMF	Other				Heath impacts; impacts on farming
DeGidio	Patricia & Michael		DeGidio.pdf	New Prague	56071	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes			Section 23 of Lanesburgh township in LeSueur County
DeGidio	Praticia		P_DEGIDIO.1.PDF	New Prague	56071	Health/EMF	Stray Voltage	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes		Section 23 of Lanesburgh township in LeSueur County. Our home/farm sits directly under planned route. Concerned with property values. Has health issues (spinal) - has pain with weather changes, barometric changes, and magnetic energy surges.
DeGross	Katie		DeGross.pdf			Property Value/Compensation	Noise	Aesthetics	Health/EMF		
DeGross	Julie		Degross_J.PDF	Webster	55088	Health/EMF	Aesthetics	Property Value/Compensation			Does not think there is a need for project. Alternate route through Rice County is better because it affects less people.
Dentz	Brad		B.DENTZ.PDF	Marshall	56258	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF				See PDF map for how he would like the line to go. Does not want power line 100 ft from home - put it on the north side (see PDF).
Deterling	LaVella		L.DETERLING.PDF			Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes				Suggests alternate route to portion running through Renville County crossing the Minnesota River on Co. Rd. 3, heading north - see PDF.
DeWall	Katherine		DeWall_K.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF				My greatest concern with the overall project is the proximity of the high voltage transmission lines in relation to the location of Eagle View Elementary School. Supports Alternate Route.
Dieken	Harold		Marshall-1.pdf			General Route Selection	Trees/Wind Breaks				If the CON is denied, does the routing process stop at that point? What is the exact technique you use for dealing with groves of trees? I too filled out a citizen task force application. What weight do farm windbreaks carry?
Dietz	Al & Laurie		Dietz.pdf			Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	Rare or Unique Species		Strong opposition to the alternate route running south of New Prague.
Dietz	Ms.		New_Prague.pdf	Le Sueur	56058	Other					Route goes across driveway on 28 in Le Sueur - clarifying what another speaker said.
Dietz	Laurie		New_Prague.pdf			Other					Feels like everyone is at meeting just for a formality.
Distad	Julian		Distad_Julian.PDF	Fairfax	55332	Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes				Form letter regarding portion of route in Renville County that crosses the MN. River on Co. Rd. 3, heading north. Suggests alternate route running line east from Co. Rd 3 down 640th Ave.
Docken	Jeff	Rice County Commissioner Fifth District Rice County Commissioner	Docken.pdf			Proximity to Homes	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Rare or Unique Species		It is the growth and expansion of the metropolitan area that is causing the need - not rural Rice County. If they need it let them look at it, and deal with its negative impacts. Need to preserve the farmland in Rice County. The Pref. route will cost less
Docken	Jeff		New_Prague.pdf			TV/Radio/GPS/etc.	Health/EMF				Would like to see route proposed by Rice County. Lives on Chester Ave., which intersects 57th St., 1/4 mile from line. Concerned with lines affecting pacemaker. Will cows still graze under lines. Will lines affect organic status? Concerned with Sky Harbor
Doffing	Drea		Doffing.pdf			Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative				Modified South Route
Doig	Hugh		Doig.pdf	New Prague	56071	Specific Route Alternative					Supports Modified South Route - thinks it's a good idea to move the lake marion substation south to go with the modified south route.
Dolan	Michael		Marshall-1.pdf			Property Value/Compensation					Potentially affected landowner. Will someone actually get and review my written comment and get back to me?
Dolezal	Mark, Jean, etc.		Dolezal.pdf	New Prague	56071	General Route Selection	Property Value/Compensation				I have heard that Excel Energy was asked to join "capx" as a tool to be able to use Eminent Domain. In my opinion it is equal to theft.
Domeier	Dennis & Audrey		Domeier.pdf	Fairfax	55332	Stray Voltage	Property Value/Compensation				object to the proposed powerline being placed at or near the 640th Ave corridor. proximity to farms, aerial crop spraying; NSP Cairo township substation, located just on the north side of our property directly in line with this proposed line
Domeier	Dennis and Audrey		Domeier_Dennis_&_Audrey.PDF	Fairfax	55332	Health/EMF	Stray Voltage	Proximity to Homes			Opposes to lines being placed at or near the 640th Ave. corridor. Concerned with impacts to crops and pig farms. Would like a route located away from people and animals.
Domeier	Steve & Amy		Domeier_S_A.PDF	Webster	55088	Proximity to Homes	Health/EMF	Aesthetics	Noise	Specific Route Alternative	Strongly object to project for a number of reasons. Would support the Modified South Route.
Donovan	Peggy	LeSueur County Board Resolution	Le_Sueur_County.pdf			General Route Selection					Supports the alternative route up to the Helena Substation
Donovan	Peggy	County Coordinator - Le Sueur County	Le_Sueur_County.pdf			Proximity to Homes	General Route Selection				Attached Resolution by the Le Sueur County Board. Supports alternate route because it would have less impact on residents of Le Sueur County.
Dovre	Alan		Dovre_A.pdf	Minneota	56264	Property Value/Compensation	General Route Selection				Sec 34 Eidsvold Township. Lyon Co. What is compensation? Why not route line down ROW?
Dovre	Dave		Dovre_D.pdf	Minneota	56264	Rare or Unique Species					Section 34, Eidsvold township. Lyon County Nesting pairs of blue herrons and red tailed hawks
Dovre	Dave		Marshall-2.pdf			Health/EMF	Other				What is the source for the electricity? Why not bury lines? How high would the poles be.
Downing	Dan		Hendricks.pdf			Other					What is the energy source, is it coming from windmills or what actually is the source of energy out in South Dakota that they're routing it to?
Doyle	Chuck & Jody		Doyle.pdf	Webster	55088	Other					The proposed highline on 57th is too near an airport. This would cause risk and liabilities for airplanes coming and going out of Skyharbor Airpark.
Doyle	Chuck		Doyle-2.pdf	Webster	55088	Other					How could this happen with "NO" notification to the residents that will suffer extreme losses?
Dummer	Donna Mae		Dummer_Donna_Mae.PDF	Fairfax	55332	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.	Health/EMF	Stray Voltage			Placing towers on my land would take up 1/4 of my tillable land. Concerned with impacts to farm and duck pond. Also thinks its too close to a church.
Eckberg	Garfield		Eckberg.pdf			General Route Selection					Suggest getting RECs involved because the farmers trust local people more than a state agent
Edlund	Trisha		Edlund.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	Stray Voltage	Proximity to Homes				Cedar Lake Township Please review how many farms will be affected this way
Ehlers	Buzz		B.EHLERS.PDF	Farmington	55024	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	General Route Selection			Opposed to the hvli on 220th St. in Hampton Township. Has had pacemaker/defibrillator for 5 years. High intensity electric fields can interfere with pacemakers. I will not be able to live in my house. Pursue a route that would impact fewer homes.
Eide	Don		Eide.pdf	Webster	55088	Proximity to Homes	Other				I understand that this line will be 200ft tall with-in one mile of our Airport. That's a very very dangerous obstruction that close to any airport.
Eilers	Beth		Eilers.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Rare or Unique Species	General Route Selection				-Vermillion River is valued fresh water Trout River -surrounded by registered wetland that serves a large number of wildlife including deer, turkeys, bald eagles, hawks and grouse. The preferred route would have a significantly
Eilers	Beth		B.EILERS.PDF	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes				Does not agree with the Preferred Route going through Eureka Township (Lakeville), Dakota County. Preferred route fails to avoid as many homes as possible, to disrupt least amount of agriculture and wetland areas as possible. Suggests alternate route -PDF
Eilers	Beth		Lakeville-2.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Health/EMF	Specific Route Alternative				Thinks EMF research should be reviewed thoroughly since WHO report is about 20 years old. Would like to know what the need for the project is based on. Suggests line follow City Rd. 70 because it's mostly industrial.
Eischens	Richard & Annette		Eischens.pdf	New Prague	56071	Specific Route Alternative					-follow existing 345KV from Brookings Sub to hwy90, follow Hwy90 to Hwy35, then North to Marion Sub -From the proposed South Helena Sub, follow the alternate (Southern) route to Marion Sub
Eischens	Mike		Eischens.pdf	New Prague	56071	Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative				Landowner on Pref. route. Objects to entire so called "preferred route" and proposes several changes - see PDF.
Eliason	Colleen & Jeff		Eliason.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation			Support the Modified South Route. Concerned about the environmental effects as well as the damage to our property value if this proposed line stays on 245th St behind our property.
Emerson	Susan		Emerson.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	Rare or Unique Species	Aesthetics	Specific Route Alternative	Eureka Township request that the modified South route is the option selected and the moving of the Lake Marion substation to align with the modified south route.
Enders	Pat	Endres Farms Partenership	Endres.pdf	Hampton	55031	Specific Route Alternative					Dakota County -follow the Modified South Route
Endres	Lori		Lakeville-1.pdf			Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes			Concerned with compensation. Thinks lines should go underground if project is really necessary - to avoid impacts to properties.
Engels	Dennis		Engels.pdf	Ghent	56239	Specific Route Alternative	Other				Land owner in Westerheim Twp. Section 35. The line going through Grandview Twp. along 340th St. needs to be moved to go down Hwy. 68, then around south side of Ghent, like the Grandview board has indicated. This affects less farm sites.
Engels	Wally		Marshall-2.pdf			Other					Upset because not getting good answers from Scott and Craig. Not enough of the details are known.
Engels	Wallace & Delores		Engels_W_D.PDF	Minneota	56264	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes			Would like the section of proposed route that follows 340th St./County Rd. 78 changed because it is too close to homes (see map in PDF).
Enggren	Mary Ann		Enggren.pdf	Farmington	55024	Health/EMF	Aesthetics	Property Value/Compensation			

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Enggren	Steven		Enggren_S.pdf	Farmington	55024	Specific Route Alternative	Rare or Unique Species				Supports Modified South Route.
Enggren	Mary Ann		Enggren.pdf	Farmington	55024	Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes				Supports Modified South Route.
Enggren	Mary Ann		Lakeville-1.pdf	Farmington	55024	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF	Rare or Unique Species	Noise	Trees/Wind Breaks	Thinks route should go much further south to avoid Hampton. Has property in Farmington, Castle Rock Twp. Preferred route would run on west and north side of property. Opposes whole project. Maps should be revised so that colors show proximity better.
Enggren	Mary Ann		Cannon_Falls.pdf	Farmington	55024	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes				Power line would go along the west and north side of home but she won't get any reimbursement because it won't be on her property. Concerned with how narrow 220th St. is and the potential for people to hit poles.
Entinger	Brian		Etinger.pdf	Belle Plaine	56011	Health/EMF	Stray Voltage				Building a new dairy barn 100 ft. away from the Preferred route. I am very concerned about what stray voltage will do me and my cows for next 30 years. I also concern about working on my silos and grain bins so close to the line.
Erickson	Joel	City Administrator	City_of_Lonsdale.pdf	Lonsdale	55046	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes				Lonsdale comprehensive growth plan includes growth toward the area where the alternate route is planned
Erickson	Charity		C.ERICKSON.PDF	LeCenter	56057	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation				Oppose transmission line b/c it is unsafe for the health of humans and animals. Oppose impact on property owners
Erickson	Robert & Betty		Erickson.pdf	Granite Falls	56241	Specific Route Alternative					Would like to see lines located to the MN State Hwy 23 corridor all the way to Granite Falls.
Erickson	Joel	Lonsdale City Administrator	Lakeville-1.pdf	St. Paul		Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes				Lonsdale city council passed a resolution that we did not want it in within two miles of the Lonsdale city limits. Comp plan proposes growth NW of Lonsdale. Need to take into account future development plans.
Erickson	Joel	City Administrator, City of Lonsdale	City_of_Lonsdale.pdf			General Route Selection	Health/EMF	Other			City of Lonsdale opposes alternate route or any route within 2 miles of Lonsdale. Concerned with EMF and future development. See attached resolution.
Estrem	Todd		Estrem.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative					-Sugges following I-90 across to Hwy 52. Then north to Hampton. OR
Evenson	Jim		Evenson_jim.PDF	Gibbon	55335	General Route Selection					Already 2 power lines on the alternate route, enough is enough.
Evenson	Joyce		Evenson_Joyce.PDF	Gibbon	55335	General Route Selection					Already 2 power lines on the alternate route, enough is enough. Concerned about sensitive environmental nature of the Henderson area.
Fahey	Brad		Fahey.pdf	Le Sueur	56058	Property Value/Compensation	Other				A lot of very happy people will be very unhappy if the power lines are installed. Concerned with health, wildlife, trees. Already have a pipeline on property. The alternate route is not even an option.
Fahey	Kevin		K.FAHEY.PDF	Belle Plaine	56011	Health/EMF	Rare or Unique Species	Trees/Wind Breaks			Concerned with too much stuff on property - with pipeline last year and now a power line.
Fahey	Kevin		Henderson.pdf			Property Value/Compensation					Modified South Route; avoid the northern route altogether by moving the expanded substation to 57th street and I35
Feese	Ryan		Feeser.pdf			Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes				-support of the Modified South route
Ferrell	Brian	Nature's Best Landscapes Inc	Ferrell.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF		Property Value/Compensation		strong objections to route along county road 2
Filipiak	Pam		Filipiak.pdf			Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes			
Fimon	Robert		Fimon.pdf	Belle Plaine	56011	Proximity to Homes	Rare or Unique Species				
Fink	A		A.FINK.1.PDF			General Route Selection	Proximity to Homes	Health/EMF			Suggests improved route to the one running in Renville County crossing the Minnesota River on Co. Rd. 3 heading north. Suggests less populated route. See PDF for details.
Finnerty	Sean	Senior Vice President - Competitive Power Ventures	Finnerty.pdf			General Route Selection					Supports the alternate route
Fischer	Chuck		Marshall-2.pdf			Other					Lynd TWP. When are we going to find out when there's a route going, where it's going to go?
Flaherty	Kevin		Lakeville-3.pdf			General Route Selection	Property Value/Compensation	Specific Route Alternative			why aren't we using all of the existing rights-of-way, why aren't we using all the existing corridors for these lines to minimize impacts? Has several specific route questions and why they go a certain way - see PDF.
Flanagan	Braden		Flanagan_B.PDF	Webster	55088	Health/EMF	Specific Route Alternative				Supports Modified South Route.
Flanagan	Kalen		Flanagan_K.PDF	Webster	55088	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF				Please use route that affects less people and animals. Supports Modified South Route.
Flanagan	Tom & Kerri		Flanagan_T_K.PDF	Webster	55088	Health/EMF	Aesthetics		Property Value/Compensation		Against lines along County Rd. 2. Concerned about impacts to people and horses. Also concerned aesthetics and property values.
Flanagan	Tara		Flanagan_T.PDF	Webster	55080	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF				Concerned about miscarriages caused by EMF. Supports Modified South Route.
Flier	Brett & Sandra		Flier_Brett_&_Sandra.PDF	Webster	55088	Aesthetics	Other		Property Value/Compensation		Thinks lines should run along roads that are suited for this type of construction. Does not want line on Co. Rd. 2. Concerned with lines impacting local hydrology of wetlands and Porter Creek, which runs through property.
Flier	P.		Flier_P_2.PDF	Webster	55088	Proximity to Homes	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Rare or Unique Species		Power line is right outside my front door. Concerned with impacts on property values and wildlife.
Forst	Robert & Alice		Forst.pdf	New Ulm	56073	Specific Route Alternative					Sibley County Molke Township - T113 R31
Fox	Jim		Henderson.pdf			Trees/Wind Breaks	General Route Selection				Proposed line goes through the woods of our property. Are these applications always approved?
Frame	David & Karen		Frame.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	Health/EMF	Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes			The Alternate route is better at minimizing conflicts with human settlement than the preferred route. Pillsbury Ave is not needed as a new corrido, use existing corridors like I35. Need more research on EMF impacts.
Franek	Glenn & Colleen		Franek_Glenn_&_Colleen.PDF	Northfield	55057	Health/EMF	Stray Voltage	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.	Property Value/Compensation		Concerned with how close alternate line is to home and the potential health implications. Also concerned with impacts on farming.
Freeland	Lori		Freeland_Lori.PDF	Northfield	55057	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation				Parents house on alternate route of 57th St. West in Rice County. Concerned with impacts of EMF. Does not think project is necessary.
Frickson	Shirley		Frickson_S.PDF	Hutchinson	55350	Specific Route Alternative	Property Value/Compensation				Form letter with route suggestion for line running through Renville County crossing MN River on Co. Rd. 3. Also included written letter about concerns of lines fragmenting farmland and making it difficult to farm, which would result in loss of income.
Froelich	Kim		Froelich_K.PDF	Le Sueur	56058	Proximity to Homes					Opposes project. Sec 15 and 16 south of New Prague on alternate route.
Fromm	Tyler (8) & Derek (6)		Prchal.pdf			Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes	Stray Voltage		
Fuerniss	Perry & Cindy		Fuerniss.pdf	Lonsdale	55046	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes			Property in Section 18 of Webster Township, Rice County, Minnesota. Oppose Preferred and Alternate route. Transmission lines are not needed.
Fuhrmann	Jim		Fuhrmann.pdf	Marshall	56258	General Route Selection	Other				Concern that organized objections to preferred route will outweigh the concerns of unorganized alternate route residents
Galhones	Albert		Marshall-1.pdf			Other					Lincoln County, Limestone Twp. Concerned with poles interfering with farming. Will poles be within ROW or at the edge? Can another entity rid on the back of an easement to put in for example, a gas line?
Gassman	Shirley		Gassman.pdf			Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Rare or Unique Species		LeSeur County Lanesburgh Twp Sections 15, 16 Opposed to alternate route S of New Prague; Detailed 9 page letter with specific route alternatives
Gassman	Shirley		New_Prague.pdf			Other	Stray Voltage	Health/EMF			The alternate route would run north and across our 97-acre farm, which is located on both sides of Highway 13 south of New Prague. Concerned with passing farm on to future generation. Concerned with shocks. Concerned with nearby daycares.
Genelin	Greg		G.GENELIN.PDF	Le Sueur	56058	Specific Route Alternative	Other				You picked the most controversial spot in the state - Bucks Lake. The sewer ponds are under attack and now this! I love power but this spot is dumb. Suggests following the the Rush River to the north.
Genelin	Greg		Henderson.pdf	Le Sueur	56058	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.					Will lines interfere with cellphones and tv?
Gerber	Mavis		M.GERBER.PDF	Hampton	55031	Specific Route Alternative	Property Value/Compensation				Would like the line to stay outside of Hampton city limits. Suggests alternate routes - see PDF.
Gerker	Steve		S.GERKEN.PDF	Belle Plaine	56011	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	Aesthetics		Oppose the alternate route pertaining to the Mn River crossing and Stoppelman Blvd. route.
Giesen	Jason		Giesen.pdf			Property Value/Compensation	Specific Route Alternative	Aesthetics			Avoid the MnCann pipeline route near residences b/c these have already been impacted. Minimize consideration of alternate routes. Cross MN River along the 169 Hwy, where land is most compatible.
Giles	Stephanie		Giles.pdf			Stray Voltage	Health/EMF				Every time we approach the trailer, we receive a very very strong electrical shock.
Gill	Jeanne		Fahey.pdf	Le Sueur	56058	Property Value/Compensation	Other				Concerned about sensitive environmental nature of the Henderson area.
Gill	Jeanne		Henderson.pdf	Le Sueur	56058	Property Value/Compensation					How am I going to be reimbursed if the ROW is at the edge of my property?
Girard	Don	Supervisor Lynd Twp Board	Lynd_Township.pdf	Marshall	56258	General Route Selection	Rare or Unique Species				Opposed to alternate route crossing Redwood River due to potential environmental impacts
Girard	Mel		Girard.pdf			Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes			Opposes the alternate route going down 60th and Leaf Terrace Road is all farmland and housing. Concerned with health effects.
Gitter	Ben		Gitter_Ben.PDF	Fairfax	55332	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Other			Concerned with property values, health issues, and farming towers.
Graff	Arlys O.		Graff.pdf	Le Sueur	56058						Get power from wind farms near Rochester.
Greeman	Carol		Lakeville-1.pdf			Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF				Concerned with future status of land that they bought for investment and have a horse arena on. Concerned with lines running through middle of property.
Green	Elmer		Green_E.pdf	Lynd	56157	Specific Route Alternative					Lyon County Island Lake Township T111 R43
Green	Richard		Green_R.pdf	Morgan	56266	Other					Section 10, Morgan township, Redwood County Existing power lines on S and E side of property - concern about additional restriction of air application of chemicals that this additional line on N side of property might impose.

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Green	Greg		Green.pdf			Property Value/Compensation	Other				Three Lakes Township west of Morgan, MN--Section 12-T111-R35 Concerned about farming: use of GPS devices and other electronics, aerial application of chemicals. Issues with devaluation of entire property and the limitation of compensation for
Greenberg	Esther & Karen		Greenberg_E_and_K.PDF	Morgan	56266	Proximity to Homes	Other				Concerned about farming impacts. There are already REA electrical lines with poles along the field perimeter. These poles already present challenges when farming.
Greenfield	Myk		Greenfield.pdf	Marshall	56258	General Route Selection	Proximity to Homes	Aesthetics	Other		oppose the alternate route: existing 115Kv line N of home. construction traffic and mess, scenic area at Redwood River I would like to go record that I strongly oppose the alternate route
Greenfield	Myk		Myk.pdf	Marshall	56258	General Route Selection	Rare or Unique Species	Proximity to Homes	Other		The damage to our township road is probably beyond repair. I can only imagine that would be worse with a larger line.
Greenfield	Mike		Marshall-2.pdf	Marshall	56258	Other					Concerned with lack of answers. Thinks lines will be mostly coal fed.
Grewe	Fred		Gaylord.pdf			Other					Does easement start at center of the road or on the edge of the county's ROW for that road? How would existing power lines that are in the area right now that follow the roadway be affected? What constitutes a farm site building?
Gronan	Roland		Gronan_Roland.PDF	Franklin	55333	Specific Route Alternative					Form letter with route suggestion for line running through Renville County crossing MN River on Co. Rd. 3.
Grothe	Ron		Grothe.pdf	Le Sueur	56058	Rare or Unique Species	General Route Selection	Other			-MN Scenic Byway
Grothe	Ron		Henderson.pdf	Le Sueur	56058	Proximity to Homes	Rare or Unique Species	General Route Selection			Why was the route developed so close to Le Sueur if the comment was made that the lines are designed to stay away from towns? Is there some connection to where a city could run a line off from that to save energy costs down the road?
Hacker	Anna		Hacker_Anna.PDF	Fairfax	55332	Stray Voltage	Property Value/Compensation	Other			Concerned about property value, health impacts to humans and livestock, proximity to a church, and damage to crops.
Hacker	Edwin		Hacker_Edwin.PDF	Fairfax	55332	Stray Voltage	Property Value/Compensation	Other			Concerned about property value, health impacts to humans and livestock, proximity to a church, and damage to crops.
Hafner	John	P.M. of CPV Diamond Lake Renewable Energy Company	Hendricks.pdf			General Route Selection					I'm the project manager of CPV Diamond Lake Renewable Energy Company. It's a potential energy project of up to 400 megawatts in the Lincoln County area. Supports project. The alternate route seems shorter in South Dakota, why isn't that the chosen route?
Hagan	Dolores		Henderson.pdf	Henderson	56044	Rare or Unique Species	Other				There are 481 individual people who have signed this petition asking that this route for the crossing of the Minnesota River at Le Sueur be discounted as unacceptable. Has dealt with USFWS and DNR regarding preferences. See PDF for a lot more info.
Hagen	Dolores		Hagen.pdf	Henderson	56044	Rare or Unique Species	Health/EMF				Very concerned about Buck's Lake and the birds.
Hagen	Dolores	Henderson Feathers	Hagen_D.PDF	Henderson	56044	Proximity to Homes	Other	Rare or Unique Species	Property Value/Compensation		Letter from several professionals and landowners regarding environmental and economic impacts associated with inappropriate choice of using the Le Sueur Crossing as the river crossing of choice. Report shows error in the data associated with routes (PDF). Will crops produce just as good underneath them lines and a half a mile away? Will there be interference with tv's? Why don't you build this down by the Twin Cities where they need power?
Hahn	Vera		Gaylord.pdf			Health/EMF	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.				
Hahn	Herman & Vera		Hahn_Herman_&_Vera.PDF	Gaylord	55334	Stray Voltage	Health/EMF				Concerned with health risks associated with lines, especially after battle with cancer. Thinks people need to waste less energy, i.e. ball parks. Included cancer document.
Halling	Gregory	Halling Engineering, Inc.	Halling.pdf	Prior Lake	55372	Proximity to Homes	Property Value/Compensation	Stray Voltage			
Halvorson	Lisa		Halvorson.pdf	St. Paul	55112	General Route Selection					Avoid property on Pillsbury Avenue route
Halvorson	Lisa		Halvorson-2.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Aesthetics			Purchasing home in Elko and opposes alternate route. Support Preferred route.
Harms	Larry		Harms-2.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Other					I oppose the rerouting of the power line.
Harstad	Dan		Harstad.pdf	Farmington	55024	Specific Route Alternative					strongly support the Modified South Route
Hartmann	Kevin		New_Prague.pdf			Other					Owens a local water well company in the area. Proposed line could go over a lot of his customers who have wells in their yard. Was told to stay far away from power lines when installing wells.
Hathaway	Dean		Hathaway.pdf	Le Sueur	56058	Other					-need -why not generate power in the city
Hautman	Linnea		Hautman.pdf	New Prague	56071	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation				Rice County Wheatland Township Section #20 Twp 112 Range 022; Please choose an area that is not near people and where lines are currently located
Helmberger	Cindy		Helmberger_C-2.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Property Value/Compensation	Specific Route Alternative	Rare or Unique Species	Health/EMF		Consider Modified South Route. Comment has several suggestions for alternatives - see PDF.
Helmberger	Joel		Helmberger-2.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Health/EMF					Concerned with health impacts and property values. Supports the Modified South Route - if this is not chosen, then use the alternate route. In no way should the preferred route be used.
Helmberger	Cindy		New_Prague.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Aesthetics			Doesn't see a need for project. See PDF for the many reasons why.
Helmberger	Cindy		Lakeville-1.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation			I live between Helena and Lake Marion, so I would like to shut it down and stop it at Helena. On Scott County side of issue. Thinks mailings were not executed successfully. Concerned with livestock. Doesn't think there is a need for the project.
Helmberger	Joel	Elko New Market Supervisor	Lakeville-1.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative					Scott County Board meeting passed a resolution against the power line taking the northern route.
Helmberger	Joel		Lakeville-2.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Other	General Route Selection				Concerned with Lake Marion Substation becoming a super substation, which will mean all future power line projects will go through there.
Helmberger	Cindy		Lakeville-2.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Aesthetics	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Specific Route Alternative		Spoke regarding the Lake Marion substation and the fact that it will take up 12 to 16 acres, which means massive lines and poles and a lot generated out of there. Thinks line should thru southern Rice City, nowhere near population.
Helmberger	Joel	New Market Township Board Member	Lakeville-3.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative					Was told that routing priorities for this line were to avoid houses and to avoid households and to use existing right-of-ways. Does not think this was the case, at least in New Market Township. New Market board made resolution against lines in New Market.
Helmberger	Cindy		Lakeville-3.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Specific Route Alternative			I've been to four meetings now, and I'm still zero convinced that it should be up in Scott County and Dakota County. Would like Lake Marion substation moved south, away from population. Would like to know how much of project money is for compensation.
Hendricks	Jon		Granite_Falls.pdf	New Prague	56071	Property Value/Compensation	General Route Selection				Would like impact on existing home and proposed future housing density to be taken into account in New Prague and southern Scott County with the Preferred Route.
Hennes	Richard		Hennes_R.pdf	Webster	55088	Specific Route Alternative	Property Value/Compensation				-support in the Modified South Route
Hennes	Susan		Hennes_S.pdf	Webster	55088	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Rare or Unique Species	Specific Route Alternative		The Modified South Route
Henrikson	Mildred		M.HENDRIKSO_N.PDF	Lakeville	55044	Rare or Unique Species	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation			Power line would diminish the quality of life for people in the neighborhood. Already health issues such as people with pacemakers and a disabled child. Concerned about impacts on wildlife in the area. Concerned with property values dropping.
Henry	Terra		Henry.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Trees/Wind Breaks	Rare or Unique Species	Proximity to Homes	General Route Selection		alternate route that has been proposed to move the whole project south would make more sense
Henry	Mark		Henry.pdf	Farmington	55024	Rare or Unique Species	Other				Castle Rock Township Concerned about growth into the central part of Dakota County
Herberg	Sue		Herberg.pdf	Le Sueur	56058	Rare or Unique Species	Health/EMF				Wants to avoid Buck's Lake.
Herrmann	Tom		Henderson.pdf			Rare or Unique Species	Proximity to Homes				Property located on alternate route. Concerned with bald eagles. Opposes project and would like to know if the company is going to buy his property.
Hertaus	Hautman		Hertaus.pdf	New Prague	56071	Property Value/Compensation	General Route Selection				Rice County Wheatland Twp Section 17 and 18 against the alternate route on Leaf Trail, 60th St., investment in development, concerned about resale
Hidalgo	Robert & Lisa		Hidalgo.pdf	Webster	55088	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Aesthetics	Noise	Rare or Unique Species	Long email touches on many topics. Biggest issues are lack of information and lack of notification.
Hidalgo	Lisa & Robert		Hidalgo_L_R.PDF	Webster	55088	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Noise	Aesthetics	General Route Selection	Concerned with property values, health, noise, and aesthetics. Does not feel that people were adequately notified. Would like routes to follow interstates.
Hildebrandt	Wilbert		W.HILDEBRANDT.PDF	Gaylord	55334	Specific Route Alternative					Lives in Sibley township, Sibley County. Would like route moved along County Road 8. See PDF for alternate route. Has easement on another farm. It goes through county road ditch - if this ever had to be cleaned the line would be in the way.
Hinderscheit	Dorothy		Hinderscheit.pdf			Health/EMF	Trees/Wind Breaks	Property Value/Compensation			"You cannot replace 100 year old stands of trees, or pristine farmland once desecrated" -Consider the impacts of "phased and connected actions"
Hinz	David		Hinz.pdf	Granite Falls	56241						New transmission line can only be constructed on W side of existing N-S running line as there is a demolition landfill on E side of the existing transmission line.
Hinz	David		Granite_Falls.pdf	Granite Falls	56241	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.					Concerned with line interfering with cell phone.
Hoffard	Greg		Hoffard.pdf	Lynd	56157	General Route Selection					Concerned that the alternate route would cut across the N edge of the Savannah Oaks Golf Course. Request preferred route.
Hoffbeck	Joyce		Hoffbeck_J_M.PDF	Redwood Falls	56283	Specific Route Alternative	Other				Property in Bandon Twp, S33 and 34, Renville County. Already has REA lines and poles on property. Thinks route should run along Hwy 19 by the railroad tracks, which seems more ideal for going to Hampton.
Hoffbeck	Floyd		Hoffman_Floyd.PDF	Redwood Falls	56283	Property Value/Compensation	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.	Health/EMF			Property in S7 and live in S8 of Three Lakes Twp in Redwood County. Concerned about property values, interference with cell phones, etc.. Supports the Alternate route.
Hoffman	Arlene		Hoffman.pdf	New Prague	56071	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Aesthetics			Oppose project as planned. These power lines will completely change the value of our home and property. Concerned with health issues.
Hoffman	Gail		Redwood_Falls.pdf			Other					Would like more information on compensation. If you guys go bankrupt, who is going to take that line out? Would like a better understanding of what an easement is.
Holmberg	Daniel		Marshall-2.pdf			TV/Radio/GPS/etc.					Concerned with transmission lines interfering with communications.
Honken	Paul		Honken.pdf	Webster	55088	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative		Oppose line on Scott Co. Rd. 2. How could such a power line go near this more heavily populated rural growing area of the south metro? Please re-route out of Scott County.
Hoppe	Loren		Hoppe_Loren.PDF	Northfield	55057	Property Value/Compensation	Property Value/Compensation	Noise			Supports route going down 190. Built house along County Rd. 86 in Eureka Twp. - along alternate route. Would like to make sure maps show their house. Concerned with property values, EMF, noise, impacts on natural resources.
Houser	Douglas & Betty		Houser.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Proximity to Homes					HOW MUCH DO HOMEOWNERS ON 235TH ST. EAST OF DODD BLVD HAVE TO TAKE? In the last year we have had a new gravel pit. a government department wants to expand their easement along the Vermillion River from 60 to 300 ft

