

## STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Docket Number 09-1056

# 09-1056

**Rice, Robin (PUC)**

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**From:** Eknes, Bret (PUC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 10, 2011 11:21 AM  
**To:** #PUC\_Public Comments  
**Subject:** FW: Exception Letter Re: Judge's Report to the PUC  
**Attachments:** PUC Letter p1.JPG; PUC Letter p2.JPG; PUC Letter p3.JPG; Certified Mail Receipt.JPG  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Rob Undersander [<mailto:robu@clearwire.net>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 10, 2011 9:46 AM  
**To:** Eknes, Bret (PUC)  
**Cc:** Kenny And Linda Eikmeier; terra o'neil  
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Mr. Eknes,

Attached is a copy of the certified mail receipt with date stamp (May 9) and the letter stating seven exceptions to the administrative law judge's FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS, signed by 23 residents along route E-5 in the Option 12 area. Per your recommendation, I sent the original to the Commission at 121 7th Place E., Suite 350, Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147. It should arrive today or tomorrow. You indicated on the phone that it had to be postmarked by today.

Thanks again for your help.

*Rob Undersander*

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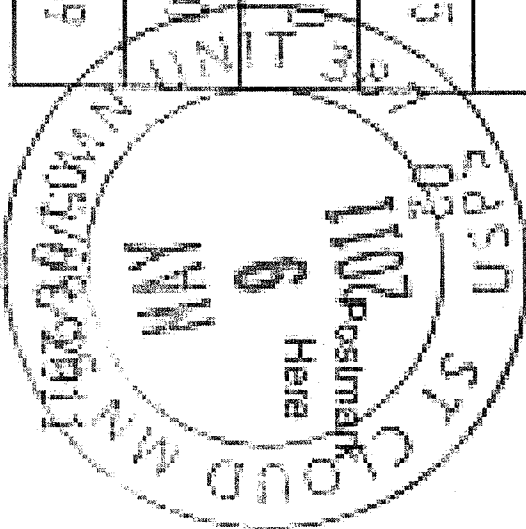
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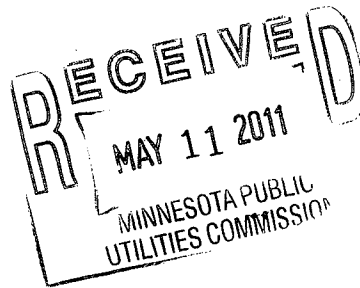
Public Utilities Commission

Attention: Burl Haar

121 7th Place East

Suite 350

St. Paul, MN 55101



To whom it may concern:

I am writing in regards to the Docket #09-1056 CapX2020 project through Stearns County. I have done some research into the