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Howard	Karen	Majestic Hills Ranch	Howard.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Trees/Wind Breaks	Rare or Unique Species	Noise	Specific Route Alternative		Suggests using existing ROW like 35W and County Road 70.
Howard	Karen		Lakeville-2.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Proximity to Homes	Rare or Unique Species	Trees/Wind Breaks	Property Value/Compensation		Has one of the biggest properties in Scott County. Lines will cross a minimum of 1 mile of her property line. Property is a farm with animals. Bald eagles nest in areas where trees would have to come down. Opposes lines crossing her property or neighbors.
Hoy	Anna		Hoy.pdf	New Prague	56071	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes	General Route Selection			Home based daycare business: concerned about the proximity of the line to home (75-100 feet). Requests alternate route
Hoy	Anna		A.HOY.PDF	New Prague	56071	Health/EMF	Specific Route Alternative				Line runs in front of and over house. Has a daycare business, which she will lose if this happens. Connecticut passed laws requiring that line be buried when they are near hospitals, residences, or any other facility. Move the line! See PDF for alternate.
Hoy	Anna		House.pdf	New Prague	56071	Health/EMF	Stray Voltage	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes		Home is 75-100 ft from alternate route. Has a day care in home and has health concerns. Suggests alternative routes - see PDF.
Hoy	Anna		New_Prague.pdf			Health/EMF	Stray Voltage	Trees/Wind Breaks			Lives 6 miles west of New Prague, on alternate route - house is ~200 ft away. Has a home daycare.
Huddleston	Jerry		Cannon_Falls.pdf	Hampton	55031	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Noise	Rare or Unique Species		We are planning to pass a resolution asking the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to locate the transmission line outside of the city of Hampton. Concerned with property values and environmental impacts.
Huddock	James		Huddock.pdf	Webster	55088	Other					Oppose route within vicinity of Sky Harbor Airpark community in Webster. Towers would impose a danger to navigation.
Huddock	Alex		Huddock_A.pdf			Health/EMF					Alternate route is 1 mile from airpark. Concerned with safety with planes and transmission lines.
Huddock	Hailey		Huddock_H.pdf			Health/EMF					Do not allow them so close to my house and the air traffic from the airpark. To have these powerlines one mile away is inappropriate.
Huddock	Julie		Huddock.pdf			Health/EMF					Opposes alternate route which would place towers 1 mile from sky harbor airpark. This is unacceptable as there are multiple air traffic issues and safety concerns.
Huiras	Roman		Huiras_Roman.PDF	Fairfax	55332	Stray Voltage					Property in S13 and 14 of Cairo Twp. Already have 2 electric lines on the main road of our property. Concerned about effects of stray voltage on hogs.
Huot	Maureen		Hout_Maureen.PDF	Northfield	55057	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Trees/Wind Breaks			Concerned with health and safety, economic cost of building lines on a tree covered, hilly road.
Huseby	Steve		New_Prague.pdf			Health/EMF	Stray Voltage	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes		Property owner on proposed route. He is an electrical engineer, power engineer. Compares power line to a pipeline in that these lines are just being used to deliver the power elsewhere, i.e. the metro.
Huseth	Joh		J.HUSETH.PDF	Dennison	55018	Health/EMF					Concerned with EMF impacts on feedlots. PDF includes 23 pages of articles related to EMF impacts.
Huseth	John		Cannon_Falls.pdf	Dennison	55018	Health/EMF	Stray Voltage				Concerned because not enough research has been done on effects of lines on concentrated feedlots with hoofed animals. Gave written comments at meeting, which included copies of studies.
Hutchinson	Elaine		Hutchinson.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Noise	Health/EMF				handicapped son. The location of the home has worked out well because son is sensitive to noise; both low and high frequency pitches cause seizures. He is blind and does not understand the noises.
Hutchinson	Elaine		Hutchinson.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Proximity to Homes	Noise	Health/EMF			handicapped son. The location of the home has worked out well
Hutchinson	Elaine		Hutchinson.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Noise	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF			Handicapped son - seizures sensitive to high and low frequency noise
Hyde	Theresa		Hyde.pdf	Lonsdale	55046	Noise	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes			Rice County Wheatland Township Section 21 Move transmission line off of Rice County 2 to I90 Corridor;
Jackson	Kurt & Robin		Sticha.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	Health/EMF	Stray Voltage	Proximity to Homes	Property Value/Compensation		Concerned with health, resale, use of equipment associated with concrete business, horses, etc.
Jackson	Kurt & Robin		Jackson_Kurt_&Robin.PDF	Elko New Market	55020	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Stray Voltage	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.		Concerned about interference with equipment of concrete business. Also concerned with impacts on horses.
Jacobsen	David		Jacobsen.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative			Have you done the math on lost Tax revenues? If the property value is decreased by 30% (as is typical) this will be immediate revenue lost. If the sale value is decreased, this too will decrease state tax income.
James	Sherry		S.JAMES.PDF	Lakeville	55044	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	General Route Selection			Concerned about decreasing property value and environmental impacts. Would like another route.
James	William & Marilyn		W.JAMES.PDF	Belle Plaine	56011	Health/EMF	Rare or Unique Species	Aesthetics			Concerned with radiation effects on themselves, their horses, and dogs. Enjoy hearing the wildlife in their tranquil location. Please don't take this away from us, especially in our senior years.
Johnson	Dennis & Nancy		Johnson_D.pdf	Lonsdale	55046	Property Value/Compensation	Stray Voltage	Other	Specific Route Alternative		Rice County, Wheatland Township Sec 13 & 14
Johnson	Dennis & Nancy		D.JOHNSON.PDF	Lonsdale	55046	Health/EMF	Other	Property Value/Compensation			Own 2 farms in Wheatland TWP, S13&14. Raise bison and their pasture is land you will be using for your poles. This area is also where the bison do their calving. Who is liable if a bison attacks one of the people putting up the poles? Indian burial ground
Johnson	Robert		H.JOHNSON.PDF			Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Aesthetics	Rare or Unique Species	Proximity to Homes	Hampton Township is currently a clean, healthy place to live. Routing the lines along 220th st. would harm the health, nature, and character of Hampton Township and Hampton City. The route is not required b/c the demand does not exist.
Johnson	Kristen		Johnson_K.pdf	Hampton	55031	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes		My home and office are on both the preferred and alternate routes. Supports Modified South Route.
Johnson	Dean & Jennifer		Johnson.pdf	Granite Falls	56241	Specific Route Alternative					Makes sense to run the route entirely within the Hwy 23 corridor.
Johnson	Barb		Johnson_B.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Property Value/Compensation					We urge you to strongly consider the South Route vs. the North Route. The South proposal would have less impact on property values than it would with the North proposal.
Johnson	Sarah		Johnson_S.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative	Aesthetics				Opposes route along Scott Cty Rd 46/Pillsbury Avenue. It would destroy a scenic stretch of highway used by many as a peaceful alternative to I-35. If pref. route is not chosen, use existing easement parallel to I35.
Johnson	Gary & Cindy		Johnson.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	Specific Route Alternative	Aesthetics				Opposes route along Scott Cty Rd 46/Pillsbury Avenue. It would destroy a scenic stretch of highway used by many as a peaceful alternative to I-35. If pref. route is not chosen, use existing easement parallel to I35.
Johnson	Gary	Yellow Medicine County Commissioner	Granite_Falls.pdf								Who is going to own this line? Is there demand or is it speculative? What is the % of wind versus coal? Who is going to pay for the line, the people that own it?
Johnson	Praticia		Lakeville-1.pdf	Hampton Township		Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Noise	Aesthetics		Concerned with health impacts and property values. Concerned about impacts to the Cambodian Buddhist Temple, breeding farm, Hampton Woods, all on 220th St. They have asked the Kestrel group to develop an alternate route that would avoid impacts to above.
Johnson	Bob		Lakeville-3.pdf			Other	General Route Selection				Inquired about whether the Senate File 1112 on the eminent domain bill was up at the State House right now. What % of the ownership of the CapX project is GRE? Has general routing questions.
Johnson	Reid		Lakeville-3.pdf	New Market Township		Specific Route Alternative	Aesthetics				Would like routes to use existing easements as much as possible to avoid impacts. Opposes the eastern part of the preferred route, that goes north in New Market.
Johnson	Robert		Cannon_Falls.pdf			Other	General Route Selection	Health/EMF	Trees/Wind Breaks	Aesthetics	Frustrated because the destiny of him and the community has been taken out of their control and taken over by 11 utilities. Concerned with portion of line along 200th St. to Hampton Substation. Concerned with need for project in MN. Long comment see PDF.
Jones	Lane		L.JONES.PDF	Elko New Market	55020	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative			We consider this power line an undue hardship on our property as we already have a high power line on the eastern boundary (see map in PDF). Suggests moving line north to avoid property or put it along existing Xcel line on the eastern border.
Jones	Judith		J.JONES.1.PDF	Le Sueur	56058	Health/EMF	Rare or Unique Species	Noise			Concerned with route from S. Dakota to Hampton MN that is planned to go through Bucks Lake on the MN River by Henderson. Concern with heat changing Bucks Lake, Birds, corona. Would like line moved closer to Belle Plaine b/c it's not on the tornado alley.
Kabes	Bill		New_Prague.pdf			General Route Selection	Proximity to Homes				Why did they choose such a developing area (New Prague and Lonsdale) to build a power line? Splitting up the small farms there has a much bigger impact than splitting up larger ones.
Kabes	Renee		New_Prague.pdf			Health/EMF					The WHO doesn't have much information on health impacts. How will this be studied?
Kaczenmeyer	Mark		Henderson.pdf			Proximity to Homes	General Route Selection				Lives north of Le Sueur. Concerned with power line coming up through a residential area.
Kahle	David		Kahle.pdf	Gaylord	55334	Specific Route Alternative					Mr. Kahle is ok if the route divided his property instead of turning south along the road and east by his neighbors.
Kahle	Barry		Kahle_Barry.PDF	Le Sueur	56058	General Route Selection	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes			This area is highly populated and has a lot of wildlife. It is not a good selection for a route. Put route where not so many families live.
Kahle	Lucille		Kahle_Lucille.PDF	Le Sueur	56058	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes	General Route Selection			Too many people live in this area and a lot of wildlife. Consider less populated route.
Kamrath	Duane		Kamrath.pdf	Le Sueur	56058	Aesthetics	Other	Property Value/Compensation			LeSeur County Tyrone Township - T112 R25
Kamrath	Dwayne		Gaylord.pdf	Le Sueur	56058	Aesthetics	Trees/Wind Breaks	Rare or Unique Species			Our home was not even found on the maps because it's in the woods, but it's within about 35 to 40 feet of the proposed power line. Chooses Alternate route to north to save the MN River Valley. Would like clarification on height of lines. Can you bury line
Katzmeyer	Mark		M.KATZENMEYER.PDF	Le Sueur	56058	General Route Selection	Other				Concerned with heat from power line contributing to global warming. Concerned with power line placement toward the NE growth area of Le Sueur and the impact for future development.
Katzenmeyer	Mark		Katzenmeyer.pdf	Le Sueur	56058	Rare or Unique Species					LeSueur County Tyrone Township Sections 20 and 30 Owner of Katzenmeyer Farms - farm and wildlife areas, migratory waterfowl, conservation reserve program
Kaufenberg	Ray & Donia		Kaufenberg_1.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes			Dakota County Eurkea Twp T 113 R20 Sections 11, 12, 7, 14, 15 Alternate routes suggested for Lake Marion Substation area
Kaufenberg	Ray & Donia		Kaufenberg_2.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative	Property Value/Compensation	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Rare or Unique Species	.
Kaufenberg	Ray & Donia		Kaufenberg_3.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Other					List of general issues and alternatives to be evaluated in EIS: Purpose, Benefits, issues and impacts from MN administrative rules, comprehensive plan/future vision, other project impacts, mitigation, alt. routes N Lake Marion and S of Eureka Twp, etc.
Kaufenberg	Ray		Lakeville-3.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Aesthetics	Specific Route Alternative	General Route Selection	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes	As a mitigating factor would like poles a non-offensive color. Has suggestions for alternate routes - see PDF - very long comment.
Kauffman	Charels & Betty		Kauffman.pdf	Marshall	56258	General Route Selection	Rare or Unique Species				a strong preference for the Proposed Route which passes Marshall on the north side (Preferred Route) Redwood River country from Russell to Marshall is very scenic and is a wonderful resource for recreation and habitat for wild life
Kehrer	Jeff		Kehrer.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes	Property Value/Compensation	Rare or Unique Species		Wants to find a line with less impact to human life, property values and natural resources.
Kepitski	Leon		L.KEPITSKI.PDF	Bloomington	55420						We support the 345 kv transmission line. We own 40 acres in Section #3, 60 acres in Section #2, and 160 acres in Section #10 Lincoln County, Limestone Township. We would like to be updated on the progress.
Kes	Timothy T		Kes.pdf			General Route Selection					Webster township section 19.

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Kes	Steve		S.KES.PDF	Lonsdale	55046	Stray Voltage	Property Value/Compensation				I am a dairy farmer and concerned about stray voltage - it could devastate my whole herd and run me out of business.
Ketarakat	Rick		Ketarakat_R.PDF	Webster	55088	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	Rare or Unique Species			Property has an easement designated for habitat; these lines would go through this same easement and would have a negative effect on habitat development. Also concerned with proximity to home and effects on property values
Kiecker	John & Rose		Kiecker.pdf	Fairfax	55332	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes	General Route Selection			Camp Township Section 2 Health concerns regarding proximity to home, prefer alternate route/ routes N or 660th st. Ave
Kiecker	John		J.KIECKER.PDF	Fairfax	55332	Health/EMF	General Route Selection				Concerned with complicating health issues with transmission line. Please reconsider the location of your route. We request you use the alternate route.
Kiecker	Sharleen		S.KIECKER.PDF	Burnsville	55337	Property Value/Compensation	Specific Route Alternative				Prefers line to go on the north side of county Hwy 2, if the alternate route is used. Already lost 6 acres of land with open ditch.
Kiecker	John		Redwood_Falls.pdf	Fairfax	55332	Other					How wide is the corridor on the preferred route? If there's an existing line already on our side of the land, does that have any impact on the proposed new line?
Kiecker	Rose		Redwood_Falls.pdf	Fairfax	55332	Proximity to Homes					Property on preferred route. What are the restrictions on how close the lines can be to a home?
Kieser	Michael	Deputy	Kieser.pdf	Gaylord	55334	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Aesthetics			Concerned about route running along Hwy 25 west of Belle Plaine. View from new house will be ruined and will decrease in value. Already have pipeline near property.
Kim	Sokha		K.SOHKA.PDF	Edina	55410	Other					Do not permit line along 220th street - would affect Watt Munisotaram Temple of Mn Cambodian Buddhist Society, located at 2925 220th St. in Hampton, Mn.
Kim	Wissall		K.WISSALL.PDF	Bloomington	55420	Other					Do not permit line along 220th street - would affect Watt Munisotaram Temple of Mn Cambodian Buddhist Society, located at 2925 220th St. in Hampton, Mn.
Kim	Thida		T.KIM.PDF	Bloomington	55420	Other					Do not permit line along 220th street - would affect Watt Munisotaram Temple of Mn Cambodian Buddhist Society, located at 2925 220th St. in Hampton, Mn.
Kinker	John		Granite_Falls.pdf			General Route Selection					Will it end up being either the preferred route or the alternate route or will it be a combination of the two?
Kix	Colleen		Kix_Colleen.PDF	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes				Supports alternate or southern route or Modified South Route because they will impact fewer people, wetlands, and dairy farms. Thinks existing easements on highways should be used over residential property.
Klepperich	Julie		Klepperich.pdf			Other	Health/EMF				As a resident of Sky Harbor Airpark in Webster, MN. We are very concerned that the proposed alternate power line will run just south of the airpark.
Knight	Stephanie		Knight.pdf			Specific Route Alternative	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes			Support Modified South Route.
Knipp	Joe		Knipp.pdf			Health/EMF					Move route 50 miles to the south of the New Prague and Elko area
Knutson	Nick		Knutson_N.pdf	New Prague	56071	Stray Voltage	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes			11 years old
Knutson	Christine		Knutson.pdf	New Prague	56071	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Trees/Wind Breaks	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.		
Knutson	Todd		Knutson.pdf	New Prague	56071	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes			The proposed routing of the power lines is a significant issue for many of us along the proposed routes. The alternate route runs within 150 feet from my Le Sueur County, Derrynane Township home.
Kocina	Tim		Kocina.pdf	New Prague	56071	Aesthetics	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Noise	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.	Sent by Elizabeth Ransom because Tim Kocina does not have a computer.
Kocina	Tim		T.KOCINA.PDF	New Prague	56071	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Aesthetics			Alternate route is 2/10ths mile from property. Concerned about visual impacts, value, health, compensation...
Koepp	Brent		Henderson.pdf	Blakely Township		General Route Selection	Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes			Property on alternate route. Concerned with why routes are so close to residential areas. Opposes alternate route.
Koepp	Kimberly		Koepp_Kimberly.PDF	Belle Plaine	56011						PDF is cut off.
Koepp	Marilyn		Koepp_Marilyn.PDF	Belle Plaine	56011	Property Value/Compensation					Resident of Blakely Township. Owns one of the largest dairy farms in Scott County. Lines will ruin farm.
Koepsell	Cathy		Koepsell.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Proximity to Homes	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.	Stray Voltage	Health/EMF	General Route Selection	Eureka Township Opposed to alternate route: owner of Stier Transportation Service Company: concern re: two-way radio communications; alternate route compromises long term development options for Scott County, Blakely Township; Preference for Preferred route
Koonst	James		Koonst.pdf	Belle Plaine	56011	General Route Selection	Proximity to Homes				
Korba	Ed		Korba.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative				Suggests using interstate corridors. (i.e. 35w, 52, 190)
Korbel	Joe & Karen		Korbel_J_K.PDF			Health/EMF	Other				Property on alternate route. Concerned for neighborhood's health, cattle, kids, neighbor's bee operation. Thinks mailings should have been letters and not junk mail.
Kotasek	Paul		Henderson.pdf			Health/EMF					Wondering if this is a single-circuit or a double-circuit structure (and what the difference is), and if it will be used for future corridors in terms of bringing different lines on these poles.
Kramer	Robin		Gaylord.pdf			Other					Why do lines have to go through such a populated area? Would a 150-foot power line right-of-way mean that you would stay off the road right-of-way at least 75 feet?
Kramer	Kay, Judy, & Trevor		Kramer_K_J_T.PDF	Gibbon	55335	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Specific Route Alternative			Concerned with neighbor's houses that were missed on the maps. Concerned with impacts on farm operation. Thinks the alternate route is more direct/better. If preferred route is chosen, please consider rerouting it - see PDF. Represents Tom and Kim Purdin who are on the preferred route and oppose this project. Gave summary of new condemnation laws passed in 2006 giving property owners certain rights they never had before, good rights. See PDF for details.
Krass	Rod	Attorney	New_Prague.pdf			Other					Practices in the condemnation area and is representing Tom and Kim Purdin, who are on the Preferred route. They oppose this project. Spoke on experience representing landowners in the MinnCan project. See PDF.
Krass	Rod		Lakeville-3.pdf			Property Value/Compensation	General Route Selection				Derrynane township, Section 12, Range 24, two miles south of Union Hill
Kretchmer	Tim		Kretchmer.pdf			Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes				
Kruger	Doug & Marcene		Kruger.pdf	Farmington	55024	Health/EMF	Stray Voltage	Property Value/Compensation	Noise		Request line not on 220th St. Dakota County Empire Twp Section 36 Registered FAA airport runway
Kruger	Douglas		Kruger_2.pdf	Farmington	55024	Other					
Kruschke	Orin & Kim		Kruschke_Orin_Linda.PDF	Belle Plaine	56011	Other	Proximity to Homes				Opposes lines through Belle Plaine area. Wondering if the line goes along existing corridor, if it will require a separate easement, will it make that a "super corridor?" Laneseburgh Township, Sec. 14 Ranch is located at County Rd 164 (141st Ave.) outside of New Prague.
Kubes	Sonja	Sand Creek Ranch	Kubes.pdf			Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	Stray Voltage			Owns and operates Sand Creek Ranch in Laneseburgh Township, section 14, located on alternate route. Has a quarter horse and cattle performance/breeding stable and arena Concerned about impacts to hay, which is essential to their business.
Kubes	Sonja		S.KUBES.PDF			Property Value/Compensation	Stray Voltage	Health/EMF			
Labat	John		Labat_John.PDF	Milroy	56263	Proximity to Homes	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.	General Route Selection			Opposes alternate route from 290th St. Does not think the alternate route is very efficient and does not take advantage of existing ROWs. Concerned about farm impacts.
Lacek	David	Royal Township Chairman	Lacek_D.pdf	Royal Township		Other					Road between section 5 & 8 in royal township is a minimum maintenance road.
Lae	Colin		Lakeville-3.pdf			Property Value/Compensation					I'm a sophomore engineer in Lakeville, and I ran for state rep last year. Want people to be reassured that they will get fair value for what they are giving up, even in economic times like these. Discussed the newspaper advert. Citizens for Smart Energy.
LaFavor	John		LaFavor_John.PDF	Lakeville	55044	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes	Property Value/Compensation			Supports route through Rice County because it impacts fewer people.
Lahmayer	R		Lahmayer.pdf			Rare or Unique Species	Other				Houston County Concern about environmental impacts of the crossing of MN River and other natural areas.
Lamp	Bruce		B.LAMP.PDF	Farmington	55024	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Rare or Unique Species			Not in favor of the powerline in front of property. Already have one power line in front which disrupts farming activities. View from home would be compromised if the powerline is built. EMF would decrease the property value.
Lamp	Bruce		Cannon_Falls.pdf			Aesthetics	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation			Trish Johnson read statement from neighbor. Address is for neighbor - between Farmington and Hampton. Opposed lines in front of property because it impacts farming activities. Lines would also ruin view of wooded area to south.
Langan	Matt	MnDNR - Division of Ecological Resources	DNR.pdf	Saint Paul	55155	Rare or Unique Species					Letter sent from MnDNR regarding guidance for dealing with sensitive resources present within vicinity of routes. See PDF.
Langer	Michelle	Eckert Farms, LLP.	Eckert.pdf	Gibbon	55335	Proximity to Homes	Trees/Wind Breaks				-directly north of Highway 19 in Gibbon, MN -We like the current projected placement of the transmission line in relation to our farm. It seems to save the most trees in the area and parallels the property line of our farm and our
Larsen	Gordon		Larsen.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF				
Larsen	Gordon		G.LARSEN.PDF	Lakeville	55044	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes	Aesthetics		Concerned about property values, wildlife habitat, and safety.
Larson	Eric		Larson.pdf			Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation				Oppose the lines that are planned for nearby my house on the Sky Harbor Airpark. I feel that they would interfere with the aircraft and have a detrimental affect to my property value.
Lasnetski	Andrew, Dee & Kaden		Lasnetski_Andrew_De_&_Kaden.pdf	Royal Township		Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	Stray Voltage		
Lat	Samian		S.LAT.PDF	Bloomington	55437	Other					Do not permit line along 220th street - would affect Watt Munisotaram Temple of Mn Cambodian Buddhist Society, located at 2925 220th St. in Hampton, Mn.
Lat	Seam		SEAMLAT.PDF		55329	Other					Do not permit line along 220th street - would affect Watt Munisotaram Temple of Mn Cambodian Buddhist Society, located at 2925 220th St. in Hampton, Mn.
Latzke	Mariyes	Boardmember of Kelso Township	Henderson.pdf	Le Sueur	56058						Doesn't think it's fair to have farmers deal with lines going past their farms while the company sells the lines and makes billions of dollars.
Latzke	Fred & Mariyes		Latzke_Fred_Mariyes.PDF	Le Sueur	56058	Health/EMF	Specific Route Alternative				Property in S20, Kelso Twp, Sibley County. Concerned that lines would be on their property for about 2 miles. The line would be on end rows of fields where they do all their manual work. Please use the North Alternate Route or I90 corridor.
Latzke	Nathan		Latzke_Nathan.PDF	LeSueur	56058	Health/EMF	Specific Route Alternative				Lives in Kelso Twp, in Sibley County. Has cattle and farm. Worried about stray voltage affecting cattle fertility, and wife and children. Put power line to the north or not at all.
Lay	Susan		Lay-2.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative					modified south route

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Lay	Susan		Lay.pdf			Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative	Rare or Unique Species			Modified South Route; bald eagle route in New Market Township; wetland impacts
Lay	Susan		Lakeville-3.pdf			Property Value/Compensation					Favors south route because north route goes through her property. Is concerned with where family farm structures would go if lines went through property because she has wetland behind her.
Lechner	D.		D.LECHNER.PDF	Redwood Falls	56283	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes			Property value would decrease with line too close to house. His wife has a heart problem and he is worried that the lines being too close would affect this. He is worried that a 30' hole for a pole would affect the purity of his new well.
Lee	Colin		Lee.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Other					Dakota County Please consider what impact sending much of our energy out-of-state will have on energy conservation efforts.
Lee	Dwayne		Lee_Dwayne.PDF	Franklin	55333	Health/EMF	Stray Voltage	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.			Concerned about impacts on hog and turkey barns. Also concerned with interference with his pacemaker.
Lee	Robert		Lee_Robert.PDF	Franklin	55333	Stray Voltage	Property Value/Compensation				Use alternate route and not 640th Ave. Line too close to churches and cemetery.
Lehman	Renee		Henderson.pdf			Health/EMF	Stray Voltage	Noise	Proximity to Homes		Home is less than 200 ft. from 169, where lines will be. Concerned about noise and stray voltage affecting family and horses.
Leitchman	Dave		Henderson.pdf			Other					Lives in Scott County. Concerned with lack of task forces in every county.
Lemke	Amy & Tim		Lemke.pdf	Belle Plaine	56011	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes				"Lives next to a business that works very carefully with explosives"
Lemke	Amy		Lemke.pdf	Belle Plaine	56011	Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative				Discussion about using routes along Hwy 169 or I-90
Lemke	Amy		A.LEMKE.PDF	Belle Plaine	56011	Proximity to Homes	Health/EMF				My frustration comes in at the poor homework done by the CapX people who didn't even have my street name correct on their maps. CapX claims to follow road ROWs but it goes through fields in my neighborhood. Small township roads are not always correct...
Lemke	Amy		New_Prague.pdf	Belle Plaine	56011	Other					Has property in Derrynane township. Her road (286th St.) was labeled wrong on maps (it says 280th on maps).
Lemke	Johnny	Metro Auto Salvage Inc.	Lemke_J.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Proximity to Homes	Property Value/Compensation	Other			it will destroy our business, and cause the unnecessary loss of 20-25 jobs
Libat	John		Marshall-1.pdf			Other					What is the cost per linear foot, per linear mile of the proposed line?
Liebl	Howard		Liebl_Howard.PDF	Fairfax	55332	Other					Supports proposed route.
Lies	Timothy	Mayor Belle Plaine	Lies_Timothy.PDF			Rare or Unique Species	Aesthetics	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF		Opposes Alternate Route. Too close to the MN River - would impact sensitive areas, scenery, wildlife. Route too close to a school and residences. See PDF.
Lillquist	Jami & Keith		Lillquist.pdf	New Prague	56071	General Route Selection	Other	Health/EMF			-opposition to the preferred route -directly over 2 organic farms along Cty Rd 2
Lindquist	Brandt		Lindquist_B.pdf			Specific Route Alternative	Property Value/Compensation				Support Modified South Route
Lindstrom	Eric	Lindstrom Law Offices	Lindstrom.pdf	Edina	55435	Rare or Unique Species					general partner of the Lindstrom Wildlife Preservation Partnership which owns real estate along the alternate route (along 57th Street in the township of Webster)
Livingston	Jerry & Ellen		Livingston.pdf	Hampton	55031	General Route Selection					Request preferred substation location because the land is more open in area identified for preferred substation
Logue	Kelly		Logue_Kelly.PDF			Specific Route Alternative					PDF contains map with changes to route.
Louwagie	Bernard		Marshall-2.pdf			Other					Section 30 of Stanley Twp. Will they put 2 lines on one pole - with existing line, or will they have another one out in the field?
Louwagie	Dean		Marshall-2.pdf	Fariview		Proximity to Homes	Other				Already power line on property - what will be the distance between the 2 lines and the poles.
Lubinski	Brian & Mary		Lubinski.pdf	Webster	55088	Specific Route Alternative	Rare or Unique Species	Property Value/Compensation			Township: Cedar Lake (113N) Section: 26 Range: 22W -requesting that the line be built on the Modified South Route because it impacts fewer homes and affects less people
Lubinski	Brian & Mary		Lubinski_B_M.PDF	Webster	55088	Specific Route Alternative	Rare or Unique Species				Property in S26, R22W, Cedar Lake Twp. Support Modified South Route. Cedar Mtn substation to Helena substation of Preferred route impacts land use designation of Rural Residential Reserve Area. There is a great deal of wildlife in this segment. See PDF.
Lucas	Joan		Lucas_Joan.PDF	Webster	55088	Rare or Unique Species	Trees/Wind Breaks	Aesthetics	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Concerned with impacts on natural resources surrounding property and declining property values. See PDF>
Lueders	Kyle		Lueders.pdf	Le Center	56057	Proximity to Homes	Property Value/Compensation				
Maccabee	Paula	Represented Citizens Task Force	Lakeville-1.pdf	St. Paul	55104	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Rare or Unique Species	Noise	Proximity to Homes	Represents Patricia and Robert Johnson of 220th St. Made motion to reopen prev. record at the PUC on basis that declines in electrical demands suggest that the lines are not needed. EIS should have more of an analysis of impacts than the CON. See PDF.
Maccabee	Paula	Representing Robert and Patricia Johnson	043009_Maccabbe.pdf	St. Paul	55104	Aesthetics	Rare or Unique Species	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Specific Route Alternative	Hired by the Johnson's on 220th Ave. - with the Kestrel Design Group. Thinks line should be stopped at Lake Marion substation due to the amount of impacts. Spoke regarding # of houses, NHIS info, NWI data, etc. See PDF for more info.
MacDonagh	Peter	Kestral and Landscape Architect - UM	Lakeville-1.pdf			Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative	Rare or Unique Species			I strongly protest the placement of the proposed permanent easement along Scott Cty Rd 46/Pillsbury Avenue (ON MY PROPERTY). You will be destroying a scenic stretch of highway used by many as a peaceful alternative to I-35.
Mackinnon	Dave & Jennifer		MacKinnon_D.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Aesthetics	Specific Route Alternative				Opposes placement of proposed line along Scott Cty Rd 46/Pillsbury Avenue (ON MY PROPERTY). You will be destroying a scenic stretch of highway used by many as a peaceful alternative to I-35. Use existing line paralleling I35.
MacKinnon	Geoffrey		MacKinnon.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Aesthetics	Specific Route Alternative				Henderson Township Sec. 23
Madsen	Janeth		Madsen.pdf	Le Sueur	56058	Rare or Unique Species					Buck's Lake, eagles
Madsen	Gary		G.MADSEN.PDF	Morton	56270	Proximity to Homes					If the alternate route is used, we are requesting that the lines be as far south as possible away from our house - see PDF for map.
Maeyaert	Francis & Judy		F.MAEYAERT.PDF	Marshall	56258	Specific Route Alternative	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.				We don't think the alternate route through sections 19-23 of Lynd TWP, Lyon County is practice. Should follow section lines or property lines and not cut across them which creates problems with splitting fields, etc. Damage will occur to Redwood River.
Mahowalb	Amy		Lakeville-1.pdf			Proximity to Homes	Other				Concerned with house across the street from her farm that is 60 feet from proposed line. Wanted information about the Buy the Farm statute.
Mahowald	Parnell		Mahowald.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Health/EMF	General Route Selection	Property Value/Compensation	Rare or Unique Species	Trees/Wind Breaks	New Market Township Health concerns re: EMF and pacemakers; 6 steel grain bins, grain dryer and gas meter in ROW; concern re: potential accidents due to gas pipeline/HVTL interactions; requests New Market Township Sec. 17
Mahowald	Parnell		Mahowald.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Proximity to Homes	Other				Follow up email to provide aerial picture that we was not able to submit at meeting.
Mahowald	Peter		Mahowald_P.pdf	Lakeville	55044	General Route Selection	Specific Route Alternative				-strong opposition to the preferred Northern route -follow land already owned or eased by past power line projects and highways.
Mahowald	Peggy		Mahowald_Pe.pdf	Lakeville	55044	General Route Selection					I am in strong opposition to the preferred Northern route of the 345 KV transmission power line through Scott County
Mahowald	George & Amy		Mahowald.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes	Proximity to Homes			Concerned about the preferred route bordering our farm because of the unknown health effects from EMF and because the value of our land will decrease if tall high voltage transmission lines are constructed here.
Mahowald	Parnell		Lakeville-3.pdf	New Market Township		Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes	Stray Voltage	General Route Selection	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.	Lives in Section 17 of New Market Township. Wondering why pipeline zigzags so much. Upset because he spent \$17,000 to bury lines on property. Concerned with lines interfering with pacemaker.
Malchow	Paul	Le Sueur News-Herald	Malchow.pdf	Le Sueur	56058	General Route Selection	Other	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF		Suggests using as much of an existing route as possible.
Malecha	Carmon		Malecha.pdf	New Prague	56071	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes				Questions why we don't have better information with regard to health, livestock, wildlife, property value.
Malecha	Carmon		Malecha-2.pdf	New Prague	56071	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes			follow I-90 and go to Lacrosse WI. Then if you need to go to Hampton go north. use State land (follow the main hwy) if they think we need this electricity.
Malecha	Galen	Chairperson, Rice County Board of Commissioners	G.MALECHA.PDF			General Route Selection					-look at hwy 99 that is just south of Montgomery
Malecha	Carmon		Malecha_C.pdf	New Prague	56071	Property Value/Compensation	Specific Route Alternative				Rice County supports the Preferred Route.
Malwitz	Eldon		Malwitz_Eldon.PDF	Elgin	55932	Specific Route Alternative					I own 42.5 acres of land and there may be day I would like to developed my property into lots, right now I can divide it up into 2 1/2 lots. If the power line would come through my property I would lose a great deal of money. See PDF for proposed changes.
Malz	R.		R.MALZ.PDF	New Prague	56071	Health/EMF	Specific Route Alternative				Suggests alternate routes via 75th St. (County Rd. 14) because it would use existing ROWs and impact less farms. See PDF for map.
Manders	Elaine		Manders.pdf	Webster	55088	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF				suggestion to the Alternate Route - see PDF. Live on Cty Rd. 2 near Cedar Lake and owns a day care.
Manders	Elaine		Manders_Elaine.PDF	Webster	55088	Health/EMF	Aesthetics	Property Value/Compensation	Rare or Unique Species		Modified South Route
Marchiafava	Judy		New_Prague.pdf			Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation				Concerned with impacts to children and horses. Also worried about ruining view and future property values. Plum Creek ecosystem would be damaged.
Markell	Dan		Markells.pdf	Marshall	56258	Health/EMF					Land owner in Scott County. Concerned with health and compensation.
Markell	Arlene & Daniel		Markell.pdf	Marshall	56258	Proximity to Homes	Trees/Wind Breaks	General Route Selection	Specific Route Alternative		Lyon County Section 1 Grandview Twp EMF concerns, attached Carpenter and Sage, 2008 paper re: Setting Prudent Health Policy for EMF Exposures; prefers route in uninhabited areas
Markell	Daniel & Arlene		Markell_D_A.PDF	Marshall	56258	Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes	Property Value/Compensation	Trees/Wind Breaks	Other	Area of concern is Lyon County, following 340th Street/County Road 78 east to Highway 59.
Marsh	Jodi & Steve		Marsh.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF			Suggests several changes to routes - see PDF with maps. Concerned with preferred route out of Minnesota following 340th St./County Rd 78 east to Hwy 59.
Mathiowetz	Lori		Mathiowetz.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative					We are requesting that the substation planned to go in across the street from our home on Pillsbury Ave. in New Market Township not go through. Please use the Modified South Route. Would be willing to sell property to you.
May	Denise & Dan		May.pdf	Farmington	55024	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation				As a concerned land owner, citizen, and mother I do not want this power line project coming through my home! I request that you use the modified SOUTH route and move the Lake Marion Substation to align with the modified SOUTH route.
											Just wanted to make sure you knew that Farmington has purchased property for a school (probably elementary) on the southwest corner of 225th and Biscayne. The preferred route looks to actually run through that property.

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Mcanany	Nancy		Mcanany.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF				You know that putting this transmission line through neighbors back yards is hazardous to our lives. You would not want it in your backyards. This line should go down interstate 35, continue to the Iowa border.
McCarney	Kevin		Lakeville-3.pdf			Other					Will this project creat a lot of jobs? Will this project help to keep our energy costs lower?
McKay	Bruce		McKay.pdf	Henderson	56044	Other					Says he was misled at a meeting in New Prague on August 26, 2008, that this line would only carry wind power.
McKay	Joyce		J.MCKAY.PDF	Redwood Falls	56283	Other	General Route Selection				Concerned with alternate route going across property (see PDF). Concerned with impacts to large tile line they installed.
Mckay	Janean		Redwood_Falls.pdf			General Route Selection					I thought most of these routes would be on the half-mile line through the center of the section but tonight everything is discussed on roadways - when did that change?
Mckay	Joyce		Redwood_Falls.pdf	Redwood Falls	56283	Other					Will line from Brookings to Hampton benefit any of the communities along the line?
McKay	Bruce		Henderson.pdf			Other					Would like power line restricted to only wind power. Brought up Big Stone II power plant, which has less restricting regulations. Suggest greater (150% to 200%) true market value. Payment the life of the power line. Length or cost to utility is not a factor. Suggests I90/I35 route.
McNevin	Gary		McNevin.pdf	Montgomery	56069	Property Value/Compensation	Specific Route Alternative				
McNevin	Gary & Shelley		G.MCNEVIN.PDF	Montgomery	56069	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	General Route Selection		Need to confront utilities with tough choices, they can afford longer routes, tougher crossings, more smaller lines with less EMFs and stray voltage reach.
Mealman	Constance		Mealman.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative	Property Value/Compensation				we are STRONGLY urging you to pick the modified south route and moving the Lake Marion Substation to align with it
Medenwaldt	JR		Medenwaldt.pdf			Health/EMF	Specific Route Alternative				Supports Modified South Route. The north route (CAPX2020 Preferred route) is far to harmful to too many households and should not be considered.
Meger	Bill & Lisa		Meger.pdf			Health/EMF	Stray Voltage	Property Value/Compensation			Wants compensation for life of powerline. Paid by kilowatt hour pushed through the line.
Meger	Pete		Meger.pdf			General Route Selection					I DONT WANT THIS POWER LINE SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 19
Meger	Bill		B.MEGER.PDF			Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes			LeSeur County, hwy 32, section 16, Derrynane Township. Concerned with lines coming down County 32. If preferred route is constructed would have 2 towers in field. Could get used to farming around structures but is concerned about long-term health risks.
Meger	Steve		New_Prague.pdf			Specific Route Alternative	General Route Selection				Thinks route should be coordinated with road expansions. See PDF for details.
Merkel	Dianne & Greg		Merkel.pdf	Fairfax	55332	Specific Route Alternative					use an alternate, less populated route such as 640th Ave. This alternate route would also obviously save your company 4 miles of line construction because of the redundant north then back south route that is being proposed
Merkel	Greg & Diane		Merkel_G_D.PDF	Fairfax	55332	Specific Route Alternative					Form letter suggesting change to the line running in Renville County crossing the MN River on Co. Rd. 3 heading north.
Mertens	J.		Mertens_J.PDF			Specific Route Alternative					PDF has a map with a couple of alternate segments.
Messerli	Allen L.		Messerli.pdf	Stillwater	55082	General Route Selection	Proximity to Homes	Other			
Messerli	Allen L.		Messerli.pdf	Stillwater	55082	Other					Follow up on other email. -I understood that we would be able to view submitted comments on :line. Is that correct? If so, can you please provide web address
Messerli	Allen		Henderson.pdf			General Route Selection					Is wondering why the ROWs are not shared more with railroads, hgwys, etc.
Meyer	Sheryl & Terry		Meyer.pdf	Le Sueur	56058	Property Value/Compensation	Specific Route Alternative				The proposed power line would go thru our agricultural farm land. The Meyer property is a Century farm. Please consider the alternative route. You will be coming into Tyrone Township near highway 169 why not continue along that
Meyer	Sue & Phil		Meyer.pdf	New Prague	56071	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Trees/Wind Breaks	Aesthetics		Concerned with the proposed alternate route for the Cap X 2020 line as it passes through Section 16 of Lanesburgh Township. Concerned with impacts to farming and to wooded area platted for residential. Use better technology.
Meyer	Gary & Peggy		Meyer_Gary_&_Peggy.PDF			Health/EMF					Oppose south route that would go up Co. Rd. 7. One high powered line on a very busy stretch of land is all we should have to deal with. Concerned that wires could cause safety concerns for the neighborhood. Suggest the preferred route.
Meyer	Kevin		Meyer_K.PDF	Le Sueur	56058	Noise	Aesthetics				Does not want this near property. Thinks it's inefficient to transfer power all that way instead of keeping it local.
Michael	Johnson		Johnson.pdf			Specific Route Alternative					Please consider very strongly to use the Modified South Route because it impacts fewer homes and affects less people. This is only common sense for this project.
Midje	Louise & Howard	NRCS - USDA	H.MIDJE.PDF			TV/Radio/GPS/etc.	Other				Warsaw township, Goodhue County. Have 2 parcels which transect 1.5 miles perpendicular to alternate route. This will interrupt our farming practices. Line locations should not divide farms. Concerned w/ impacts to contours, drain tile, irrigation, livestock
Miller	Dianne		Miller.pdf	Lonsdale	55046	Property Value/Compensation	Trees/Wind Breaks	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes		Wheatland Township, Sec. 23 Rice County lost husband to cancer, and I will not tolerate that threat to family
Miller	Alan		Miller.pdf			Health/EMF	General Route Selection				-Cattle -I would personally like to petition against a portion of the CAPX2020 alternate route. This is the four miles along 57th Street just west of Interstate 35. I am a land owner and farmer
Miller	Carolyn		Miller_C.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	General Route Selection	Proximity to Homes				Prefer the southern route, although I do not understand the "looping," which appears cumbersome and unsightly
Miller	Melissa		Miller_M.pdf			Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes				-If the northern route must be used, I would get it off Cty2 (to the west) bring it farther north to separate from Green Corridor and Schools strongly support the Modified South Route through the Rice County area and into southern Dakota county
Miller	Jim & Susan		Miller.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes			I also think it makes good sense to move the Lake Marion Substation south, to align with the Modified South Route
Miller	Jim & Susan		J.MILLER.PDF	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative	Property Value/Compensation				favor the Modified South Route for the proposed Brookings County, SD to Hampton MN 345kv transmission line because it impacts fewer homes and affects fewer people.
Miller	Dianne		D.MILLER.1.PDF	Lonsdale	55046	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Rare or Unique Species	Trees/Wind Breaks		Support the Modified South Route b/c it impacts fewer house. Concerned with impacts to septic system and drainfield.
Miller	Douglas		Miller.pdf			Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Stray Voltage			I am very much against having powerlines in my front yard. Project would take much of our woods, decreasing the value. Lost husband to cancer, will not tolerate threat of powerlines. Worked hard to attract wildlife - they would disappear if this happened.
Miller	Dianne		Miller.pdf	Lonsdale	55046	Health/EMF					Opposed to Preferred Route. the risk of childhood leukemia is doubled for magnetic field exposures above 0.4 microtesla
Miller	Steve Wooldrik & Mary		Miller-2.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative					
Miller	Mary		Lakeville-3.pdf			Aesthetics	Trees/Wind Breaks	Property Value/Compensation			Had experience with previous power line going through back yard. She would like to know how exactly lines will impact her front yard (will trees be removed and can they plant new trees under lines)? Talked about paying taxes even if land is in easement.
Miller	Carlton		Miller_Carlton.PDF	New Prague	56071	Health/EMF					Opposes alternate route.
Miller	Mary Jane		Miller_Mary_Jane.PDF	New Prague	56071	Rare or Unique Species	Property Value/Compensation	Specific Route Alternative			Opposes alternate route due to impacts on family farm. Does not think there is a need for the project. Use routes north of Twin Cities that are less populated or follow highways, not farmland.
Miller	Michael		Muller_Fr_M_J.PDF	Stillwater	55082	Aesthetics	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes			Parents line is on alternate route. Opposes alternate route. Concerned with electrical hazards and ruining the beautiful countryside with towers. Preferred route looks more efficient.
Minar	David		D.MINAR.1.PDF	New Prague	56071	Health/EMF	Stray Voltage	Property Value/Compensation			Owns Cedar Summit Farm, a grass based, organic dairy. Produces bottled milk and ice cream - supplies to 75 stores in twin cities. Majority of farm is along Scott County 2 in Helena Township. Lines would affect grazing pastures. EMF will affect cows.
Minks	Cheryl & David		Minks.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative	Rare or Unique Species			-Use an existing high voltage corridors like interstate 90 and 35W for this new line.
Moberg	Tim & Teresa		Moberg.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes				-Oppose route along Scott cty 467 Pillsbury Ave on my property. If the preferred route is not chosen, there is an existing easement for 115Kv transmission line paralleling I-35 that can be rebuilt for both lines.
Moe	Paul & Elaine		Moe_Paul_&_Elaine.PDF	Granite Falls	56241	Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes				Would like route to be within the MN State Hwy 23 corridor all the way to Granite Falls.
Moesler	Allene		Cannon_Falls.pdf			Other					Thinks siting shouldn't be done until the CON is approved. Thinks project should be looked at collectively, with all the other power lines in the area. Would like to see document on Minnesota's collective needs for energy.
Morrison	Nathan		Morrison.pdf	Webster	55088	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes			Why can't line follow I90 corridor? Line affects more human life on preferred route. Put lin along hwy corridor 2. Pay people the real value of their loss. Bury cable along areas of new development.
Morrison	Nathan		New_Prague.pdf	Webster	55088	Specific Route Alternative	General Route Selection	Property Value/Compensation			Area around New Prague is a projected growth area - concerned with why they would want to bring this power line through that.
Morrison	Nathan		Morrison_N_H.PDF	Webster	55088	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Specific Route Alternative			Concerned about property value and impacts on dogs and children. CapX website says it's just uneconomical to bury wires - lines should be buried regardless of cost. Would like proposed outer city loop.
Morrison	Steven		Morrison_Steven.PDF	Belle Plaine	56011						No comment in PDF.
Morrison	Thomas		Morrison_Thomas.PDF	Belle Plaine	56011	Rare or Unique Species	Aesthetics				Already have a pipeline and a high power line. Concerned with impacts on wildlife habitat. We do not need this power line.
Mumm	Dave		D.MUMM.PDF	Farmington	55024	Specific Route Alternative					Enclosed a map of a small route deviation if the power line comes by my property. See PDF.
Murphey	Brian & Tricia		Murphy.pdf			General Route Selection	Health/EMF				Own property in Sec. 10 Castle Rock Twp. We purchased this property in the hopes of raising cattle and building a home for our family. Request the lines be moved to the southern route.
Myszka	Lori		Myszka.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	Proximity to Homes					Modified South Route
Nagel	Gerald & Myra		G.NAGEL.PDF	Belle Plaine	56011	Rare or Unique Species	Aesthetics				Live 1/4 mile from proposed alternate route. Concerned with effects on eagles and other wildlife in the area.
Nelson	Edward		Nelson.pdf	Franklin	55333	Specific Route Alternative					Renville County Alternative proposed line will connect in SW corner of farm; prefers that poles would be placed right in SW corner and not out in field.
Nelson	Deborah		Nelson_D.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Other					Missed most of the meeting had questions.
Nelson	Julie		Nelson_J.pdf								What is the major source of energy on this line? I strongly support the modified route as it impacts fewer homes and affects less people

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Nelson	Linda		LNELSON.PDF	Hendricks	56136	Health/EMF	Stray Voltage	Property Value/Compensation			Has dairy farm in Sect. 30, intends to rent out dairy barns but the lines going through property will make it less likely. Would like an alternate route considered. If do the preferred route, will I be compensated for the lost opportunity?
Nelson	Chad		Nelson_C.pdf			Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative			Project will negatively impact myself and my neighbors as it currently stands. Supports Modified South Route.
Nelson	Brittany		Nelson.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Aesthetics	Specific Route Alternative				Opposed to lines going along Scott Cty Rd 46/Pillsbury Avenue. You will be destroying a scenic stretch of highway used by many as a peaceful alternative to I-35. Use Preferred route or existing easement along I35.
Nelson	Jerome		Nelson_Jerome.PDF	Fairfax	55332	Stray Voltage	Property Value/Compensation	Other	Proximity to Homes		Concerned with impacts of stray voltage on people and animals, not being able to spray crops with airplane, declining property values but same taxes, proximity to churches, and economic impacts on farmers..
Nerud	Dawn		Nerud.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	Specific Route Alternative					I would like to request the 'modified south route' and the moving of the Lake Marion Substation to align with it
Neuton	William		Neuton_William.PDF	Lakeville	55044	General Route Selection	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF			Thinks human settlements, health and safety should be priorities in routing decision. Thinks route should go through Rice county rather than Scott County.
Newton	Marjorie		Lakeville-2.pdf	New Market Township		Proximity to Homes	General Route Selection	Property Value/Compensation			Would like to know how to determine if the lines will really go on your property and how close they will be.
Newton	Marjorie		Newton_Marjorie.PDF	Lakeville	55044	Property Value/Compensation	General Route Selection	Health/EMF			Thinks human settlements, health and safety should be priorities in routing decision. Thinks route should go through Rice county rather than Scott County.
Nicolai	Ray		R.NICOLAI.PDF	Hampton	55031	Other					Do not change routes to satisfy individuals. Establish the real need. Determine if a generating plant in MN can be built and would it be a better choice. Give farm owners fair thought. Many in opposition moved to Agric. Land and now want to rule it.
Nou	Someada		S.NO.U.PDF	Eden Prairie	55346	Other					Do not permit line along 220th street - would affect Watt Munisotaram Temple of Mn Cambodian Buddhist Society, located at 2925 220th St. in Hampton, Mn.
Novotny	Gilbert & Julia		Novotny.pdf	Elko New Market	55340	Health/EMF	Aesthetics	Trees/Wind Breaks	Specific Route Alternative		Opposed to lines going along Scott Cty Rd 46/Pillsbury Avenue. Use Preferred route or existing easement along I35.
Nybo	Rich & Cyndy		Nybo_Rich_&_Cyndy.PDF	Northfield	55057	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes			Oppose power lines. Concerned with property value declining, health issues, and environmental impacts.
Nytes	Edward		Nytes.pdf	New Prague	56071	Other					Scott County Helena Twp T113 R23 Section 20, 28, 29 Would like to be involved in Citing of Poles
Nytes	Alice		A.NYTES.PDF	New Prague	56071	Property Value/Compensation	Specific Route Alternative				Put project on hold to figure out a safer way to transport electricity. Follow I-90, as discussed at Task Force meeting in New Market. Property and farm already affected by MinnCan pipeline. Suggests alternate route - see PDF.
Nytes	Pete		P.NYTES.PDF								No comment but copy of conservation easement in LeSueur County. See map in PDF - most of area is wetland.
Nytes	Alice		Nytes.pdf	New Prague	56071	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Specific Route Alternative			I think the entire project should be put on hold, until they can figure out a safer way to transport that much electricity from one map dot, to another. Why not follow the I-90 route. Proposes changes to route - see PDF.
Nytes	Peter		New_Praque.pdf			Rare or Unique Species	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Stray Voltage		Concerned with having to ground things such as in-ground pool and chain-link fence. Concerned with impacts to wildlife on farm. Concerned with cancer coming back if power lines are put in.
Nytes	Bob		Nytes_Bob.PDF	New Prague	56071	Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes	Health/EMF			Proposes alternatives, suggest reconsidering route FH364 because it affected no homes less than 500 ft. Second suggestion affects even less homes and follows roads and section lines. See PDF with map.
O'Brien	Shelbie		O'Brien.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.	Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative	Would like the electric lines to follow current easement areas (ie from the Marion electric sub-station go north on Pillsbury to county Rd 70 then east on 70) or Move the Marion sub-station to county Rd86 and follow the
O'Brien	Erin		O'Brien.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Health/EMF	Stray Voltage	Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative		I would like the commission to confirm no harm will come to anyone living near the high voltage lines especially as it relates to stray voltage. Worried about propane tank near home and hunting in the area mixing with stray voltage. Suggests alternate.
O'Brien	Erin		O'Brien-2.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Health/EMF	Stray Voltage	Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative		Review health risks associated with lines. If it cannot follow current electrical routes such as County Rd 70 I would like it to use the alternate route which appears to have less residential impact in the Lakeville area.
O'Brien	Edward & Shelbie		O'Brien-3.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Health/EMF	Stray Voltage	Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.	We are very concerned about the lines hovering over our home. We ask you to confirm that there will be no harm to anyone who is closer than 1900 feet to the lines. Don't support Preferred route, especially as it leaves Lake Marion Substation. See PDF.
Oeljen	Bret & Lisa		Oeljen.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	Specific Route Alternative	Property Value/Compensation				Supports Modified South Route. There are more people impacted in Scott County than the alternate route. Land in Scott County is much more valuable than the counties south of where the alternate route already is.
Oerter	Norris		Hendricks.pdf			General Route Selection	Other				Would like to understand process for approval. Can the preferred and alternate routes be changed up til 2010? Are local newspapers used for notification of these meetings?
Oftedahl	Perry		Oftedahl.pdf			Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative			Yellow Medicine County, Wood Lake Twp, Section 7
Oftedahl	Perry		Marshall-1.pdf	Hanley Falls		Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes	General Route Selection	Stray Voltage		Due to health concerns re: line proximity to homes, requests that line is moved to the W side of road through Sandness twp to section 25 of Hazel Run TWP then moved back to E Preferred route is 100 feet from house - concerned about health issues. What was the reasoning for the preferred route over the alternate route? Is there a minimum distance that the poles and towers have to be set apart? How much sag will there be?
Ogren	Jan		Ogren.pdf	Gibbon	55335	Specific Route Alternative	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF			Regarding the "preferred" line running through Renville and Sibley Counties along 660 Avenue and 280 Street. There are more than a dozen farm dwellings along this route housing both families with small children and hundreds of livestock. See PDF for route
Olmstead	Sylvia		Olmstead-2.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative					I am requesting the commission to select the modified south route and the moving of the Lake Marion Substation to align with it.
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Olson	Michael		Olson_M.pdf			Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes				Supports modified south route b/c it would impact fewer homes and people. Scott County Comp plans allow 1 house/8 acres with future development. Rice County is 1 house/40 acres but plans to stay that way.
Olson	Jon		Olson_J.pdf	Webster	55088	Aesthetics	Rare or Unique Species				On alternate route and concerned about environmental effects. The preferred route would have much less environmental impact on an already developed county.
Ondich	Kenneth	Planning Director	City_of_New_Praque.pdf	New Prague	56071	Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes	Property Value/Compensation	Other		New Prague opposes both preferred and alternate route. See attached resolution for reasons. Suggests new alternate route that goes along Interstate 29 out of Brookings and then follows I90.
Ophus	Tim & Jennifer		Ophus.pdf	Webster	55088	Health/EMF					Children's health
Ophus	Timothy		Ophus.pdf	Webster	55088						
Ophus	Tim & Jennifer		T.OPHUS.PDF	Webster	55088	Health/EMF					Moved to Webster a year ago to escape city and things that go with it. Is concerned about health risk to all the children in the area.
Osborne	Joyce		Cannon_Falls.pdf	Burnsville	55337	Other					Spoke on negative experience with the MinnCan pipeline. Doesn't think project is necessary. Encourages people to send letters to Washington and every rep. and senator. Thinks energy production should be localized.
Otto	Jeff	Chair of Eureka Township Town Board	Lakeville-2.pdf	Eureka Township		Health/EMF	Specific Route Alternative				Summarized previously submitted testimony (09/21/08) to the Administrative Law Judge that handled the hearings. Eureka Twp has advocated an alternative route (see PDF).
Ou	Pengsan	Second Vice President - MN Cambodian Buddhist Soc.	Ou_Pengsan.PDF	Hampton	55031	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes	Aesthetics			Comment on behalf of the MN. Cambodian Buddhist Society. They oppose routing power lines along 220th St. East in Hampton. Concerned with health effects and ruining the aesthetics of the temple.
Ozment	Richard		Ozment.pdf	Farmington	55024	Specific Route Alternative					Farm located at MP280-MP279 Hwy 50 on proposed routing map section 12. Property has wooded area and wetland. Supports modified southern route. The route in the south of Castle Rock Township away from so many houses makes much more sense.
Pate	Deborah		Pate_Deborah.PDF			Health/EMF					Concerned with EMF disturbing melatonin, which is linked to sleep patterns. Concerned with EMF impacts on children, power lines attracting particles of radon.
Paulson	Kendall		Paulson.pdf	Le Sueur	56058	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	General Route Selection			Please choose the alternative route.
Paute	Ken & Julie		Paute_Ken_&_Julie.PDF	Webster	55088	General Route Selection	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation			Concerned with impacts to organic farm, wildlife, property value. Favor preferred route because it costs less and impacts less people. Suggests alternative routes - see PDF.
Pendino	Amy		Pendino-2.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF				I ask you to support my request to MOVE THIS LINE to the south where it would effect fewer homes and properties -"modified south route"
Pendino	Mike		Pendino-4.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF				-corner of 250 Street and Dakota Avenue I ask you to support my request to MOVE THIS LINE to the south where it would effect fewer homes and properties -"modified south route"
Petersen	Nate		Marshall-2.pdf			Proximity to Homes					Was told that the minimum distance from a dwelling was 29ft at a CapX meeting last fall. Is this in the route permit application? Could we get a copy of the route permit application?
Peterson	Shawn & Chris		Peterson_S.pdf	Webster	55088	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes				Property Adjacent to CR#2, with lines potentially crossing my property.
Peterson	PJ Benson		Peterson.pdf	Farmington	55024	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Specific Route Alternative	Aesthetics		Wyldewood Ponds residents Our plans for our property include a windmill - to do our part so NOBODY has to see towering electrical poles in their landscape,or experience the potential health hazards of having large electrical towers near where they sleep. Modified south route
Peterson	Alexandra		Peterson_A.PDF	New Prague	56071	Property Value/Compensation	Aesthetics	Other	Health/EMF		Property in S29, R23, Helena Twp. Concerned with impacts to dairy farms, aesthetics, health issues, future development. Does not think there is a need for this project.
Peterson	Shawn & Chris		Peterson_S_C.PDF	Webster	55088	Property Value/Compensation	Rare or Unique Species				Property in Cedar Lake Twp, Wyldewood ponds, Lot 3, block 1. Concerned with impacts to property, which has a wetland restoration area that hosts bald eagles and other wildlife.
Pexa	Clara		Pexa_C.PDF	Webster	55088	Property Value/Compensation	Rare or Unique Species	Aesthetics	Trees/Wind Breaks		Opposed to line b/c of the poor route planning. Concerned with expensive homes. Property in Cedar Lake Twp, S23. How do you decide which side of the road you are going to put it on? Concerned with trees and wildlife. If on her side of the road, 88 acres of frontage would be ruined. Be prepared to buy it all.
Pieper	Bridget		Pieper.pdf	New Prague	56071	Health/EMF	Stray Voltage				Alternate route would pass by farm, which is a 300+ cow dairy farm. Concerned with stray voltage. I know we cannot control where the power line will end up, but be prepared to pay the expenses we will incur due to this issue!
Pint	Jack & Ann		Pint.pdf			Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF				Modified South Route. We oppose the presence of these high Voltage Lines - which will no doubt affect our health - the contamination of Cedar Lake and Proposed Scott County Park area
Piper	John		Lakeville-2.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Other	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.				Is it true that the power is going to be shipped to Chicago? Concerned with necessity of the project, especially in MN. See PDF. Concerned with who will remove the 30 feet of concrete for the towers if this gets moved someday.
Platz	Paul		Gaylord.pdf			General Route Selection					What is the timetable for the completed final route choice? I'm a landowner/farmer on the preferred route on the southern side of Ailsborg TWP. Concerned with which side of the road the poles will be on.
Plonske	Greg		Henderson.pdf			Health/EMF	General Route Selection				Doesn't understand the route selection in Tyrone Twp in terms of the number of houses within 100 ft from the ROW. Feels like a guinea pig for cancer research.
Polfliet	Larry		Marshall-2.pdf			Health/EMF					Would like to know the footage of EMF from lines.
Polson	Bruce		Polson.pdf	New Prague	56071	Specific Route Alternative	Other				I was alarmed at the meeting in New Prague regarding the lack of planning for the event of downed power lines.
Polson	Teri		New_Praque.pdf					Other			Concerned with safety if power lines are adjacent to MinnCan pipeline.

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Polson	Erica		New_Prague.pdf			Stray Voltage	Health/EMF				Concerned with power line running through a pasture where they have horses running free range. Pasture is also a riding arena.
Polson	Dave		New_Prague.pdf			Other					Upset that he didn't receive any mailings. Thinks its immoral to have the same people subjected to a pipeline and a power line.
Pomerenke	Anne		Pomerenke.pdf	New Prague	56071	Health/EMF					
Poncin	Tim		Poncin.pdf	New Prague	56071	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	Other			Le Sueur County Lanesburg Twp T112 R23 Section 14 Why does the line split the section? Le Sueur co. section 14 Lanesborough township
Poncin	Tim		Poncin.pdf	New Prague	56071	Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative				-I don't understand why the route can't follow co. rd 28 GRE submitted comments regarding the scope of the EIS that is to be completed by the OES staff. Comments suggest that the OES include in the EIS, 2 additional segment alternatives along the Mn/S.Dakota border and 2 in the Belle Plaine area. See PDF.
Poorker	Craig	Great River Energy - Routing Team Lead	GRE_Comments.pdf	Maple Grove	55369	Other					
Post	Jed		J.POST.PDF	Randolph	55065	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes			I disagree with all proposed routes. Too many small towns affected. Energy companies need smaller, more local power plants.
Prahl	Steven		Prahl.pdf	Morgan	56266	Specific Route Alternative					Brown County Eden Twp T111 R33 Section 5-8 Specific route to avoid home
Prahl	Phyllis		Prahl_P.PDF	Redwood Falls	56283	Proximity to Homes	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Specific Route Alternative		Has property on preferred route - 340th St. in Morgan (S31and 32). Thinks house would be too close to the lines. Suggests new route which would follow established fence lines - see PDF with map.
Prahl	Steven		Puaht_S_W.PDF	Morgan	56266	Proximity to Homes	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Specific Route Alternative		Request that preferred route changes so that it stays away from homes that are too close to lines. Has talked to Scott several times on the phone regarding proximity of house to route. See PDF for suggested routes.
Prchal	Brian (12) & Anna (8)		Prchal.pdf	Montgomery	56069	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes	Stray Voltage		Section 15 and 16 of Lanesburg Twn, where the route cuts cross country from 300th St to 141st Ave.
Prchal	Daniel & Jodi	Czech Country Farms	Prchal.pdf	New Prague	56071	Property Value/Compensation	Other	Stray Voltage	Specific Route Alternative		-highly disappointed that the proposed line would be cutting through prime agricultural land
Prchal	Jodi		Prchal.pdf	Montgomery	56069	Health/EMF	Aesthetics				Would like underground cables
Prchal	Daniel & Jodi		D.PRCHAL.1.PDF	New Prague	56071	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Other			Concerned with lines going through agricultural lands. We were told that following road ROWs was going to be a priority for the project. Impacts to homes and agric. businesses. Concerned with soil compaction, tile breakage, pole/line maintenance, health.
Prchal	Jodi		JODI_PRCHAL.PDF	Montgomery	56069	Health/EMF	Stray Voltage				We own a farm in Sections 15 and 16 south of New Prague on the alt. route. Concerned of impacts to humans, chickens, and garden. Please consider a different route or technology to make this electricity.
Prchal	Jodi & Dan		Prchal.pdf	Montgomery	56069	Proximity to Homes	Property Value/Compensation				Ask the state of Minnesota to fully consider running these lines underground through the populated areas. This would allow CapX to run the lines closer to the Twin Cities where the extra power is needed for continued growth and demand. Attached article.
Prchal	Jodi		Prchal.pdf	Montgomery	56069	Specific Route Alternative					I would like to add one more idea to the table since learning new information after the task force meeting. See PDF for alternatives. Would like underground lines in populated areas.
Prchal	Brian		New_Prague.pdf	New Prague	56071	Stray Voltage	Rare or Unique Species				The farm we own is south of New Prague in Lanesburgh Township, Sections 15 and 16. Please do not go through farm fields or wetlands. Concerned with shocks and wildlife.
Prchal	Jody	Member of Task Force.	New_Prague.pdf	Montgomery	56069	General Route Selection	Rare or Unique Species	Proximity to Homes			Co-owner of Czech Country Farms, south of New Prague - in southern alternate route. Opposed to Le Sueur crossing. Concerned with section south of Hwy 19. Concerned with necessity of project.
Prehall	Gary		Lakeville-2.pdf			Property Value/Compensation					Was not compensated enough for pipeline easement and was told by someone at the meeting that he would be well compensated for the lines but he doesn't believe it.
Priebe	Karen		K.PRIEBE.PDF	Hampton	55031	Property Value/Compensation	Other				Suggest using the preferred route when going through Hampton Township. If using alt. route, it makes more sense to follow the east city Hampton boundary or Lewiston Blvd. Ask to keep line out of the City of Hampton.
Prins	Corey		Prins.pdf	Marshall	56258	Specific Route Alternative	Property Value/Compensation	Other	General Route Selection		Redwood County Vail Twp T111 R37 Section 1 Lyon County Clifton Twp T111 R40 Section 20
Prins	Corey	Northwest Farm Management	Granite_Falls.pdf	Marshall	56258	Property Value/Compensation	Other				Concerned with lines not being at the ownership lines of farm fields and having poles in the middle of farm field.
Quinn	Madeline		Quinn.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	Health/EMF	General Route Selection				Underground power lines. Alternate route that stays away from County Road 2 is much better route.
Quinnell	Orin		O.QUINNELL.PDF	Northfield	55057	Property Value/Compensation	General Route Selection	Other			Farm is on the alternate route in Waterford TWP, Dakota County. Powerline would affect 2 center pivot irrigators. I feel the power line should remain with the main route.
Rademacher	Lisa		Severson.pdf	Lynd	56157	Property Value/Compensation	Aesthetics				See PDF - this comment is signed by 48 people in Lynd, Marshall, and Tyler MN. Parties do not want impacts to golf course subdivision. Support Preferred Route. Request changes to Alternate Route - see map in PDF.
Radloff	Diane & Shawn		Radloff.pdf	Winthrop	55396	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes			Building a new home in Section 22 of Aftsborg Township in Sibley County, southeast of Winthrop... along the "preferred route"
Rasmussen	Pam	Xcel Energy	Hendricks.pdf								Discussed existing substations and the fact that additional wind projects could tie into these substations.
Ratajczak	Harry		Ratajczak_H.pdf	Ivanhoe	56142	Health/EMF					Royal Township Section 12
Ratajczak	Mark		Ratajczak_M.pdf	Ivanhoe	56142	Health/EMF					
Rathe	Bill		B.RATHE.PDF	Le Sueur	56058	Proximity to Homes					Vehemently opposes power line - both preferred and alternate. If it happens, suggests that more thought given to the placement of the crossing of the line on Hwy 169 and the Minnesota River. Many homes on the NW side of 169.
Rathe	Elaine		E.RATHE.PDF	Le Sueur	56058	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	Noise		Property on south side of Dopyy Lane with Hwy 169 noise and a cell phone tower that has unknown health risks. Concerned about another health risk. Does not want alternatives in neighboring towns b/c she supports those towns and has grandchildren there.
Rees	Curt		Rees_C.PDF	Webster	55088	Rare or Unique Species	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	General Route Selection		Property in Cedar Lake Twp includes a DNR protected pond and the proposed route would run along side the pond. Concerned with impacts on wildlife and children. Why can't routes follow pipeline ROW?
Reichow	Rick		Reichow.pdf			Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes			We recommend putting these unsightly monstrosities along section lines, field lines and possibly main highway arteries where the population isn't
Reichow	Marla		Reichow_M.pdf	New Prague	56071	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF	Stray Voltage	Proximity to Homes	Property Value/Compensation	Opposes proposed power line. Would like route to follow I90. Upset because no experts were at any of the meetings. See PDF.
Reichow	Rick		Reichow.pdf			Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative		On April 16th the Cap X 2020 Advisory Task force came up with an alternative route we feel is the best we've seen and should be the choice. Has several unanswered questions regarding impacts to people, livestock. See PDF for additional questions.
Reinardy	Marlin		Cannon_Falls.pdf			Property Value/Compensation	Other				How close would you put two high-voltage power lines? Would like clarification on ROW widths and placement. Concerned about taking away future development in Hampton by putting lines too close to commercial area.
Reinhardt	Roger		Henderson.pdf			TV/Radio/GPS/etc.	Health/EMF				Concerned with functionality of a pacemaker within the fields he farms.
Reinhardt	Vicki		Henderson.pdf			Other					Opposes project.
Reinitz	Josh		Henderson.pdf			Rare or Unique Species	Aesthetics	Trees/Wind Breaks			In addition to Bucks Lake, I wanted the State to be aware of some ecological and wildlife areas on the east side of the river, too. The Ney Nature Center across the river, I sit on the board of that. Route to stay away from sensitive environment.
Rhoten	Richard & Brenda		Rhoten_R_B.PDF	Elko	55020	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	Aesthetics		Proposed line would go through back yard. Concerned about ruining their quality of life, impacts on kids, dogs, and horses.
Ribar	Mark		Ribar.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.		Modified South Route.
Rice	Tom & Terriann		Rice.pdf	Hampton	55031	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Aesthetics			Vermillion Twp and Hampton Twp Potential impacts to onsite photography business; questions that may require response
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Rice	Tom & Terriann		Rice.pdf	Hampton	55031	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.	Aesthetics		Consider not completing the project burying the line, or keeping routing within existing utility easements
Rice	Tom & Terriann		Rice.pdf	Hampton	55031	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	Aesthetics	Health/EMF		Support Modified South Route. We do not support the "Preferred Route" as this route will place the powerlines within 100' of our home and our neighbor's home.
Rice	Terriann		Lakeville-2.pdf	Hampton	55031	Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes	Health/EMF	Trees/Wind Breaks		Suggests a proposed routing change for Highway 50 going east from Blaine Avenue to Hampton, instead of going down 220th Street to go up and go on 215th Street. See PDF.
Rice	Tom		Cannon_Falls.pdf	Hampton	55031	Property Value/Compensation	General Route Selection	Proximity to Homes			Concerned about homes and kids that live there. Concerned with his 60 acres of property and photo studio being negatively impacted. Would like information on process gone through by GRE to assess the financial element of the project versus the human elements. What % of power will go to MN?
Richgels	Bruce		Richgels.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	Health/EMF	General Route Selection				Line runs dangerously close to Eagle View Elementary School in Elko New Market.
Richter	Cindy		Richter.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Proximity to Homes	Health/EMF	Specific Route Alternative			modified south route. -son with an autoimmune disorder (HLA B27 deficiency)
Richter	Paul		Richter.pdf			Proximity to Homes	Health/EMF	General Route Selection			Carefully plan route to avoid homes and farms
Rieck	Daryl & Kathleen		Rieck_Daryl & Kathleen.PDF			General Route Selection	Proximity to Homes				Property located in S21, Wheatland Twp, Rice County. Favors Preferred route due to less impact but thinks I90 and I35 should be studied. Is concerned about need of project.
Rigge	Jim & Cindy		Rigge.pdf	Granite Falls	56241	Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative				Would like lines to be located within the MN State Hwy 23 corridor.
Rimpilla	Lucky		Rimpilla.pdf	Northfield	55057	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes				
Rist	Linda		Rist.pdf			Aesthetics	Rare or Unique Species				Sibley County Henderson Twp Section 23 Buck's Lake: wildlife, eagles, etc. Consider different route
Rist	Linda		Henderson.pdf	Le Sueur	56058	Rare or Unique Species	Trees/Wind Breaks	Aesthetics			Lives right above Bucks Lake. Lives on a century farm from the 1800's - located in the SW corner of S23, Henderson Twp, Sibley County. Feels the preferred route should not come here because of the wildlife (e.g. black squirrels and birds).
Rist	Linda	Task force person - Henderson Twp.	Rist_L.PDF	Le Sueur	56058	Health/EMF	Specific Route Alternative	Rare or Unique Species			As task force person, opposing the preferred route. Concerned with health effects, impacts to wildlife (Buck's Lake). Would like route by I90 so it could hook up with Rocheste and LaCrosse. Suggests alt. route to avoid Bucks Lake, etc. - see PDF with maps.
Roach	Dawn		Roach.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes			Route too close to elementary school.

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Robling	Claire	State Senator	Robling.pdf	Saint Paul	55155	General Route Selection					Re. new bill proposed, which sends a message to the utility companies that if they do not negotiate in good faith, then the Legislature will be ready next year to change the law. Supports a route.
Rohlik	Bruce		B.ROHLIK.pdf	Vesta	56292	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Specific Route Alternative			Redwood County, Granite Rock Township, NW1/4 of S2, on S side of Cty. Hwy 12. Concerned about EMF and future value of farmsite with powerline running across it. We would prefer that if the line goes past our site that it be placed on the north side of RD.
Roiger	Kevin		Redwood_Falls.pdf			General Route Selection					I'm on the preferred route between Franklin and Winthrop. How did that become the preferred? What when into analyzing routes?
Roiger	Lawrence		Roiger_Lawrence.PDF	Fairfax	55332	Specific Route Alternative	Property Value/Compensation	Other			Opposes line on 660th Ave. and attached form letter supporting route on 640th. Concerned with farming impacts and property devaluation.
Roiger	Kevin		Rougin_K.PDF	Fairfax	55332	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Other		Owens land on 660th Ave. and has concerns about health, property value, drain tile. Attached form letter supporting route on 640th.
Rother	Tom	Rother Farms Inc.	Roth.pdf	Apple Valley	55124	Specific Route Alternative	Property Value/Compensation				Provides map showing new route going north and then east along his property.
Rother	Dan		Rother.pdf	Hampton	55031	Specific Route Alternative	Property Value/Compensation				-move farther north as indicated on map by x's
Rother	James		J.ROTHER.PDF	Hampton	55031	Property Value/Compensation	Other				Preferred route would prevent access to 33 acres which we farm (see map in PDF). Reconsider locating line farther north. I would be receptive to having the power poles on my side of the property line if that would help in the new routing.
Rother	James		Rother.pdf	Hampton	55031	Specific Route Alternative					Supports Modified South Route.
Rousseau	Barb		Rousseau_B.PDF	Webster	55088	Noise	Other	Property Value/Compensation			Home is not marked as a residence on map - see PDF. Concerned with noise.
Ruhland	Steve		Ruhland_S.pdf	New Prague	56071	Health/EMF	Stray Voltage	Specific Route Alternative	Rare or Unique Species	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.	My property in section 34 of Belle Plaine Township (113) in Scott county is located where CapX has proposed both the preferred and alternate north south routes for your project. Concerned with impacts to farms, livestock, bees, humans, etc.
Ruhland	Steve		Henderson.pdf	New Prague	56071	General Route Selection	Other				The route parallels existing line in Derryname Twp. The new line will be less than a mile away, why can't they be on the same line? If line is only effective 20-30% of the time for wind, what is blowing through it the rest of the time?
Ruhland	Theresa & George		Ruhland_Theresa & George.PDF	New Prague	56071	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes	Property Value/Compensation	Specific Route Alternative		Opposes lines going through middle of farm fields. Concerned with lines impacting farming and economic means. Also concerned with EMF impacts on humans, sheep, and cattle. Suggests alternatives, see PDF.
Runck	Ervin & Lorna		E.RUNCK.PDF	Lamberton	56152	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.					T112N, R30W, Cornish Township, Sibley County. Line on west side only, only one tower on our land. These requests should reduce likelihood of interference with precision farming signals.
Rybinski	Gene		Rybinski_Gene.PDF	Hendricks	56136	Stray Voltage	Property Value/Compensation	Other			Oppose power line on their land in Royal Twp. in Lincoln County. Concerned with farming operation.
Ryburn	Juliana & James		Ryburn.pdf	New Prague	56071	Health/EMF	General Route Selection				We are very, very concerned about standing under the proposed powerlines on County Road 2 and waiting for the bus. Please find a different route that isn't over so many people. We feel that there has to be a better route that would not be in such a populated area as the Scott County route. Why not pick a route that follows major highways or railways?
Ryburn	Christi & Chad		Ryburn-2.pdf	New Prague	56071	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF				Suggests changes - see PDF.
Ryburn	James		New_Prague.pdf			Health/EMF	Stray Voltage				Concerned with outdoor activities on property with power lines present.
Ryburn	Rebecca		New_Prague.pdf			Health/EMF					7-year old concerned about waiting for bus under power lines.
Ryburn	Christy		New_Prague.pdf			Health/EMF					Concerned about milk production by cows if under lines. Has read that their protein content is less. Also concerned about nursing babies.
Ryburn	Ms.		New_Prague.pdf			Health/EMF					Feels like they are running out of time to figure out questions before line is built - e.g. EMF impacts.
Sackett	Nancy		Sackett_J.pdf			Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes	Other			Bee keepers - colony collapse Dry skin - shocked when getting in vehicle - will it get more intense
Sackett	Nancy		New_Prague.pdf	New Prague	56071	Health/EMF	Stray Voltage	Property Value/Compensation	Other		Concerned with EMF, shocks, and ground water contamination. Concerned with whether the lines would be put in by people who live in MN. See PDF for other concerns.
Salaba	Delores		Salaba.pdf	Lonsdale	55046	Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative				Section 22, Wheatland Township Rice County
Salaba	Clarence & Delores		Salaba.pdf	Lonsdale	55046	Property Value/Compensation	Specific Route Alternative				Section 22, Wheatland Township, Rice County The I90/I35 route is a very viable alternative
Salaba	Jeff & Kathy		Salaba-3.pdf	Lonsdale	55046	Health/EMF	Stray Voltage	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.	Property Value/Compensation		Wheatland Township – Section 22 – Rice County
Salaba	Clarence & Delores		Salaba.pdf	Lonsdale	55046	Specific Route Alternative					Writing in response to Joel Helmberger's suggestion at the last Task Force meeting to run the transmission lines east from the Le Sueur County line, along Leaf Trail & down 60th St. in Wheatland Twn to Hwy #19. This is absolutely ridiculous & ludicrous ***
Salaba	Clarence & Delores		Salaba-2.pdf	Lonsdale	55046	Health/EMF					Section 22, Wheatland Township, Rice County
Salaba	Kathy & Jeff		Salaba.pdf	Lonsdale	55046	Health/EMF	General Route Selection				Section 22, Wheatland township, Rice County
Salaba	Clarence & Delores		C.SALABA.PDF	Lonsdale	55046	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes	Property Value/Compensation	Aesthetics	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.	Section 22, Wheatland Township, Rice County. My husband and I have been fighting this project tooth and nail with hours spent with mailing, letters, phone messages, meetings Farm is on alternate route - poles would be planted along entire length of farm
Salaba	Derek		DEREK_SALABA.PDF			Health/EMF	Aesthetics				Wheatland Township, Section 22, Rice County. Comment from 8-yr old. I don't want to bail hay under power lines. I want to look at corn and beans and not power lines. I would get static shocks, which could be worse than drugs...
Salaba	Jeff & Kathy		JEFF_SALABA.PDF	Lonsdale	55046	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Aesthetics	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.		Doesn't think lines are necessary and concerned with EMF impacts. Did not receive mailings keeping them in the loop of the project.
Salaba	Jon		JON_SALABA.PDF			Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Aesthetics			Owens property in Section 2 of Webster Township in Rice County - on Alternate Route. Concerned with health, value, aesthetics, necessity, etc.
Salaba	Lisa		L.SALABA.PDF	Webster	55088	Health/EMF	Stray Voltage	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes		Webster twp, section 2, Rice County. Concerned about health, pacemakers, whether electricity will be used locally, property value...
Salaba	Tim & Jeannie		Salaba.pdf			Property Value/Compensation	Aesthetics	General Route Selection			Opposes alternate route b/c family farm is located on it.
Salaba	Clarence & Delores		Salaba.pdf	Lonsdale	55046	Proximity to Homes	Proximity to Homes	Property Value/Compensation			Many people from the preferred route whining & complaining that they just moved here, built a house, have horses, etc. etc. Well, tough! Alternate route is ridiculous. The way you manipulated the Advisory Task Force Board & the public was a shame.
Salaba	Delores		New_Prague.pdf	Lonsdale	55046	Proximity to Homes	Other				Lives in Section 22, Wheatland Township, Rice County, on alternate route. Has farm along Hwy 19. Speaking in response to former comment by Brad Davis regarding which route has more homes.
Salaba	Tori		Salaba_Tori.PDF			Aesthetics					Grandparents in S2, Webster Twp., Rice County. Does not want power lines to ruin her grandparents beautiful farm.
Sather	Douglas		D.SATHER.PDF			Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes	Property Value/Compensation			Would like alternate route to the route running in Renville County crossing the Minnesota River on Co. Rd. 3. See PDF for alternate route proposed.
Schabel	Jack & Marcia		Schabel.pdf			Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.			Eureka Township, -we strongly encourage Minnesota to look at an alternative route for the CapX2020 line along County Road 70, just north of Eureka township.
Scheffer	Hilary & Marilyn		C.SCHEFFER.PDF	Lonsdale	55046	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Stray Voltage	Proximity to Homes		Wheatland Township, S22, R22W. Powerline would run along entire 76-acre farm - would devalue property. Concerned with having to ground buildings, etc. Has worked around powerlines and some days could feel a tingling sensation in my knees when near them.
Scheffler	Richard		Redwood_Falls.pdf			General Route Selection					Property owner in Section 15 of Beaver Falls Twp. Were you aware that the local REA removed power lines off of the same proposed line in Section 14 of Beaver Falls TWP? How will we know when you change your mind between the preferred and alternate lines?
Scheible	Linda		Scheible_2.pdf	Le Sueur	56058	Proximity to Homes	Rare or Unique Species	Specific Route Alternative			significant damage would be done to a pristine natural area where it Xs the Minnesota River
Scheible	Leon		Scheible.pdf	Le Sueur	56058	Proximity to Homes	Rare or Unique Species	Specific Route Alternative			-X the Minnesota River between Blakeley and Belle Plaine at existing corridor. significant damage would be done to a pristine natural area where it Xs the Minnesota River
Scherbenske	Percy	Castle Rock Thor. Farm on Hwy 50	Scherbenske.pdf	Hampton	55031	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF				-X the Minnesota River between Blakeley and Belle Plaine at existing corridor. Owens breeding and boarding farm for Thoroughbred racehorses. Most mares are in foal to Kentucky stallions whose stud fees can approach \$25-\$35 thousand
Scherbenske	Percy		Lakeville-2.pdf			Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	General Route Selection			References study of 8-fold increase in miscarriages from exposure to ELP fields greater than 16 mG.
Scherbenske	Percy		Scherbenske_Percy.PDF	Hampton	55031	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation				Owens the Castle Rock Thoroughbred Farm on Highway 50 between Farmington and Hampton. Concerned with health of thoroughbreds and breeding problems caused by EMF. Would like new route that does not impact so many people.
Scherer	Doug		Gaylord.pdf			Health/EMF					Owens and operates Castle Rock Thor. Farm, which is a breeding and boarding farm for thoroughbred racehorses. Concerned about health impacts to horses, especially breeding ones.
Schieffer	Kelli	RN, MS, CRNA	Schieffer-2.pdf	Webster	55088	Health/EMF	Aesthetics	Property Value/Compensation			Concerned about proximity of lines to homes and farms and impacts of EMF on people and livestock. Why the single-pole versus the H versus your four-pole lattice? Is the ROW farmable or what is the compensation?
Schlueer	Paul		Cannon_Falls.pdf	Stanton Township		Health/EMF	Other				Lives in Elko New Market.
Schluter	Paul & Rosie		Schluter_Dwarf_Trout_Lily.pdf	Cannon Falls	55009	Rare or Unique Species					How many other power lines of 345 kilovolts are in the state right now? Is it possible that this line could be increased beyond voltage higher than 345 in the future?
Schluter	Paul & Rosie		Schluter_Dwarf_Trout_Lily.pdf	Cannon Falls	55009	Rare or Unique Species					Concerns re: Dwarf Trout Lily impacts
Schmidt	Derek & Michelle		M.SCHMIDT.PDF	New Prague	56071	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	Stray Voltage		LeSueur County, Lanesburg TWP, Section 13. Not in favor of the line being constructed.
Schmidt	Derek & Michelle		Schmidt.pdf	New Prague	56071	Stray Voltage	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes	Property Value/Compensation	Specific Route Alternative	Opposed to project. The power lines are proposed be 168 feet from my home and 144 feet from my metal siding shop. Who will pay to ground all of my equipment. Proposes alternative - see PDF.
Schmidt	Dale		Redwood_Falls.pdf	Vesta	56292	Other	General Route Selection				Why do the poles have to be five feet in from the roadway, and how big a base does that pole have? Concerned with tile lines. Will the DNR decide which route is chosen?
Schmidt	Brian	Blakely Township	Schmidt_Brian & Others_Blakely_Township.PDF			Stray Voltage	Property Value/Compensation	Other			Comment also from John Busse and Robert Wagner. Summarizes Blakely Township Resolution opposing lines through Blakely. Concerned with impacts on farms, future development plans, soil erosion. In addition, already impacted by pipeline.
Schmidt	Dale		Schmidt_Dale.PDF	Vesta	56292	Proximity to Homes					Lives on Cty. Hwy 12, in S36, Vesta Twp, on the north side of the road. Already has REA power line and a phone line on his side of road. Prefers to have lines on the south side of Hwy 12 because there aren't power lines there.
Schmitz	Gordie & Ann		Schmitz.pdf	New Prague	56071	Property Value/Compensation	Aesthetics	Noise	General Route Selection	Health/EMF	CRP land, wildlife habitat
Schmitz	Steve & Stacy		Scmitz.pdf	New Prague	56071	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Rare or Unique Species	Aesthetics	General Route Selection	Hard for us to understand why County Road 2 in Scott County would be the most likely route for the proposed Power Line. Many of the other proposals seem to be a much better solution.

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Schneider	John		Henderson.pdf			Other	General Route Selection				I live up in the Country View Addition up by where Scott's Helicopter Service was - we don't know where the power line is going to cross there. Can you bury the lines? Concerned with President Bush's previous landing area.
Schoenbauer	Jeff & Traci		Schoenbauer_J.pdf	New Prague	56071	Property Value/Compensation	General Route Selection				Sections 20 and 21 of Helena Township in Scott County Suggest to not use the preferred route as the final route for the electrical line.
Schoenbauer	Robb		Schoenbauer_R.pdf	New Prague	56071	Property Value/Compensation	General Route Selection				Suggest to not use the preferred route as the final route for the electrical line.
Schoenbauer	Brad & Kytyn		Schoenbauer.pdf	New Prague	56071	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	General Route Selection			Suggest to not use the preferred route as the final route for the electrical line.
Schoenbauer	Arnie & Ann		A&A_SCHOENBAUER.PDF	New Prague	56071	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Aesthetics	Specific Route Alternative		Unfair that both the MinnCan project and this transmission line project will affect several properties owned by the Schoenbauer family. Old family farm. See PDF for details and maps.
Schoenbauer	Brad & Kytyn		B&K_SCHOENBAUER.PDF	New Prague	56071	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Aesthetics	Specific Route Alternative		Unfair that both the MinnCan project and this transmission line project will affect several properties owned by the Schoenbauer family. Old family farm. See PDF for details and maps.
Schoenbauer	Dave & Jamie		D&J_SCHOENBAUER.PDF	New Prague	56071	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Aesthetics	Specific Route Alternative		Unfair that both the MinnCan project and this transmission line project will affect several properties owned by the Schoenbauer family. Old family farm. See PDF for details and maps.
Schoenbauer	Dorothy		DOROTHY_SCHOENBAUER.PDF	New Prague	56071	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF				Lanesburg Township, Section 4. I think the CapX should go through less populated areas where there won't be growth for a long time.
Schoenbauer	Jeff & Traci		J&T_SCHOENBAUER.PDF	New Prague	56071	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Aesthetics	Specific Route Alternative		Unfair that both the MinnCan project and this transmission line project will affect several properties owned by the Schoenbauer family. Old family farm. See PDF for details and maps.
Schoenbauer	Robb & Lynn		R&L_SCHOENBAUER.PDF	New Prague	56071	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Aesthetics	Specific Route Alternative		Unfair that both the MinnCan project and this transmission line project will affect several properties owned by the Schoenbauer family. Old family farm. See PDF for details and maps.
Schroeder	Randy		Schroeder.pdf	Morgan	56266	Proximity to Homes	General Route Selection				Brown County Camp Twp T112 R33 Section 32 Preferred route too close to existing homes: request alternative route
Schroeder	Randy		Schroeder.pdf	Morgan	56266	Proximity to Homes	General Route Selection				My neighbor's house is 20' from road along which the power line is proposed in Eden Township of Brown County. That would put the line almost directly over his house The proposed line would also pass through some of my best farm land.
Schroeder	Kent & Cindy		Schroeder.pdf	Farmington	55024	Specific Route Alternative	Property Value/Compensation				My husband and I feel the "Modified South Route" is a better alternative -Eactly which side of Highway 50 are these proposed lines supposed to be going?
Schroeder	Randy		Schroeder.pdf	Morgan	56266	General Route Selection	Proximity to Homes				I am a Landowner in Brown County along the proposed route, and am amazed that the route passes so close to many farm building sites. The line will potentially pass through some of the best crop land. Look for alternative route.
Schroeder	Randy		Redwood_Falls.pdf	Morgan	56266	Proximity to Homes					If there is not enough road ROW and a house it too close to the road, would the line have to go into the field on the perferred route? I would like to suggest an alternate route to the power lines that you want to run in Renville County crossing the Minnesota River on County Road 3 heading North. See PDF. Concerned with farm.
Schroedl	Paul		Schroedl.pdf				Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF			
Schroedl	Clarence and Evelyn		Schroedl_C_E.PDF	Fairfax	55332	Specific Route Alternative	Stray Voltage				Attached form letter suggesting route down 640th instead of 660th in Renville County. Concerned about impacts to dairy and beef cattle.
Schroedl	Clarence		Schroedl_Clarence.PDF	Fairfax	55332	Specific Route Alternative	Stray Voltage				Attached form letter suggesting route down 640th instead of 660th in Renville County. Concerned about impacts to dairy and beef cattle.
Schueler	Darrell & Carol		Schueler_Darrell_&Carol.PDF	Webster	55088	Property Value/Compensation					Concerned with line passing through farm, which would devalue land. They don't think it is right to route a power line through an area that would not benefit from it at all.
Schuelke	Donald		Schuelke_D.pdf	Minneota	56264	Specific Route Alternative					Lyon Couny Grandview Twp T112 R42 Section 1 Sp route shown on map
Schuelke	Don		Marshall-2.pdf				Health/EMF				On maps, my home and my neighbors are not correct. We are at least 100 feet closer than you have.
Schultz	Darik		Schultz.pdf	Belle Plaine	56011	General Route Selection					-Going East from the Cedar Mountain Substation South I would believe the Preferred route should be used to get to the Helena Substation South -suggest the use of the Alternate Route from the Helena Substation South,
Schultz	Audrey		Schultz.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	General Route Selection			Supports moving Lake Marian substation to County Rd. 86.
Schultz	Glen		G.SCHULTZ.PDF	Belle Plaine	56011	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Other			The area of Blakely Twp (see map in PDF) has been included in an orderly annexation to Belle Plaine. Alternate route as planned is not acceptable. Airstrip in the power line area - transmission lines and airplanes don't mix.
Schultz	Audrey		Schultz_A-2.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Proximity to Homes	Property Value/Compensation	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF		Alternative route would impact many property owners on Pillsbury Ave. Avoid Pillsbury by moving the Lake Marion substation from its present location to the location of the already existing powerline that runs east across Pillsbury.
Schultz	Charlotte		Schultz_C.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Rare or Unique Species	Noise	Proximity to Homes			Among other reasons, oppose route because of wildlife in area. Has wetland in yard that has diversity of amphibians. Please consider another route and leave us with the wildlife we have now.
Schultz	Taylor		Schultz.pdf	SE Minneapolis	55414	Specific Route Alternative	Aesthetics				Oppose placement of the proposed permanent easement along Scott Cty Rd 46/Pillsbury Avenue. You will be destroying a scenic stretch of highway usec by many as a peaceful alternative to I-35. Use existing easement along I35.
Schultz	Derek		Henderson.pdf			Other					Lives in Blakely and Belle Plaine Townships. Concerned with safety of petroleum and electricity if power lines share easement with pipeline.
Schumacher	Cal		Schumacher.pdf			Property Value/Compensation	Trees/Wind Breaks	Health/EMF	Other		Can Septic systems be located in the ROW?
Schumacher	Amy		Schumacher-2.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Noise	Aesthetics		Runs daycare. How much ROW is wanted? Tax breaks.
Schumacher	Karl		Schumacher.pdf	Webster	55088	Proximity to Homes	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF			Power line that will go by our property in Scott county by New Market. Concerned with health risks to children. Support Modified South Route.
Schweiss	Cindy		C.SCHWEISS.PDF	Fairfax	55332	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Specific Route Alternative			Route along 660th Ave. in Fairfax going east has over 11 farm sites and many hog growing facilities. Studies have shown effect of power lines on health. Suggests alternate route - see PDF.
Schweiss	Peter		P.SCHWEISS.PDF	Fairfax	55332	General Route Selection					I think you people should come out and take a better look at 640th Ave. I think it would save the transmission line a lot of money.
Schyers	Ralph & Rodney		Schyers_Ralph_&Rodney.PDF	Fairfax	55332	Property Value/Compensation	Stray Voltage				Concerned about property value, spraying crops with plane, stray voltage for cattle, and lines being too close to a church.
Schumatier	Karl		Schumatier_K_G.PDF	Webster	55088	Health/EMF	Noise	Property Value/Compensation	Aesthetics		Concerned about health impacts and noise generated by power lines. Concerned with sister's day care which would be near lines.
Seehusen	Marilyn		Seehusen.pdf	Farmington	55024	Trees/Wind Breaks	Specific Route Alternative				Wants line farther south and would like Lake Marion Substation moved. Does not want impacts to wetlands and wooded areas.
Sell	Mary Jo		Sell.pdf	Farmington	55024	Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes				Modified South Route
Sell	Mary Jo		Sell.pdf			Specific Route Alternative					Support Modified South Route
Sellner	Chris		Sellner.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative					move to the suggest "modified South Route" I understand that this route will impact less people, as well will not be so close to an Elementary school
Sellner	Mark		Sellner.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative	Other				Look at the current MN laws of Eminent Domain that provide Public Service Companies (PSCs) exceptions from the requirement to negotiate fairly with private land owners when using eminent domain to gain access to property. Modified South Route.
Seng	Vouch Huy		V_SENG.PDF	Bloomington	55420	Other					Do not permit line along 220th street - would affect Watt Munisotaram Temple of Mn Cambodian Buddhist Society, located at 2925 220th St. in Hampton, Mn.
Sengung	Thear		T_SENGUNG.PDF	Farmington	55024	Other					Do not permit line along 220th street - would affect Watt Munisotaram Temple of Mn Cambodian Buddhist Society, located at 2925 220th St. in Hampton, Mn.
Serie	Cherie & Doug		Serie.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Aesthetics	Specific Route Alternative				Concerned with views. Support Modified South Route.
Shambour	Leonard		New_Prague.pdf			TV/Radio/GPS/etc.					Will power line interrupt the global guidance systems used by farmers? I believe that you need to extend the deadline past April 30, 2009, and continue to collect comments from citizens in order to allow communities to have time to adequately organize a response to this project.
Sheen	Heidi		Sheen.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Other					
Sheen	Heidi		Lakeville-3.pdf			Health/EMF	General Route Selection	Noise			Refers to WHO document on EMF and discusses results, which show both impacts to children and no impacts. Thinks only existing routes should be used to avoid additional impacts.
Sheggeby	Paul & Pat		Sheggeby.pdf	Granite Falls	56241	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF				Use Highway 23 route - Lyon County Substation to Granite Falls to minimize impact to farmland.
Sheggeby	Paul		Granite_Falls.pdf	Granite Falls	56241	Other	Specific Route Alternative				Concerned about the status of the Hazel Creek Substation. Would there be multiple lines coming in and going out of there? Can't you jog to the other side when encounter a farm or homestead?
Shelton	Gary	Scott County Board Interim Commissioner	Scott_County.pdf			Other	General Route Selection				Scott County Board Resolution 2009-059 Opposing the proposed routes for the CAPX202 Transmission Line Project; Reequst Alternate route
Shibly	Levon		Henderson.pdf			Health/EMF	Rare or Unique Species				Lives on the other side of Rush River Park, with proposed power line about a half mile west of house. Is an electrical engineer and knows risks of EMF. Concerned with Buck's Lake.
Siewert	Wayne	President, AG AIR 10	Siewert.pdf	St. Paul	55101	Specific Route Alternative	Other				Dakota County Waterford Twp T112 R19 Section 8 AMA Sanction club of radio controlled model aircraft flyers; Concerns re preferred route and safety margin on N end of runway (min 2000 ft)
Silvers	Dennis & Gerise		Silvers.pdf	Lonsdale	55046	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Aesthetics	Proximity to Homes		Section 15 in Wheatland Township. Farm impacts, cattle
Simon	Cyril & Natalie		Simon.pdf	Webster	55088	Aesthetics	General Route Selection				Scott County has acquired land at Cedar lake for a park. Minnesota rules 7849.5903 in Prohibited Routes states no high voltage transmission line may run through a state park or state scientific or natural area.
Simon	Cyril & Natalie		Simon-2.pdf	Webster	55088	Health/EMF	Aesthetics	Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative		Scott County, Cedar Lake Township 113 R-22. Opposed to line coming along Scott County Hwy. 2. Wetland impacts and impacts to farms. Alternate route - see PDF.
Simon	Cyril & Natalie		Simon_Cyril_&Natalie.PDF	Webster	55088	Health/EMF	Aesthetics				House would be within 300-500 ft of centerline. Concerned with impacts from EMF. Concerned with plans for widening Hwy. 2 and the lines requiring more land. Concerned with proximity to Cedar Lake.
Simones	Michelle		Simones_M.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	Health/EMF			Supports Modified South Route.
Simlones	Christopher		Simlones_Christopher.PDF	New Prague	56071	Rare or Unique Species					Concerned with Cedar Lake area and impacts on wildlife and birds.
Sirek	Mary Jo & Robert		Sirek.pdf	Northfield	55057	Health/EMF	Stray Voltage	Noise	Aesthetics	Specific Route Alternative	There are other routes north of our home,also with right of ways, such as the area of 50th street West, which could be used with much less effect on current residents. As those areas are much less populated.

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Sirek	Joan		Sirek_J_L.PDF	Northfield	55057	Health/EMF	Aesthetics	Property Value/Compensation			Opposes alternate route on 57th St. West. Does not think there is a need for project.
Sirek	Ronald		Sirek_Ronald_R.PDF	Northfield	55057	Health/EMF	General Route Selection				Opposes alternate route on 57th St. West. Does not understand need for project. Does not want lines on his property. Commented on eminent domain used against his father to cut a road through his farm and the compensation was horrible. Also concerned with health risks.
Sirek Jr.	Math		Sirek_Jr_M_T.PDF	Webster	55088	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation				Lyon County Norland Twp T112 R43 Section 4
Skaar	Earl		Skaar.pdf	Minnesota	56264	Other					Clarify location of home
Skaar	Earl		Hendricks.pdf	Minnesota	56264	General Route Selection	Proximity to Homes				Wondering how original route which was not in my back yard got changed so much that it is now near my property? How close can you come to existing houses? Scott Count off County Road 2 (outside of New Prague)
Skuzacek	Troy & Barb		Skuzacek.pdf			Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes	Property Value/Compensation			
Skuzacek	David J.		Skuzacek.pdf	Lonsdale	55046	Property Value/Compensation					lives where the west end of County Road 2 intersects with Highway 19 in Rice County
Skuzacek	Bruce		New_Prague.pdf	Lonsdale	55046	Trees/Wind Breaks					Never received mailings, would have liked a certified letter. Discussed damage to a road caused by a power company last year. Would like to know how the company is going to give back to the community.
Skuzacek	Marion		Skuzacek_Marion.PDF	New Prague	56071	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.	Stray Voltage		Concerned with property values, loss of farmland, health issues.
Skuzacek	Joseph & Eileen		Skuzacek.pdf	New Prague	56071	Health/EMF	Other				The suggested alternate Route NE ALT2 is following a Township Road. It would also cut across a Natural Gas line that has been in since 1941. The gas line is a 16". I believe it would be dangerous to cross it with a high power electric line.
Skorzewski	Vernon		Skorzewski_V.pdf	Ivanhoe	56142	Health/EMF	Other				Effect on cows/milk -road is not fit for transportation
Slater	Rodger		R_SLATER.PDF	Belle Plaine	56011	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	Health/EMF			Operates a farm at this address and strongly opposes the Alternate Route, which would cross his farm. MinnCan already took 100 foot easement. Upset by a one-time payment with an easement that will last a lifetime.
Slater	Rodger		Henderson.pdf			Proximity to Homes					Property on alternate route. Opposes either route. So I have a 50-foot easement for the pipeline plus another 150-foot easement for the power line; is that correct? Opposed to alternate route.
Slater	Darlene		Slater_D.PDF	Belle Plaine	56011	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes				Already have pipeline across property, which cuts farm diagonally. Opposed to alternate route.
Sletta	Laine	Brown County Zoning Administrator	Brown_County.pdf	New Ulm	56073	Proximity to Homes	Other				
Smisek	Roger, Linda, Drew & Connor		Smisek.pdf	New Prague	56071	Trees/Wind Breaks	Health/EMF				Section 14, Lanesburg Township, Le Sueur County
Smisek	Laur		Smisek.pdf	Lonsdale	55046	Stray Voltage	Proximity to Homes	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Specific Route Alternative	We have been good stewards of the land. We have worked too long and too hard to have to suffer this way. Oppose alternate route, which would run directly past my family's 5th generation dairy farm. This has a huge impact on the milk production and breeding of our herd. 190 would have the least impact.
Smith	Clark & Carol		Smith_C.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Health/EMF	Specific Route Alternative				-Carol has a pacemaker -more appropriate routing would be down Co. 70, where there are already existing power lines, and Industry(Airlake)
Smith	Dan		Smith_D.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	Rare or Unique Species	Health/EMF	Stray Voltage	Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative	Supports Modified South Route. We have a medically fragile child that is in need of a pacemaker that would be directly impacted by the powerline. Concerned with bees.
Smith	Gary		Lakeville-1.pdf			Health/EMF	Other	Specific Route Alternative			Lives in Section 12, Eureka Twp. Proposed line is going right over the top of my farm. Concerned with impacts to highly productive farm land, drain tile, and elk herd. Thinks route should go further north and be put on U of Minn. Lands.
So	Chanthou		C.SO.PDF	Richfield	55423	Other					Please do not permit a route that goes along 220th St. and affects the Watt Munisotaram Temple of the MN Cambodian Buddhist Society, located at 2925 220th St. East in Hampton. The power line would harm our temple.
Soth	Vy		M.SOTER.PDF	Richfield	55423	Other					Do not permit line along 220th street - would affect Watt Munisotaram Temple of Mn Cambodian Buddhist Society, located at 2925 220th St. in Hampton, Mn.
Soule	Greg		Cannon_Falls.pdf	Dennison	55018	Property Value/Compensation	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.				Would like the company to provide an appraisal of each parcel that's going to be affected by the line and delivered to the homeowners. He does not think there is any other way to determine compensation. Discusses bill proposed by Sen. Dahle and Rep. Bly.
Sovell	Kelly		Sovell_K.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes			Your proposed easement would put the line where I feel would be dangerously close to my homestead. Money could not compensate us for what this structure will do to our property values and our enjoyment of our property.
Spanier	Mark		Spanier.pdf	Webster	55088	Other					Has it been considered that the alternate routing is way too close to the airport (1mn8) near Webster? Please re consider this routing to avoid the airport!
Spoden	Douglas & Nancy		Spoden.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Proximity to Homes	Property Value/Compensation	Specific Route Alternative			Both the preferred and alternative routes cross our property. Would like alternate route on I35 but would choose preferred route over the alternate route.
Spooner	Charles		Spooner.pdf	New Prague	56071	Specific Route Alternative	Other				Modified South Route -a Pilot who Often land a private plane on my property Wheatland Township in Rice County -destory the land
Srnec	Jim & Anne		Srnec.pdf			Other					
Stadtherr	Greg		Stadtherr.pdf	Gibbon	55335	Health/EMF	General Route Selection				Please consider the alternative route, as this will put a lot of dairy and livestock people out of business if this were to come your "preferred" way.
Steeple	Douglas		Steeple.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Aesthetics	Proximity to Homes				Oppose the placement of the proposed permanent easement along Scott City Rd 46/Pillsbury Avenue (ON MY PROPERTY). Will destroy scenic stretch of highway. Use preferred route or existing easement of I35.
Steinborn	Orville & Marjorie		O.STEINBORN.PDF	Le Sueur	56058	Proximity to Homes					Henderson twp. Sect. 19. Don't want the line coming through our area on the Preferred route. Why disrupt the lands and lives of all these people who will not be using the power? MN Falls TWP 31.
Stengel	Allen		Stengel.pdf			Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative				Suggests, following preferred route up to Hwy 23 and then connect to the alt route up to Hazel Creek Sub Station.
Stengel	Al		Stengel.pdf			Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF				section 31 of MN Falls TWP near Hanley Falls proposal to follow the preferred route up to HWY 23 and then connect to the alternative route up to the hazel Creek Sub Station
Stengel	Al		Stengel.pdf			Other					section 31 of MN Falls TWP near Hanley Falls -follow up email to make sure we got it.
Stengel	Gene	Minnesota Falls Supervisor	Granite_Falls.pdf			Stray Voltage	Trees/Wind Breaks	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.	Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative	We have had instances where under a 115 kVA (sic) line, we could not remove a tire off a silage wagon because of the stray voltage transfer that happened. Stray voltage will pose problem with milage setups. Concerned with stray voltage impacts on trees.
Stengel	Allen		Granite_Falls.pdf			Other					Question to the county commissioner - how many people have said no, they don't want this? Put lines in places of demand. Will they end up buying my house or moving me because my house is 126 ft. from ROW?
Stengel	Pam		Granite_Falls.pdf			Health/EMF					If we are not going to be displaced, we are concerned with health.
Stengel	Tim		Granite_Falls.pdf			Other					Will there be more meetings?
Stenstrom	Christer		Stenstrom_C.pdf	Webster	55088	Other					Concerned with alternate route being too close to Sky Harbor Airport.
Sterzinger	Tom & Paula		Sterzinger.pdf	Taunton	56291	Specific Route Alternative					Lincoln County Alta Vista and Eidsvold Twp T113 R44 and T113 R43 Section 31 36 Use Co Rd 8 in Alta Vista Twp instead of Rd 134 in Limestone Twp for better winter access
Stevens	Florain		Stevens.pdf	Lake Elmo	55042	Proximity to Homes					My parcel of land is located in Sibley County, Cornish Twp, T112 R30. on the maps you had arranged around the room at the presentation, I noted that the building site on our property did not show a residence. In fact, there is a house there. See PDF
Stevens	Allard & Ann		Stevens_Allard_&Ann.PDF	Granite Falls	56241	Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes				Would be more feasible to follow Hwy 23 from Hanley Falls to Granite Falls rather than existing route - it would be shorter and not impact as many homes.
Sticha	Joe & Carol		Sticha.pdf	New Prague	56071	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Stray Voltage			
Sticha	Curt		Sticha.pdf	Webster	55088	Proximity to Homes					Hunters Crest Neighborhood located at the intersection of Scott County Road 2 and 23 just West on Elko New Market
Sticha	Curt & Jennifer		Sticha_C_J.PDF	Webster	55088	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Aesthetics	Rare or Unique Species		Property in Cedar Lake Twp. Oppose project. See map with raptor nesting area.
Stoick	Andrea		Stoik.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	Health/EMF					What you are proposing goes directly through our town and right near our elementary school.
Stoppelman	Esther		E.STOPPELMANN.PDF	Belle Plaine	56011	Proximity to Homes	Rare or Unique Species	Aesthetics			Lives by Mn. River Valley. Sees bald eagles and other wildlife nearby. Stoppleman Blvd. is too narrow for power lines. Lines would go through the entire length of property. Concerned with impacts to native prairie - see PDF.
Straub	Art		Henderson.pdf	Le Sueur	56058	Other					Opposes project because of religious beliefs.
Straub	Janet		Henderson.pdf	Tyrone Township		Other					Doesn't think people from the preferred and alternate routes should be fighting back and forth. If you're going to keep them out of the urban area, you're not gaining anything by putting it where you have now put the preferred route.
Streeter	Roger & Lorie		Streeter.pdf	Le Sueur	56058	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes	Rare or Unique Species			
Strese	Ric & Sue		Strese.pdf	Elko New Market	55024	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes				We live in a populated area. Please move the route to an existing old route or use a smaller voltage line.
Substad	Susie		Substad.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation			Modified South Route.
Substad	Jay		Substad.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative					Supports Modified South Route.
Sulich	Ken & Melissa		Sulich.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	Health/EMF	Specific Route Alternative				Concerned with lines running too close to elementary school. Modified South Route.
Sullivan	Melvin & Beulah		Sullivan_2.pdf	Erlanger	41018	Other					Sibley County Ailsborg Twp T112 R027 NE 1/4 Ex 4.84A of E 1/2
Sullivan	Melvin & Beulah		Sullivan.pdf	Erlanger	41018	Other					Concerned about location of route and whether or not their property will be impacted
Sullivan	Maxine K		Sullivan.pdf	Le Sueur	56058	Property Value/Compensation	Other				Sibley County Ailsborg Twp T112 R027 NE 1/4 Ex 4.84A of E 1/2
Sullivan	Daniel		Sullivan.pdf	New Prague	56071	Rare or Unique Species	Aesthetics	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes		Concerned with need and environmental impacts. See PDF.

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Sullivan	John		Sullivan.pdf	Elko New Market	55044	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes			Power line is proposed to go through my back yard. I have several concerns, from health, noise, appearance, and value. Supports more southern alternative route.
Sullivan	Clarence		New Prague.pdf			Other					Represents Wheatland Township in Rice County. Does not think the project is necessary. Thinks lines should be going through existing easements. Why is plant in Brookings and not in N. Dakota? Thinks the CO2 in N. Dakota could be put in the ground and used to pump up oil.
Sullivan	Ralph		Lakeville-3.pdf			Property Value/Compensation	General Route Selection	Other			
Swan	Larry	Supervisor Lynd Twp Board	Lynd_Township.pdf	Marshall	56258	General Route Selection	Rare or Unique Species				Opposed to alternate route crossing Redwood River due to potential environmental impacts
Swanson	Del		Lakeville-3.pdf			Property Value/Compensation	Aesthetics				Concerned that the easement compensation is only for those people directly on whose property the line falls. Would like aesthetic compensation. Concerned about double exposure route So. Pillsbury Ave in Scott county to County Rd 86. Uses the existing line to the Lake Marian Sub station and then to double back So. down Pillsbury Ave to Cty 86
Swedin	Jeanne		Swedin.pdf			Proximity to Homes	Stray Voltage	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation		Route subjects all along Pillsbury Ave. to double exposure. Will affect health and home values. Already have pipeline right outside bedroom window. Suggests alternatives - see PDF.
Swedin	David		D.SWEDIN.PDF	Lakeville	55044	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	Specific Route Alternative			
Swedzinski	Donald		D.SWEDZINSKI.PDF	Milroy	56263	General Route Selection	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.				Concerned of internet service interruption at their farm. Anything in site affects the connection, even a branch. Suggests choosing alternate route.
Swedzinski	Mildred		M.SWEDZINSKI.PDF	Milroy	56263	Rare or Unique Species	Specific Route Alternative				I would like for you to take another look at the alternate route. Land in CRP in Sections 35 and 36 of Underwood. Powerline would not be good for wildlife.
Swedzinski	Diane		D.SWEDZINSKI.PDF	Milroy	56263	Specific Route Alternative					Take another look at alternate route. Crossing river twice is not good for wildlife.
Sweers	Benjamin		Sweers.pdf			Specific Route Alternative	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes			Supports Modified South Route
Sweetland	Karen		Sweetland.pdf			Rare or Unique Species	Aesthetics				concerns re: impacts on beauty and terrain of SW Minnesota
Swoboda	Don		Granite Falls.pdf			Specific Route Alternative	Other				Concerned with impact on farmland and farming around poles. Suggests running route down Hwy 23.
Tacheny	Greg & Becky		Tachney.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Rare or Unique Species	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative	Oppose lines along Scott County 46/Pillsbury Avenue, on our property. Will destroy scenic stretch of highway. We are a federal and state licensed game farm and this could impact our business. Use pref. route or I35 easement.
Templin	William		Templin.pdf	Gibbon	55335	Other	General Route Selection				Concern re: interference with GPS; Request Preferred route.
Theis	Judy		Theis_J.pdf	Belle Plaine	56011	Trees/Wind Breaks	Aesthetics	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF		On Alternate route. Strongly oppose the power line. Line would destroy trees and aesthetic value. Also has angus beef herd. Proposes changes - see PDF.
Theis	Jack		Theis.pdf	Belle Plaine	56011	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	Rare or Unique Species			Disappointed that the proposed alternate route will be sited so near the oil pipeline that was constructed this summer. Not fair to Blakely twp. when preferred route is more economically feasible. Alt. route would impact O'Brien WMA.
Thlang	Saman		S.THLANG.PDF	Bloomington	55437	Other					Do not permit line along 220th street - would affect Watt Munisotaram Temple of Mn Cambodian Buddhist Society, located at 2925 220th St. in Hampton, Mn. Resident of Wyldewood Ponds at the intersection of Wyldewood Drive and Scott County Road 2. My children's school also is located just a mere 3 1/2 miles from our home. Use alternate route that affects fewer homes and fewer children.
Thomas	Melanie & Todd		Thomas.pdf			Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Specific Route Alternative			
Thompson	Staci		Thompson_S.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes				Supports Modified South Route.
Thoof	Scott & Deb		Thoof.pdf			Rare or Unique Species	Specific Route Alternative				-Island Lake township Sec 24 in Lyon Co. -Our comment is just to let you know that it is a good idea to go around Island Lake Sec 23 & 24. There are alot of ravines in that area and alot of wetland areas
Thostenson	Terri	Clerk	Marshall-2.pdf	Wood Lake Township		Health/EMF	Stray Voltage				Concerned of EMF and stray voltage impacts on a dairy. If lines are turned into a double circuit, do you have to go through this process again or can it just be done?
Thostenson	John		Marshall-2.pdf			Other					What is the life expectancy of a pole? Is there a standard for line droop?
Tjosaas	Mark		Redwood Falls.pdf			Other					Everything we've heard tonight is still predicated on this certificate of need being issued, that is still before an Administrative Law Judge and that's expected when?
Tjosvold	Bruce	Ziegler Product Support Manager	Tjosvold.pdf			Property Value/Compensation	Rare or Unique Species	Aesthetics			I own a 10 acre building site on the south side of 260th street between County Road 23 and Xkimo Ave, on the proposed route. Concerned with property value and environmental impacts.
Tomczyk	William & Deborah		Tomczyk.pdf	Lakeville	55044	General Route Selection					-my husband and I remain concerned and definitely opposed to the preferred location of the transmission line
Topp	Beverly		Topp.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Aesthetics	Rare or Unique Species	Proximity to Homes	Health/EMF	Specific Route Alternative	Dakota County Eureka Twp Follow Co Rd 70 along industrial park in Eureka Twp
Topp	Beverly		Lakeville-3.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Other					Encouraged people to talk to their legislators regarding getting an amendment into energy bill.
Topp	Beverly	Chair of Citizens Energy Task Force	Lakeville-3.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation				Spoke on involvement of the Task Force with the CON. Discussed using Cty. Rd. 70, eminent domain, contacting representatives, health issues, MN Environmental Rights Act.
Topp	Beverly	Chair of the Citizens Energy Task Force	Cannon Falls.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes				Spoke about the work the task force has done. Gave an example of mistakes found in the route in terms of GIS data being out dated because certain houses were not showing up. Suggests people look closely at their route segment. Discussed EMF.
Toren	Chris		C.TOREN.PDF	Fairfax	55332	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative			I am worried that the lines will be 50 ft. from my house. An alternate route suggested in form mailing attached to PDF.
Torke	Kathy & Larry		Torke.pdf	Hanley Falls		Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes				The state of Minnesota cannot allow this project to move forward and endanger the health and well-being of its citizens.
Torke	Kathy		Marshall-2.pdf			Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes				Why do you try to stay from 300 to 500 feet away from a dwelling? Does the EMF increase with a second line?
Trabant	Todd & Merrily		Trabant.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Property Value/Compensation	Specific Route Alternative				The modified south route impacts fewer homes and affects fewer people. Even after the latest plunge in real estate value, our 3.3 acre property is valued at \$750,000 - property will decline with this route.
Trabant	Todd & Merrily		Trabant_Todd_&_Merrily.PDF	Lakeville	55044	Property Value/Compensation					Support the southern alternate route because property values are much lower. Would like the Lake Marion substation moved further south.
Traxler	James		Traxler.pdf	Northfield	55057	Rare or Unique Species	Aesthetics	Property Value/Compensation			Alternative route will go through rare habitat of prairie and hardwood forests. Wetlands with nesting sandhill cranes within the area. Home values will decrease. Bury cables in sensitive areas. Use same land as pipeline.
Tronau	Clint		Henderson.pdf			Other	Proximity to Homes				I live in Renville Cty, S. 20 and 21, Camp Twp. Concerned with lines affecting the water quality of a spring his grandfather put in at the bottom of the hill. Does not want a power line on the side of his yard because he already has one in his backyard.
Tupy	Ronald & Susan		Tupy.pdf			Property Value/Compensation					-County Highway 2: Property ID# R030630030, Section 28 Twp-113 Range -022 Country Ponds Lot -001 Block -002 -alternatives that make more economic sense for all involved along the County Highway 2 corridor which has become more residential than rural.
Tupy	Bernice		Tupy_B.pdf	New Prague	56071	Property Value/Compensation					Owens several areas of land in Scott County (Section 28, TWP 113, and Range 022 and 002). Concerned about farm impacts and property values. Favors route along County Highway 2.
Tupy	Fritz		F.TUPY.PDF			Property Value/Compensation	Other				Went to New Prague meeting. Located on Co. Rd. 2, approximately 1 mile east of the round-about. Line would go through property. Advocate not building any power lines and saving of power on everybody's part.
Tupy	Roger		New Prague.pdf	New Prague	56071	Other					Owens a certified organic farm just northeast of New Prague, Cedar Lake Township in Scott County. Last year pipeline went through farm. Thinks company is trying to get neighbors against eachother.
Tupy	Roger & Joyce		Tupy_Roger_&_Joyce.1.PDF	New Prague	56071	Health/EMF	General Route Selection	Specific Route Alternative			Oppose transmission line in Scott County. Upset that their farm was not labeled as "Certified Organic" on the the big map routing book. Suggests Interstate #29 to I 90 as alternate route.
Tupy	Roland		Tupy_Roland.PDF	New Prague	56071						Would like farm labeled as "Certified Organic" on Route Permit Application.
Turek	Terry		Henderson.pdf			Other					How often do these applications get denied so that means there would be no power line? How many times is the alternative site used over the preferred one?
Turnberg	Gail		Turnberg.pdf	Webster	55088	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Rare or Unique Species	General Route Selection		Lives in Wyldewood Ponds development on County Road 2. As a pediatric nurse practitioner, I advocate for children's health on a daily basis and I cannot in good conscience ignore the plans for these power lines in our neighborhood. USFWS property impacts
Turnberg	Gail		Turnberg_G.PDF	Webster	55088	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	Rare or Unique Species	Aesthetics	Oppose lines through Cedar lake and New Market Townships. Comments on EMF studies. Concerned about impacts on wildlife.
Uebhard	Brian & Sheila		Uebhard_Brian_&_Sheila.PDF	Belle Plaine	56011	Health/EMF	Rare or Unique Species	Trees/Wind Breaks	Noise	Stray Voltage	Concerned with health risks, impacts to wildlife, trees, future development, noise, and stray voltage. Alternate route is not even an option.
Urness	Mandy		Urness.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	Rare or Unique Species			strong opposition to the proposed PREFERRED route, which happens to run right through our back yard
Urness	Tom		Urness_T.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	Rare or Unique Species	Aesthetics	Would like the line routed along existing thoroughfares, major highways and interstates, to minimize the impact this will have on homes
Urness	Tom		Urness_T.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	Rare or Unique Species	Aesthetics	Opposes Preferred Route and the project in general. Supports Modified South Route. See PDF.
Van Keulen	Ken		Keulen.pdf	Minneota	56264	Property Value/Compensation	Other				Concerned about future wind needs. How many more lines are needed. Are these the best decisions for the future?
Van Keulen	Ronald		Keulen.pdf	Ghent	56239	Property Value/Compensation	Other				Concerned about future wind needs. How many more lines are needed. Are these the best decisions for the future?
VanDenbroeke	James & Nancy		J.VANDENBROEKE.PDF	Marshall	56258						I understand the need has already been established so lets get this project under construction.
Vanderwerf	Leslie		Vanderwerf.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes			First of all, our house is on the border of the preferred route and one of the alternate routes would take our house or at least a large piece of our property. Would like Alt route on I90 - see PDF.
Vankuiken	Beth		Vankuiken.pdf			Other					New committees need to be formed, of people directly affected, to help plan these lines. Cap did not effectively communicate to the people of MN what their project was about and how to join committees to help draw the lines
Vankuiken	Elizabeth		Vankuiken_2.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Health/EMF					Preferred route will impact Cedar Lakes Farm located on Co Rd 2
Vankuiken	Elizabeth		Vankuiken.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Health/EMF	Rare or Unique Species				We have all kinds of wild life living in our back yard that will be impacted. To list some e have pheasant,hawks,deer,turkey,fox,geese,ducks, and Bald eagles.
Vankuiken	Elizabeth		Vankuiken.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF	Trees/Wind Breaks			Son has health issues. Endocrine deficiencies.
Vankuiken	Elizabeth		Vankuiken.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF	Trees/Wind Breaks			I strongly support the "Modified South Route" because it impacts fewer homes and affects less people
Vankuiken	Jon		Vankuiken.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes	Health/EMF			-The Lake Marion substation needs to stay as is and a new substation built south with the new route Supports Modified South Route. See PDF for table comparing homes within 500 ft for routes. My family also keeps animals that would be affected and provides critical habitat for birds, butterflies, bees, bald eagles, deer, turkeys, pheasant. Has ill child.

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VanOverbeke	Duane		Van_Overbeke_D.PDF	Marshall	56258	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes	Rare or Unique Species	Aesthetics		Opposes alternate route. Crossing Hwy 23 would create an impact on the scenery an wildlife going to Camden State Park. Already has a transmission line behind house. Supports preferred route.
Velde	Geraldine		G.VELDE.PDF	Granite Falls	56241	Proximity to Homes	General Route Selection				Irresponsible to erect a HVTL over the rural farm homes along the Preferred Route from Marshall to Granite Falls.
Velde	Grant & Becky		Velde.pdf	Granite Falls	56241	Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes				Would like route moved to MN State Hwy 23 corridor all the way north to Granite Falls.
Velde	Gerald & Harriet		Velde_Gerald_&_Harriet.PDF	Granite Falls	56241	Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes				Would like lines to be in MN Hwy 23 corridor all the way to Granite Falls.
Velde	Leon		Velde_L.PDF	Granite Falls	56241	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes			Would like route to follow MN Hwy 23 corridor and not go over all the houses shown on map, which would be a hazard.
Vick	Karl		Vick.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	Proximity to Homes					"Keep it way South"
Viere	Steve		New_Prague.pdf			Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF				Lives on the corner of Highway 23 and 2, which is Panama Avenue and 260th Street - in the Hunter's Crest development. Concerned with property values and impacts on kids and day care nearby. Thinks lines should be buried.
Vikla	Margaret		M.VIKLA.PDF	Lonsdale	55046	Health/EMF	Specific Route Alternative				Concerned about bees. We have 80 colonies located on Jennings Ave. in Rice County (Sections 21,112, 22) - 9/10 of a mile north of the alternate route - see PDF. Consider route along I90.
Vikla	Steve & Delores		Vikla.pdf	Lonsdale	55046	Property Value/Compensation	Other				Looking over your map of proposed alternate site, you NEGLETED to have our house on the map! This map also does not show our 3 greenhouses which is a business along with our sons garden vegetable business. Will take crop land out of production.
Vikla	Margaret		New_Prague.pdf	Lonsdale	55046	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation				Lives in Rice County, Wheatland Township, Section 21, about 9/10 of a mile north of proposed route on 70th St. Her husband is a beekeeper. Concerned about future of beekeeper business.
Vikla	David		New_Prague.pdf	Lonsdale	55046	Other					What are the utilities doing as far as exploring alternatives to putting up a big power line?
Vikla	David		Vikla_David.PDF	Lonsdale	55046	General Route Selection	Rare or Unique Species	Trees/Wind Breaks			Oppose project but it is going to happen, use interstates and 4-lane highways. Against changes to the alternate route which would run lines down 60th St. to Hwy 19. This would run through their home which has a tract of the Big Woods ecosystem.
Vikla	Margaret		Vikla_Margaret.PDF	Lonsdale	55046	Health/EMF	Other	General Route Selection			Property is north of alternate route, along 70th st. Concerned with honey bees too close to alternate route. Thinks project should not happen. Attached article from the Fairbairn Daily News about Vikla and his efforts to bring wind energy into homes.
Villarreal	Deb		Villarreal.pdf			Specific Route Alternative					Modified South Route
Volk	Rachelle & Brandt		Volk.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes	Aesthetics	Specific Route Alternative		Our home is only 62' from where the transmission line is proposed & our pole building is only 35' from where the line would be. Supports Modified South Route.
Vossen	Gary & Catherine		G.VOSSEN.PDF	New Prague	56071	Health/EMF	Aesthetics	Property Value/Compensation			We do not want these power lines over and near our property.
Vroman	Richard		Marshall-2.pdf			Other					Land owner and town board member - Clifton TWP. Concerned with poles interfering with farming. Prefers the Preferred Route.
Wagner	Margarit		Wagner.pdf	Le Sueur	56058	Health/EMF	Rare or Unique Species	General Route Selection			Henderson Township, Sec. 28
Wambeke	Dan		Wambeke.pdf	Marshall	56258	Trees/Wind Breaks					I am disappointed that this project has not taken greater care to avoid impacts to tree groves - there are a good number of properties along this route that stand to lose some or all of their tree resource. Attached spreadsheet on tree impacts.
Wambeke	Dan		Marshall-1.pdf	Marshall	56258	Proximity to Homes	Health/EMF	Trees/Wind Breaks			Health concerns with being too close to the lines. Concerned with errors in the route application i.e. my home was marked incorrectly. Concerned with impact on trees. Curious about EMF from single vs. double circuit. How was centerline chosen?
Wambeke	Dick		Granite_Falls.pdf			Other					Would future wind project in western Yellow Medicine County be able to use this line as an electrical highway for new wind power?
Weckman	Diane & Larry	Carver-Scott Educational Co-op	Weckman.pdf	Chaska	55318	Health/EMF	Noise	Aesthetics			southwest corner of County Road 2 and Highway 21 in Helena township/Scott County
Weiberg	Carl		Weiberg.pdf	Webster	55088	General Route Selection	Health/EMF				Opposed to route through Webster because risks associated with Sky Harbor and the surrounding community.
Weiberg	Sandra		Weiberg.pdf	Webster	55088	Proximity to Homes					I am a resident of Webster, Minnesota and strongly object to the routing of the Capx2020 project through Rice County. Please register my complaint to the re-routing through Rice County.
Weiers	Roger & Patricia		Weiers.pdf	Belle Plaine	56011	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes			The "preferred" line would come within 50 feet of our home and cross our front lawn. Why must the lines follow the right of way of roads and highways? We would be more willing to have lines go thru our farmfields away from home.
Weiers	Roger		New_Prague.pdf			Health/EMF	Stray Voltage	Proximity to Homes			Lives on preferred route in Belle Plaine Twp in Scott County. Line would be within 75 feet of house. Concerned with safety of kids playing in yard. Would like to know how many coal plants could be carried on line.
Weilage	Terry		Weilage.pdf	Morton	56270	Health/EMF	Other				Renville County Beaver Falls Township, sections 22 and 23
Weilage	Terry		Redwood_Falls.pdf	Morton	56270	Health/EMF	Stray Voltage				Concerned with son that has epilepsy and needs a nerve stimulator. Will the lines interfere with this? The alternate route is about 100 ft. from my lawn. Is burying the cable an option?
Weilage	Terry		Weilage.pdf	Morton	56270	Health/EMF	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.				Alternate route would run along farm and home property on County Hwy. 2. Her son is epileptic and has a vegas nerve stimulator attached to his brain stem. Concerned with lines interfering with or compromising son's health.
Weisz	Karen		Henderson.pdf								Wanted a show of hands for those not opposed to the project. Her mother's property is on one of the routes.
Wembeke, Senior	Dan		Marshall-1.pdf			Health/EMF	Rare or Unique Species				Concerned with EMF impacts on wildlife and livestock.
Wendt	Daryl		D.WENDT.PDF	Gibbon	55335	Proximity to Homes					Number of building sites close to the road on 280th in Sibley County. Consider a route south of HWY 19 along 300th st. See PDF.
Wensaz-LaVelle	Jeff		J_LAVELLE.PDF	New Prague	56071	Health/EMF	Aesthetics				I am not convinced these lines are necessary. If it has already been decided, please put the lines on low-volume roads or where non-existing roads will be built in the future.
Wersal-LaVelle	Connie		C.LAVELLE.PDF	New Prague	56071	Health/EMF	Rare or Unique Species	Other			Concerned about impacts to livestock.
West	Woodrow & Nancy		West_Jr_W_N.PDF	Granite Falls	56241	Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes				Already has pipeline on property, which caused a loss of trees. Don't want to look to the south and see lines. Neighbor has dairy farm who sells goods all over cities but no one wants milk from a cow who has grazed under powerlines all day. Bee concern.
Weyl	Ronald		Weyl_R.PDF	Le Sueur	56058	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes				Thinks route should stay in Hwy 23 corridor.
Whitehouse	Whitey		C.POOKER.PDF	Lakeville	55044	Other					Opposes both routes and think there are to many unanswered questions with regards to health and safety.
Whitehouse	Whitney		Lakeville-2.pdf			Other					Supports project. Included photo with a "toilet on a stick" - see PDF.
Wignarajah	Rishi		R.WIGNARAJAH.PDF	Bloomington	55420	Other					Discussed that decreases in property values will also be the result of overall decrease in property values, having nothing to do with the ROW. Has not heard that workers around power generation are dying from EMF.
Williams	Brian		Henderson.pdf	Le Sueur	56058	Other					Do not permit line along 220th street - would affect Watt Munisotaram Temple of Mn Cambodian Buddhist Society, located at 2925 220th St. in Hampton, Mn.
Williams	Brian		Williams_Brian.PDF	Le Sueur	56058	Property Value/Compensation	Rare or Unique Species	Other	Aesthetics		Concerned with whether the longterm flight patterns of Le Sueur airport have been looked at.
Williams	David		Williams_D.pdf	Royal Township		Other					Concerned with impacts to Buck's lake and surrounding scenery and decreasing property values. Thinks line should follow railroad corridors and other corridors. Concerned with interference with planes out of Le Sueur airport.
Willie	Doug	Chair - Hampton Township Board	Willie.pdf			Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation				Feels the applicant has not demonstrated need.
Wilmot	Jim		Gaylord.pdf			General Route Selection					
Wilson	Craig		Wilson_Craig.PDF	Cedar Lake Township		Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation				Is it possible to incorporate powerline with already existing power line south of Hutchinson about 4 miles to alleviate impacts?
Wingbermuehle	Bill		Wingbermuehle.pdf	Morgan	56266						House is located about 400 feet from Preferred route - concerned with health impacts and decreasing property values.
Wiste	Lyle		Wiste.pdf			General Route Selection					Using the "Preferred Route", the proposed transmission lines would run approximately 2,400 feet north of our house. Relocate the Preferred Route slightly farther north (maybe down 270th St., or farther away) or for simply use the Alternate Route.
Wiste	Mile		Gaylord.pdf			General Route Selection					Sibley County, Dryden Township, Section 8 -go with the preferred route
Woller	Vernon & Gladys		V.WOLLER.PDF	Winthrop	55396	Health/EMF	Property Value/Compensation	Aesthetics			Supports preferred route. How will the final route be decided?
Wooldrik	Steve		Wooldrik.pdf	Lakeville	55044	Property Value/Compensation	Aesthetics	Specific Route Alternative			Farm is directly in path of alternate route. Concerned about visual impacts, health issues, and economics.
Young	Jim		Gaylord.pdf			General Route Selection					I protest the placement of the proposed permanent easement along Scott City Rd 46/Pillsbury Avenue on my property. Will destroy scenic highway. Use preferred route or existing easement on I35.
Zelenka	Earl		New_Prague.pdf			Other					Is there any reason that you don't try to follow railroad right-of-ways?
Zimanske	Dale & Anne		Zimanske.pdf	Lonsdale	55046	Noise	TV/Radio/GPS/etc.	Health/EMF	Aesthetics	Property Value/Compensation	If we all stick together, I think we can move this line someplace out of our area. We don't need this power line in Scott or Rice County.
Zimanske	Jean		Zimanske_J.pdf	Lonsdale	55046	Specific Route Alternative	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes	Rare or Unique Species	Aesthetics	Wheatland Township, Section 16, Rice County.
Zimanske	Jean		Zimanske.pdf	Lonsdale	55046	Aesthetics	Proximity to Homes				Lives 2 miles north of the alternative route in Wheatland Township, Rice County near the village of Veseli. Will be able to see lines from hill. Concerned with brother's farm which is .2 mi from alternate route. Concerned with aesthetics and environment.
Zimanske	Dale & Anne		Zimanske-2.pdf	Lonsdale	55046	Specific Route Alternative	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes	Property Value/Compensation		I just learned that there is a change that brings the power line only one mile from my home and it transverses the largest hill which we will definitely see not only from the second story window, but now at ground level. Please keep me informed. See PDF.
Zimanske	Myron & Betty		Zimanske-4.pdf	Lonsdale	55046	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes				PLEASE have some compassion for all people affected by this and consider putting your power line along Interstate 90. People in our area were never notified. Move to another less-populated state.
Ziniel	Nick		Ziniel.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative				We are sorry to hear about the "dictator-like" way you folks have been handling this project with landowners! In Rice city we have heard nothing about details and were not notified about meeting in New Market. Take time and \$ to talk to every landowner.

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Ziriel	Nick		Lakeville-3.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	Property Value/Compensation	Health/EMF	General Route Selection	Stray Voltage	Specific Route Alternative	Is it easier to purchase land from homeowners and more difficult from MnDOT? Can you cross over 35 to avoid impacting homes? Opposes preferred and alternate routes.
Zippel	Greg & Debrah		Zippel.pdf			Rare or Unique Species	Health/EMF				Buck's Lake. WMAs. Scenic Byway
Zippel	Nolan		Henderson.pdf			Rare or Unique Species	Health/EMF				I believe that the lines should be rerouted because of the negative effect it will have on wildlife and public health.
Zippel	Savannah		Henderson.pdf			Rare or Unique Species					Concerned with bald eagles around Buck's Lake.
Zippel	Debra		Henderson.pdf	Henderson		Property Value/Compensation	Aesthetics				I appreciate this democratic process, but the reason we came to this lovely community was through eminent domain, and the band I got -- you know, you've got one year and you're out.
Zurek	Kathy		Lakeville-3.pdf			General Route Selection	Specific Route Alternative				Had submitted an email comment on why existing easements can't be used on County Rd. 70. Got a reply saying it wasn't feasible, which she doesn't view as an answer.
Zwaschka	Kathy & Jim		Zwaschka.PDF	Milroy	56263	Specific Route Alternative					
Zwaschka	Kathy		Marshall-2.pdf			Specific Route Alternative	Property Value/Compensation	Stray Voltage	Health/EMF		Prefers Alternate Route
Zweber	Tom		Zweber.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	General Route Selection	Other	Specific Route Alternative			I am not against the power line, but I am against the preferred route that was chosen -If the preferred route is used why not follow existing right of ways.
Zweber	Christopher		Zweber.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	Health/EMF	Aesthetics	Property Value/Compensation	Specific Route Alternative		I feel the transmission line does not belong on either the proposed or the alternative route. It should be in areas that would affect far less families and land owners. Supports the Modified South Route.
Zweber	Leon		Zweber-2.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	Specific Route Alternative					We support the "modified South Route" because it affects fewer homes and less people. Stay away from good farm land like ours.
Zweber	Aaron & Jenny		Zweber.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	Health/EMF	Proximity to Homes	Specific Route Alternative			Supports Modified South Route. Preferred route is 150 ft. from home, which is also a daycare.
Zweber	Aaron & Jenny		Zweber.pdf	Elko New Market	55020	Property Value/Compensation	Proximity to Homes				The powerline passes right in front of our home. You will see that we are very justified in our concerns about this route.
Zweber	Chris		Zweber Chris.PDF	Elko New Market	55020	Specific Route Alternative	Proximity to Homes				Supports the Modified South Route because it impacts less families and home owners.

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RE: Route Permit Application for a 345 kV Transmission Line from Brookings County, South Dakota to Hampton, MN [PUC Docket No. ET2/TL-08-1474]

Dear Mr. Ek:

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has reviewed the Route Permit Application for a 345 kV Transmission Line from Brookings County, South Dakota to Hampton, MN. The DNR offers the following comments on the scope of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

DNR recommends the transmission line route or route alternatives avoid the following natural resource features or publicly-owned land parcels: native prairie remnants, Wildlife Management Areas (WMA), Scientific and Natural Areas (SNA), State Parks, State Waysides, State Trails, Waterfowl Production Areas, units of the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, shallow lakes, Big Woods Heritage Forest parcels, prairie bank conservation easements, rock outcrop and rock outcrop wetland complexes, migratory water fowl feeding and resting areas, eagle nests, habitat easements, known occurrences of rare features, and Sites of High or Outstanding Biodiversity Significance.

If avoidance of these features is not feasible, the DEIS should evaluate the potential impacts associated with the construction and operation of the transmission line on or near these features, and available Best Management Practices (BMP) to avoid, reduce or mitigate those impacts.

To further evaluate the potential impacts to WMAs, DNR requests detailed mapping that depicts the preliminary design for the transmission line or substations that may directly or indirectly (within 1,000 feet) impact each WMA. The DNR recommends expanding the route width in the area of Coot and Thostenson Wildlife Management Areas (near Arco in Lincoln Co.) to include the north side of Highway 15. Also, DNR recommends the DEIS evaluate a route alternative that avoids bisecting the O'Brien WMA (near Belle Plain in Scott Co.), either to the north or to the south.

To further evaluate the potential impacts to rare features tracked by the Natural Heritage Information System, DNR requests the DEIS include detailed maps that depict the preliminary design for the transmission line or substations that may directly or indirectly (within 1,000 feet) impact any rare natural resource features, including state-listed threatened or endangered species, species of special concern, and Sites of High or Outstanding Biodiversity Significance. The DEIS should consider methods to avoid and minimize any permanent or temporary impacts. The Route Permit Application states that rare species surveys will be conducted if avoidance is not feasible. Please contact Lisa Joyal, DNR Endangered Species Coordinator (651-259-5109) if any surveys for rare species are anticipated. If any work is to

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occur in riverbeds, a mussel survey may be required. DNR will work with the applicant to discuss potential surveyors, survey protocol, and other requirements before any survey work is initiated.

Blanding's Turtles and Loggerhead Shrikes are listed in Table I-1. Please find attached Blanding's Turtle and Loggerhead Shrike Fact Sheets. Further information on the biology, habitat use, and conservation measures of the rare species listed in Table I-1 can be found in the DNR Rare Species Guide at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/rsg/index.html>.

The DEIS should evaluate methods to minimize impacts to the Minnesota River flyway. Factors that affect this resource are tower height and the concentration of transmission lines, crossings where steep slopes produce updrafts that are attractive to birds, intrusion into wetlands, floodplain forest clearing, and fragmentation of other floodplain habitat. Any transmission line crossings of major rivers and public waters should be designed with a transmission line configuration and bird flight diverters that will reduce the likelihood of impacts to avian species.

To better evaluate the potential Minnesota River crossings, the DNR requests detailed mapping for the Preferred and Alternate Route, and an impact matrix that includes potential impacts associated with each crossing. The impact matrix should include impact categories such as wetland, floodplain, forested land, rare plant and animal species or communities, and avian flyway impacts along with a comparison of potential impacts for each alternative.

River crossing options, such as overhead or underground, should also be evaluated for the Preferred and Alternative Routes. Each of those options should also include the associated impact matrix. The options within each alternative are necessary due to the wide variation in potential natural resource impacts associated with where the transmission line is located.

DNR recommends, wherever possible, to located river crossings in previously disturbed areas (existing transmission corridors, pipeline corridors, road bridges, etc.). It appears each of these options is a possibility at the Scott County crossing locations of the Minnesota River. Further, it appears that selection of the Minnesota River crossing location in Scott County directly determines which route will be selected as the line moves to the west (i.e. if the northern crossing of the river is selected, then the Alternate Route must be selected). The DNR believes it is important to have the flexibility to determine the river crossing independent of which overall route to the west is environmentally preferable. This flexibility can be achieved by adding a route segment alternative connecting the preferred and alternate route to the west of the Scott County Minnesota River crossing.

South of Granite Falls, the Preferred Route and part of the combined Preferred/Alternate Route would pass through Prairie Bank easements and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Conservation Easements, and within one-half mile of another Prairie Bank unit, a Scientific and Natural Area (SNA) and other USFWS conservation easements. The DNR and USFWS have funded a private land owner agreement for prairie restoration in this area as well. This area has been documented by the MN County Biological Survey as having High Biodiversity Significance, numerous Heritage element occurrences, and native remnant prairie. There is an existing transmission line and easement along this portion of the route that predates the PB easement. The proposed transmission line should not be expanded into the Prairie Bank (this would be true of all Prairie Banks). Further, the applicant would need to develop BMPs for construction and on-going maintenance that ensure no negative direct or indirect impacts or

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encroachment (temporary or permanent) on the Prairie Bank including, but not limited to, over-spray from broadcast herbicide spraying along the transmission right of way.

Prescribed burning is an important tool for maintaining the habitat quality and functions of many state and federal managed lands. Since prescribed burns and power lines are not compatible, we recommend that the proposed project avoid managed grasslands.

The DEIS should describe any potential recreational trail reroutes or closures due to construction of the transmission line.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the DEIS scope. Please contact me with any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



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CAUTION



BLANDING'S TURTLES MAY BE ENCOUNTERED IN THIS AREA

The unique and rare Blanding's turtle has been found in this area. Blanding's turtles are state-listed as Threatened and are protected under Minnesota Statute 84.095, Protection of Threatened and Endangered Species. Please be careful of turtles on roads and in construction sites. For additional information on turtles, or to report a Blanding's turtle sighting, contact the DNR Nongame Specialist nearest you: Bemidji (218-308-2641); Grand Rapids (218-327-4518); New Ulm (507-359-6033); Rochester (507-280-5070); or St. Paul (651-259-5764).

DESCRIPTION: The Blanding's turtle is a medium to large turtle (5 to 10 inches) with a black or dark blue, dome-shaped shell with muted yellow spots and bars. The bottom of the shell is hinged across the front third, enabling the turtle to pull the front edge of the lower shell firmly against the top shell to provide additional protection when threatened. The head, legs, and tail are dark brown or blue-gray with small dots of light brown or yellow. A distinctive field mark is the bright yellow chin and neck.

**BLANDING'S TURTLES DO NOT MAKE GOOD PETS
IT IS ILLEGAL TO KEEP THIS THREATENED SPECIES IN CAPTIVITY**

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AVOIDING AND MINIMIZING IMPACTS TO BLANDING'S TURTLE POPULATIONS

(see Blanding's Turtle Fact Sheet for full recommendations)

- This flyer should be given to all contractors working in the area. Homeowners should also be informed of the presence of Blanding's turtles in the area.
- Turtles that are in imminent danger should be moved, by hand, out of harms way. Turtles that are not in imminent danger should be left undisturbed to continue their travel among wetlands and/or nest sites.
- If a Blanding's turtle nests in your yard, do not disturb the nest and do not allow pets near the nest.
- Silt fencing should be set up to keep turtles out of construction areas. It is critical that silt fencing be removed after the area has been revegetated.
- Small, vegetated temporary wetlands should not be dredged, deepened, or filled.
- All wetlands should be protected from pollution; use of fertilizers and pesticides should be avoided, and run-off from lawns and streets should be controlled. Erosion should be prevented to keep sediment from reaching wetlands and lakes.
- Roads should be kept to minimum standards on widths and lanes.
- Roads should be ditched, not curbed or below grade. If curbs must be used, 4" high curbs at a 3:1 slope are preferred.
- Culverts under roads crossing wetland areas, between wetland areas, or between wetland and nesting areas should be at least 36 in. diameter and flat-bottomed or elliptical.
- Culverts under roads crossing streams should be oversized (at least twice as wide as the normal width of open water) and flat-bottomed or elliptical.
- Utility access and maintenance roads should be kept to a minimum.
- Because trenches can trap turtles, trenches should be checked for turtles prior to being backfilled and the sites should be returned to original grade.
- Terrain should be left with as much natural contour as possible.
- Graded areas should be revegetated with native grasses and forbs.
- Vegetation management in infrequently mowed areas -- such as in ditches, along utility access roads, and under power lines -- should be done mechanically (chemicals should not be used). Work should occur fall through spring (after October 1st and before June 1st).

Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern Species of Minnesota

Blanding's Turtle
(Emydoidea blandingii)

Minnesota Status: Threatened
Federal Status: none

State Rank¹: S2
Global Rank¹: G4

HABITAT USE

Blanding's turtles need both wetland and upland habitats to complete their life cycle. The types of wetlands used include ponds, marshes, shrub swamps, bogs, and ditches and streams with slow-moving water. In Minnesota, Blanding's turtles are primarily marsh and pond inhabitants. Calm, shallow water bodies (Type 1-3 wetlands) with mud bottoms and abundant aquatic vegetation (e.g., cattails, water lilies) are preferred, and extensive marshes bordering rivers provide excellent habitat. Small temporary wetlands (those that dry up in the late summer or fall) are frequently used in spring and summer -- these fishless pools are amphibian and invertebrate breeding habitat, which provides an important food source for Blanding's turtles. Also, the warmer water of these shallower areas probably aids in the development of eggs within the female turtle. Nesting occurs in open (grassy or brushy) sandy uplands, often some distance from water bodies. Frequently, nesting occurs in traditional nesting grounds on undeveloped land. Blanding's turtles have also been known to nest successfully on residential property (especially in low density housing situations), and to utilize disturbed areas such as farm fields, gardens, under power lines, and road shoulders (especially of dirt roads). Although Blanding's turtles may travel through woodlots during their seasonal movements, shady areas (including forests and lawns with shade trees) are not used for nesting. Wetlands with deeper water are needed in times of drought, and during the winter. Blanding's turtles overwinter in the muddy bottoms of deeper marshes and ponds, or other water bodies where they are protected from freezing.

LIFE HISTORY

Individuals emerge from overwintering and begin basking in late March or early April on warm, sunny days. The increase in body temperature which occurs during basking is necessary for egg development within the female turtle. Nesting in Minnesota typically occurs during June, and females are most active in late afternoon and at dusk. Nesting can occur as much as a mile from wetlands. The nest is dug by the female in an open sandy area and 6-15 eggs are laid. The female turtle returns to the marsh within 24 hours of laying eggs. After a development period of approximately two months, hatchlings leave the nest from mid-August through early-October. Nesting females and hatchlings are often at risk of being killed while crossing roads between wetlands and nesting areas. In addition to movements associated with nesting, all ages and both sexes move between wetlands from April through November. These movements peak in June and July and again in September and October as turtles move to and from overwintering sites. In late autumn (typically November), Blanding's turtles bury themselves in the substrate (the mud at the bottom) of deeper wetlands to overwinter.

IMPACTS / THREATS / CAUSES OF DECLINE

- loss of wetland habitat through drainage or flooding (converting wetlands into ponds or lakes)
- loss of upland habitat through development or conversion to agriculture
- human disturbance, including collection for the pet trade* and road kills during seasonal movements
- increase in predator populations (skunks, raccoons, etc.) which prey on nests and young

*It is illegal to possess this threatened species.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AVOIDING AND MINIMIZING IMPACTS

These recommendations apply to typical construction projects and general land use within Blanding's turtle habitat, and are provided to help local governments, developers, contractors, and homeowners minimize or avoid detrimental impacts to Blanding's turtle populations. **List 1** describes minimum measures which we recommend to prevent harm to Blanding's turtles during construction or other work within Blanding's turtle habitat. **List 2** contains recommendations which offer even greater protection for Blanding's turtles populations; this list should be used *in addition to the first list* in areas which are known to be of state-wide importance to Blanding's turtles (contact the DNR's Natural Heritage and Nongame Research Program if you wish to determine if your project or home is in one of these areas), or in any other area where greater protection for Blanding's turtles is desired.

List 1. Recommendations for all areas inhabited by Blanding's turtles.	List 2. Additional recommendations for areas known to be of state-wide importance to Blanding's turtles.
GENERAL	
A flyer with an illustration of a Blanding's turtle should be given to all contractors working in the area. Homeowners should also be informed of the presence of Blanding's turtles in the area.	Turtle crossing signs can be installed adjacent to road-crossing areas used by Blanding's turtles to increase public awareness and reduce road kills.
Turtles which are in imminent danger should be moved, by hand, out of harms way. Turtles which are not in imminent danger should be left undisturbed.	Workers in the area should be aware that Blanding's turtles nest in June, generally after 4pm, and should be advised to minimize disturbance if turtles are seen.
If a Blanding's turtle nests in your yard, do not disturb the nest.	If you would like to provide more protection for a Blanding's turtle nest on your property, see "Protecting Blanding's Turtle Nests" on page 3 of this fact sheet.
Silt fencing should be set up to keep turtles out of construction areas. It is <u>critical</u> that silt fencing be removed after the area has been revegetated.	Construction in potential nesting areas should be limited to the period between September 15 and June 1 (this is the time when activity of adults and hatchlings in upland areas is at a minimum).
WETLANDS	
Small, vegetated temporary wetlands (Types 2 & 3) should not be dredged, deepened, filled, or converted to storm water retention basins (these wetlands provide important habitat during spring and summer).	Shallow portions of wetlands should not be disturbed during prime basking time (mid morning to mid- afternoon in May and June). A wide buffer should be left along the shore to minimize human activity near wetlands (basking Blanding's turtles are more easily disturbed than other turtle species).
Wetlands should be protected from pollution; use of fertilizers and pesticides should be avoided, and run-off from lawns and streets should be controlled. Erosion should be prevented to keep sediment from reaching wetlands and lakes.	Wetlands should be protected from road, lawn, and other chemical run-off by a vegetated buffer strip at least 50' wide. This area should be left unmowed and in a natural condition.
ROADS	
Roads should be kept to minimum standards on widths and lanes (this reduces road kills by slowing traffic and reducing the distance turtles need to cross).	Tunnels should be considered in areas with concentrations of turtle crossings (more than 10 turtles per year per 100 meters of road), and in areas of lower density if the level of road use would make a safe crossing impossible for turtles. Contact your DNR Regional Nongame Specialist for further information on wildlife tunnels.
Roads should be ditched, not curbed or below grade. If curbs must be used, 4 inch high curbs at a 3:1 slope are preferred (Blanding's turtles have great difficulty climbing traditional curbs; curbs and below grade roads trap turtles on the road and can cause road kills).	Roads should be ditched, not curbed or below grade.

ROADS cont.	
Culverts between wetland areas, or between wetland areas and nesting areas, should be 36 inches or greater in diameter, and elliptical or flat-bottomed.	Road placement should avoid separating wetlands from adjacent upland nesting sites, or these roads should be fenced to prevent turtles from attempting to cross them (contact your DNR Nongame Specialist for details).
Wetland crossings should be bridged, or include raised roadways with culverts which are 36 in or greater in diameter and flat-bottomed or elliptical (raised roadways discourage turtles from leaving the wetland to bask on roads).	Road placement should avoid bisecting wetlands, or these roads should be fenced to prevent turtles from attempting to cross them (contact your DNR Nongame Specialist for details). This is especially important for roads with more than 2 lanes.
Culverts under roads crossing streams should be oversized (at least twice as wide as the normal width of open water) and flat-bottomed or elliptical.	Roads crossing streams should be bridged.
UTILITIES	
Utility access and maintenance roads should be kept to a minimum (this reduces road-kill potential).	
Because trenches can trap turtles, trenches should be checked for turtles prior to being backfilled and the sites should be returned to original grade.	
LANDSCAPING AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT	
Terrain should be left with as much natural contour as possible.	As much natural landscape as possible should be preserved (installation of sod or wood chips, paving, and planting of trees within nesting habitat can make that habitat unusable to nesting Blanding's turtles).
Graded areas should be revegetated with native grasses and forbs (some non-natives form dense patches through which it is difficult for turtles to travel).	Open space should include some areas at higher elevations for nesting. These areas should be retained in native vegetation, and should be connected to wetlands by a wide corridor of native vegetation.
Vegetation management in infrequently mowed areas -- such as in ditches, along utility access roads, and under power lines -- should be done mechanically (chemicals should not be used). Work should occur fall through spring (after October 1 st and before June 1 st).	Ditches and utility access roads should not be mowed or managed through use of chemicals. If vegetation management is required, it should be done mechanically, as infrequently as possible, and fall through spring (mowing can kill turtles present during mowing, and makes it easier for predators to locate turtles crossing roads).

Protecting Blanding's Turtle Nests: Most predation on turtle nests occurs within 48 hours after the eggs are laid. After this time, the scent is gone from the nest and it is more difficult for predators to locate the nest. Nests more than a week old probably do not need additional protection, unless they are in a particularly vulnerable spot, such as a yard where pets may disturb the nest. Turtle nests can be protected from predators and other disturbance by covering them with a piece of wire fencing (such as chicken wire), secured to the ground with stakes or rocks. The piece of fencing should measure at least 2 ft. x 2 ft., and should be of medium sized mesh (openings should be about 2 in. x 2 in.). It is *very important* that the fencing be **removed before August 1st** so the young turtles can escape from the nest when they hatch!

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Landowners Guide for Maintaining and Encouraging Loggerhead Shrikes

Loggerhead shrikes are in trouble – but you may be able to help. Throughout the United States, and particularly in the Midwest, loggerhead shrikes are disappearing at an alarming rate. So serious is the decline that the loggerhead shrike is one of six bird species considered threatened in Minnesota.



What is a loggerhead shrike?

Loggerhead shrikes are special birds – an interesting cross between songbird and hawk. They feed on large insects such as grasshoppers and beetles, mice, small birds, frogs and toads. Shrikes spend much of their time perched on powerlines, fences or the top-most branches of trees and shrubs, scouting for prey and then swooping down to catch it. Then the bird either eats its prey, impales it on a nearby thorn or barbed wire fence or wedges it into the fork of a branch. Because shrikes lack the strong, sharp claws and feet of hawks, impaling food holds it in place as the bird tears at it with its bill. Your first clue that loggerhead shrikes are on your property may be finding an animal impaled on a fence barb or a thorn. This habit has earned the loggerhead shrike the nickname “butcher bird.”

What do loggerhead shrikes look like?

The robin-sized loggerhead shrike has a slate-gray back with a light breast. The most distinguishing markings of this bird are the black mask, which extends across the eye, and the black and white wing and tail patches which flash when the bird flies. Males and females are similar in size and color.

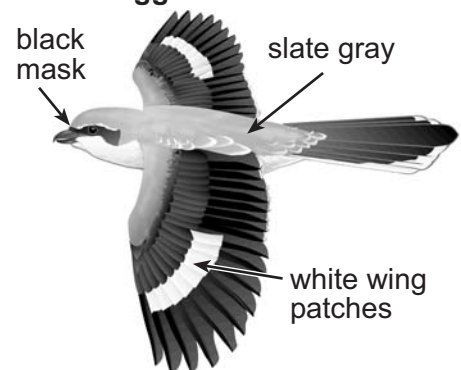
In Minnesota, loggerhead shrikes are most easily confused with eastern kingbirds and northern shrikes. However, eastern kingbirds have no mask, their heads are entirely dark, and they do not have white patches on their wings. The northern shrike looks very similar to the loggerhead shrike, but occurs in Minnesota from October through April, whereas the loggerhead shrike is here from March to October. During the early spring and fall, when both shrikes are in the state, they can be told apart by the loggerhead shrike’s completely black bill and its mask which extends across the top of the bill.

Where do they live?

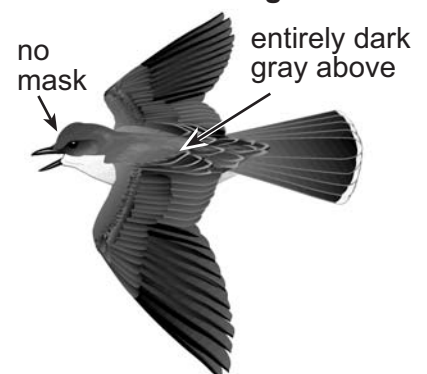
Loggerhead shrikes were once found throughout much of the unforested region of the state. Today, their numbers are very low. Recent surveys have located fewer than 30 nests in the state (Fig. 1). It is very important that we try to maintain habitat for the few shrikes that still breed in Minnesota.

Shrikes use grassy, open areas with scattered trees and shrubs such as pastures, prairie patches and grassy roadsides. A few trees and shrubs, along with fences and powerlines provide nesting sites and perches from

Loggerhead Shrike



Eastern Kingbird



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which to hunt. Red cedar, hawthorn and plum trees are often used for nesting. A pair may range over 2.5 - 30 acres.

Loggerhead shrikes are early nesters, arriving in Minnesota from their wintering areas in the southern U.S. and Mexico in early spring. Shrikes lay 4-6 eggs that hatch after about 16 days. The young birds remain with their parents for about 4 weeks after leaving the nest. It is at this time that the birds are most conspicuous. Shrikes tend to nest in the same general areas from year to year, although they may be absent for a year or two and then return again, as long as the habitat remains.

Why is the loggerhead shrike population declining?

The decline of the loggerhead shrike is likely the result a combination of factors, including loss of habitat resulting from the conversion of pasture and grasslands to houses or cropland and the encroachment of forest and brush on pastures and grasslands. In addition, changes in farming

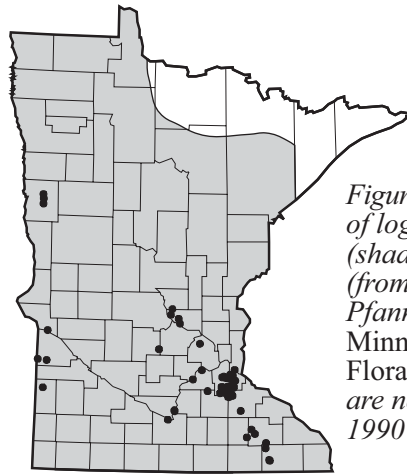


Figure 1. Historical range of loggerhead shrikes (shaded) in Minnesota. (from Coffin and Pfannmuller. 1988. Minnesota's Endangered Flora and Fauna). Dots are nests found between 1990 and 1996.

practices have resulted in larger fields and fewer trees, shrubs and fences scattered about. The increasing use of pesticides may also play a role in the decline of shrikes because these chemicals affect many animals that shrikes eat.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP LOGGERHEAD SHRIKES?

If there are shrikes nesting on your property, congratulations! You are one of a very few Minnesotans fortunate to share your property with such a unique bird. We hope you will want to help this bird continue its presence in your neighborhood. Obviously your land management practices and land use are already compatible if the birds have selected your land for nesting. While biologists continue to investigate the decline of the shrike there are things you can do on your property to encourage shrikes.

1. Leave fences standing for shrikes to use for perching and impaling food. If a fence must be removed, or if there are no fences near your grassland or pasture, you can create perch and impaling posts. To do this, wrap barbed wire near the top of a post. Place these posts along the edges of pastures and fields for shrikes to use. Your local nongame wildlife biologist can help you select the best locations for the posts.

2. Keep brush from encroaching upon grasslands by removal or burning, but only to the extent that the shrubs and trees don't dominate the grassland. A few scattered shrubs and trees are necessary to maintain the best shrike habitat.

3. Pastures and grassland are more attractive to shrikes than are row crops. Therefore, it is important to maintain existing pasture and grasslands. Investigate the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) which pays farmers to retire highly erodible farmlands from production and to establish permanent grassland. Contact your local Natural Resources Conservation Service office (formerly the Soil Conservation Service) for more information about this program.

4. Take advantage of financial incentives for maintaining compatible land uses. In many counties, the Agricultural Preserve Program and/or the Green Acres Program provide tax adjustments and/or deferments to farmers to help them maintain their land for agricultural use. Contact your county assessor's office for more information about these programs.

5. Minimize use of pesticides. Pesticides can reduce the supply of large insects and other non-target animals that shrikes need. Also, because shrikes feed on animals at which pesticides are directed, these chemicals can build up in the birds and impair their ability to reproduce and reduce the survival of their young.

For more information about shrikes or to report loggerheads shrikes on your property please contact:

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RE: CapX 2020 Brookings County - Hampton Transmission Line Project
PUC Docket No. ET2/TL 08-1474

Dear Mr. Ek,

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has reviewed the Route Permit Application for the CapX 2020 Brookings County - Hampton Transmission Line Project. MnDOT appreciates the opportunity to comment and commends the applicants for their communication efforts throughout this process. MnDOT supports the project in general and wishes to participate in the effort to evaluate effects on the state transportation system. We request that the project: 1) not negatively affect the operations or maintenance of the state trunk highway system and 2) not increase or impose additional costs on the state trunk highway fund.

- Our comments focus on route alignments that are within 75' of the trunk highway right of way or roadway clear zone and that may encroach on the trunk highway right of way. Any alignments proposed within 75' of the right of way will have encroachment into the right of way either from the blow out zone or aerial intrusion. Alignments closer than 75' to the roadway right of way will have greater impacts. Mn/DOT is particularly concerned about the proximity of proposed transmission lines to trunk highway right of way and how this might affect Mn/DOT's maintenance, reconstruction, or new construction of roads and interchanges.
- Our comments describe the information that we believe is needed to make the route analysis clear and complete, conform to state and federal regulatory and permitting requirements and meet documentation requirements when permits are necessary.
- The commissioner of transportation is required by Minnesota Statutes, chapter 174, to develop, adopt, revise and monitor a statewide transportation plan that includes all modes of transportation, including highway, rail, air, waterways, transit, trails, bicycles and pedestrians. Therefore, Mn/DOT comments include information about other transportation services (rail, waterways, airports and scenic enhancements) that could be impacted by the proposed routes.
- It should be noted that alignments proposing aerial or blowout zone encroachment, foundation construction access or encroachment and maintenance access from the trunk highway rights of way will require a permit from Mn/DOT in accordance with Mn/DOT's Utility Accommodation Policy. We request a thorough evaluation of all environmental impacts of the proposed alignments within each route that would involve any use of Mn/DOT right of way.

- As required by 23 CFR 645.215, Mn/DOT has adopted a Utility Accommodation Policy to address utility installations in trunk highway right of way. Part 645.215 also requires advance Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approval for all proposed utility installations that are on the national highway system (NHS) and not in conformance with Mn/DOT's Utility Accommodation Policy. It should also be noted that aerial or blowout zone encroachment on the Federal-aid highway system that is not in conformance with the Mn/DOT Utility Accommodation Policy will require advance approval from the FHWA. This would be considered a Federal action and as such would need to meet all requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA [42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.]) to be in conformance with Federal regulations.

General Comments

As noted above, it is possible, that both Mn/DOT and FHWA will have a role in permitting and approving the location of these transmission lines given the range of alignments that are being considered. It has been indicated that the environmental process undertaken by the Office of Energy Security will be the only environmental study that is completed. As such, it is unclear what Mn/DOT's role and responsibility will be in ensuring conformance with applicable state and federal regulatory requirements if a permit and federal approval are necessary.

- We strongly recommend an inclusive process that engages federal agencies early in the process to aid in expeditious completion of the required documentation. Specifically, the environmental process should identify any locations that would require interaction by the Federal Highway Administration, National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, United States Coast Guard, United States Department of Interior, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Aviation Administration, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Corps of Engineers, Federal Railroad Administration and the United States Department of Energy.
- We request the opportunity to work with you in developing a clear determination of Mn/DOT's role and responsibilities through the environmental process.
- The environmental process and subsequent document will need to evaluate sensitive properties and cultural resource impacts of each proposed route alignment so these can be properly assessed to determine if any resources are within Mn/DOT right of way and would have an impact from the issuance of a Mn/DOT permit.
- We request a thorough evaluation of all environmental impacts of the proposed alignments within each proposed route that would require Mn/DOT to issue a permit for use or encroachment of its right of way.
- It is expected that there may be impacts to non-highway transportation systems in the vicinity of the proposed routes. These systems include riverways and their transportation uses, rail corridors, and airport operations. The environmental process and subsequent document will need to evaluate resource impacts of each proposed route alignment so these can be properly assessed.
- Roadway corridors should be investigated to identify if any of the proposed transmission line routes will impact routes used to move houses or large equipment.
- It is also prudent to identify all requirements for both the Minnesota Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) and NEPA processes in the event a NEPA process is required. The state EIS process may not meet federal regulatory requirements.

State and National Scenic Byways

Each of the “preferred” and “alternate” routes for the proposed Brookings to Hampton transmission line will cross the Highway 75 “King of Trails” Scenic Byway in one location and the Minnesota River Valley Scenic Byway in three locations. Both byways are designated as Minnesota Scenic Byways and the Minnesota River Valley Scenic Byway is also designated as a National Scenic Byway.

Byways are designated because they possess one or more of six intrinsic qualities, including: scenic, cultural, recreational, natural, historic and archaeological. An analysis of the physical and visual impact on these intrinsic qualities should be conducted at each proposed crossing location to determine the route with the least adverse impact on the byway routes and corridors. Mitigation measures should be recommended for unavoidable impacts on intrinsic qualities within the scenic byway corridors.

Each scenic byway has a leaders group and/or stakeholder group; these groups should be contacted as part of the environmental review process. Scenic easements should be investigated to identify any prohibitions or limitations that apply to land uses in the vicinity of the scenic byway. The state and federal regulations governing scenic byways can be found in the Mn/DOT Utility Accommodation Policy and 23 CFR 645.209 (h).

Rest Areas

The “preferred” route for the proposed Brookings to Hampton transmission line will encroach upon the Minnesota River Valley Safety Rest Area located on US169. The rest area is located 1.0 mile north of LeSueur and occupies land purchased by the state in fee title for scenic purposes (Control Section 4013 parcel 902-206A). Mn/DOT located the rest area at this site to take advantage of the site’s scenic qualities. The route as proposed will cause a significant negative impact to the scenic views from the rest area. The transmission lines would occur between the rest area and the scenic view in the primary viewshed from the rest area lobby. Also, pruning and removal of existing mature woodland vegetation required in the transmission blowout area would cause significant negative impacts to the rest area.

The “alternate” proposed transmission route will encroach upon the New Market Safety Rest Area. The rest area is located on southbound I-35, ½ mile north of the Rice County line. To minimize negative impacts to the rest area, transmission lines should not occur along southbound I-35. Negative impacts would include negative aesthetic and scenic impacts, unreasonable limitations to future rest area expansion and limitations on current and future use of the site.

Rail Corridors

Where proposed transmission lines may parallel highway right of way and there is a railroad right of way adjacent to the highway, there may not be enough room for construction of the transmission lines outside of the clear zones for both the railroad and the highway. For highways, the clear zone is an unobstructed, relatively flat area that extends out from the traveled lane to give drivers who run off the road a safe place to stop or to regain control of the vehicle. This area must be free from obstructions or other hazards. The railroads may have concerns with overhead crossings in their right of way, gate clearances, foundations, and electrical buildup on the rails. Railroads that could be affected (depending on route option) are: Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF), Twin Cities and Western Railroad (TCWR), Minnesota Prairie Line (MPL), Union Pacific (UP), and Canadian Pacific (CPR). At a minimum, all of the railroads noted should be part of the discussions to identify impacts of the proposed routes. Mn/DOT can provide contact information if requested.

There are three potential future intercity passenger rail lines that could intersect with the proposed routes:

- The preferred and alternate routes of the Brooking - Hampton line crosses a potential intercity passenger rail corridor in Lyon County near Marshall. (The rail corridor could run on an existing railroad line from Willmar to Sioux Falls, SD)
- The preferred and alternate routes of the Brooking - Hampton line crosses a potential intercity passenger rail corridor in Scott or Le Sueur Counties. (The rail corridor could run on an existing railroad line from the Twin Cities to Mankato)
- The preferred and alternate routes of the Brooking - Hampton line end near a potential intercity passenger rail corridor in Dakota County near Hampton. (The rail corridor could run in the TH-52 corridor from the Twin Cities to Rochester)

Airports

The proposed transmission line routes have the potential to negatively affect airport operations, navigational equipment, and land uses around airports. The commissioner of transportation has general supervision over the statewide system of airports in the state. He must assist political subdivisions, cooperate with federal authorities and promote and protect the utility of all Minnesota public airports and the public investment in them as outlined in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 360. Section 360.063, requires the commissioner to prescribe airport approach and turning standards and authorizes the commissioner to indicate circumstances in which structures would be airport hazards.

The routes proposed are in proximity to a number of public airports. Due to the proximity of an airport, a Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration to the Federal Aviation Administration will be required. Please review the criteria for which notice must be made at the FAA Website - <http://forms.faa.gov/forms/faa7460-1.pdf>. A "Determination of Hazard" or "No Hazard" from the FAA is not a permit to construct. Independent of the determination, permits from the local airport zoning authority are required. All public airports within five miles of the project must be notified and given an opportunity to comment on compatibility of transmission lines with airport operations and land use compatibility.

The Mn/DOT Office of Aeronautics establishes, operates and maintains electronic navigation aids to augment the federal system in Minnesota. The Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Radio Range (VOR) system must be protected. The FAA or MN/DOT Office of Aeronautics must be notified to evaluate potential impacts of the proposed routes within five miles of a VOR.

Weather

It is expected that weather events (tornado, ice or blizzard conditions, heavy winds, lightning, etc) that disrupt transmission services due to down lines could disrupt access to the trunk highway system. This could also impact other uses such as emergency access, large equipment moves, defense actions, evacuation, and emergency landings. In 1998 a severe tornado hit St. Peter, Minnesota and major roadways were closed due to power lines that were down. A similar event that affected Nicollet and St. Peter occurred in 2006 and again required closure of major roadways due to lines on the ground. A third event that affected Hugo required closure of TH 61 to secure the area. The environmental study should collect information on the history of transmission line disruption including specific information on how often lines are down and why to better understand the possible impacts to the transportation system. This would also be helpful in evaluating impacts to the rail corridors and other transportation services that are within the proposed routes.

The location of the blowout zone and/or aerial encroachment may require the removal of or limitation of cost effective snow protection activities such as living snow fences. The study should address specific limitations to vegetation related to the trunk highway use into the future.

Some of the transmission line routes that have been proposed are in the vicinity of transportation corridors that have limited options for alternate highway routes. The environmental study should address impacts to trunk highway system redundancy resulting from transmission line outages that affect the use of the transportation corridors.

Maintenance

Traditional activities to maintain roadways and bridges could be impacted if the work area is within the blowout zone. The study process should include specific information regarding limitations to the trunk highway use if there is aerial or blowout zone encroachment. Items to address should include the use of heavy equipment, construction activities and vertical clear zone requirements to ensure safety.

The location of the blowout zone or aerial encroachment relative to longitudinal ditch sections should be investigated in proposed parallel installations. Mn/DOT uses large equipment for ditch dredging operations; horizontal reach on the equipment can be as long as 60 feet, with a vertical dimension up to 35 feet.

Permits

State law prohibits locating or servicing utility facilities on state highway right of way without first obtaining a permit from the commissioner of transportation. Freeways are a special case; state law requires that utility facilities be located outside the control of access lines, preferably on private property. Control of access is the condition where the rights of owners or occupants of land abutting highways is fully or partially controlled by public authority. This means that preference is given to through traffic by providing access connections with selected public roads and by prohibiting crossings at grade or direct private driveway connections. The Department of Transportation has adopted a utility accommodation policy that governs the location and installation of utility facilities. If the department departs from the policy with respect to the location of a utility facility on a freeway, MNDOT must obtain the prior approval of the Federal Highway Administration. In all cases, the location of utility facilities on federal-aid highway right of way must not adversely affect highway or traffic safety, impair the present or future use of the highway, impair its aesthetic qualities or conflict with federal laws and rules governing the use of highway right of way.

Safety Impacts

Mn/DOT has the responsibility to maintain and preserve Minnesota highways so they are safe, structurally sound, convenient to use and aesthetically pleasing. Location of lines in close proximity to the right of way may impose hazards to construction and maintenance operations such as; mowing, sign placement or replacement, bridge inspection, ditch cleaning and other operations. Many construction and maintenance activities use large equipment that requires large overhead clearances for safe operation. Elimination of these clear areas may not conform to Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements and may pose a safety hazard for workers within the trunk highway right of way.

Location of lines in close proximity to the right of way may impose hazards to the travelers on the trunk highway system. In areas where the rights of way are narrow, aerial and blow out zone encroachment could extend over the driving lanes limiting the use of the space above the roadway for other transportation purposes.

Location of poles within the clear zone is a safety hazard as the poles for these facilities are fixed objects that would be within the recovery area for vehicles that leave the roadway.

The studies should evaluate risk and overall system safety impacts that may be imposed on Mn/DOT and subsequently the State of Minnesota in the event that poles, lines, aerial encroachment, blowout zone, and access are allowed within the Mn/DOT right of way.

Economic Impact to the Transportation System

Location of lines in close proximity to the right of way limits opportunities for future expansion or reconstruction of highways due to the complex and extremely costly nature of moving the transmission lines. This should be part of the economic assessment of the alignments within the routes proposed.

The studies should evaluate risk and overall system and trunk highway funding liabilities that may be imposed on Mn/DOT and the trunk highway fund and subsequently the state of Minnesota in the event that poles, lines, aerial encroachment, blowout zone, and access are allowed within the Mn/DOT right of way.

Detailed Comments by Districts

Mn/DOT District 6 (Rice County)

District 6 will not be impacted directly by the preferred alternative but has the potential to be impacted by the alternate alignment in two areas as follows:

- The vicinity of Lonsdale along Minnesota Highway 19 between Rice County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 2 and 60th Street. District 6 has a bituminous mill and overlay project scheduled in 2010 for the portion of MN19 from MN 13 east to Third Avenue SE in Lonsdale, including the area highlighted in the CapX 2020 project.
- I-35 from 57th Street in Webster Township north to the District 6/Metro District boundary at Scott CSAH 2. MnDOT does not allow longitudinal utilities within freeway right of way. An exception to the Utility Accommodation Policy would require a federal action as noted above. There are no major construction projects scheduled in the District 6 portion of I-35 within the next four years.

Mn/DOT District 7 (Brown, Renville, Sibley and Le Sueur Counties)

Routes running parallel to state trunk highways warrant the following comments:

- The 2 mile segment of TH 19 west of Winthrop – No construction is planned at this time but this area may contain clear zone issues even though the right of way seems adequate.
- The 1 mile segment of TH 22 north of Gaylord -- A mill and overlay project is planned for 2011 (this is also a tier 2 federal stimulus project). This segment has a narrow right of way so it will be challenging to identify a safe and proper location for towers within or immediately adjacent to the right of way.
- The 3 mile segment of TH 169 from TH 93, north, out of the valley - this section of roadway is an Interregional Corridor and while there is no construction currently planned, this is a high volume corridor. The study corridor is extra wide in this location, likely due to the serious topographical challenges that exist; right of way and clear zone issues will need to be studied and evaluated.
- Geologic and groundwater conditions in the general area of the Minnesota River should be thoroughly investigated. Artesian wells exist in the vicinity of TH 25 and have complicated construction of bridge foundations in the recent past.
- There is a MnDOT rest area in this segment.

Mn/DOT District 8 (Renville, Redwood, Lyon and Lincoln Counties)

Routes running parallel to state trunk highways warrant the following comments:

- An alternative to the proposed transmission route would parallel State Highway 19 west of the city of Redwood Falls, from the junction of State Highway 19 and 67 and travel west to the Highway 19 and Redwood County Highway 7 junction. This segment of roadway has narrow and variable right of way lines and it is doubtful that a transmission line, without the use of easements or land purchases, could be placed outside of the clear zone.
- Listed also as an alternate route, another transmission line would parallel State Highway 23 in Yellow Medicine County from 210th Avenue to 530th Avenue. In 2015, MnDOT District 8 plans on completing an overlay of State Highway 23 from Hanley Falls to Granite Falls. At this time, the project does not require additional right of way but the project could have an impact on the proposed alternate transmission line route.

Mn/DOT Metro District (Dakota and Scott Counties)

- USTH 169 and USTH 52 have been identified as Interregional Corridors linking trade centers in the state of Minnesota. While reconstruction of these corridors in their entirety is not within the 10 year planning horizon, smaller segments of these routes have been converted to controlled access freeways and sections continue to be reconstructed to transform these routes to freeways. It is preferred to have crossings meet freeway standards on all parts of these higher growth corridors so future roadway upgrades to freeways would not be limited.
- There is a proposed substation located off USTH 52 near Hampton in an existing farm field. As noted above, the long term goal is to transition USTH 52 to a controlled access freeway. It is recommended that the access for any proposed utility in this area be from the local road system. We would appreciate more information about the site of the proposed substation located near USTH 52 in Hampton so that we can coordinate that with our USTH 52 Frontage Road/Access Closure project.
- While it appears that the proposed routes will not impact commercial navigation, the navigable sections of the Minnesota River should be identified and assessed for potential impacts.

Routes running parallel to state trunk highways warrant the following comments:

- The one mile segment of USTH 52 between CSAH 47 and TH 50 in Hampton - A Hampton Frontage Road/Access Closure project is being planned for fiscal years 2011/2012 to transition this Interregional Corridor to a controlled access section. This work is being coordinated with Dakota County's construction of ramps and loops at CSAH 47/USTH 52, thus converting the existing overpass to a full interchange at this location. This is a high volume corridor and placing lines within or immediately adjacent to the right of way would limit future options for highway expansion.
- I-35 north of the District 6/Metro boundary at Scott CSAH 2 - Although there is no planned project in this area, discussions with local partners are underway to plan for reconstruction of this interchange. Thus, routes running parallel to highway right of way in this vicinity would present challenges for future reconstruction. Mn/DOT does not allow longitudinal utilities within freeway right of way. An exception to the Utility Accommodation Policy would require a federal action as noted above.

Mn/DOT has a continuing interest in working with the Office of Energy Security to ensure that possible impacts to highways, airports, waterways, rail lines and the environmentally

significant areas of highway right of way are adequately addressed. We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the information provided.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Barnes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being the most prominent.

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Minnesota River Valley Scenic Byway

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Highway 75- King of Trails Scenic Byway

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Federal Regulations

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2008 MN Statutes

Chapter 161. TRUNK HIGHWAYS

[MN Statute 161.45](#)

[MN Statute 161.46](#)

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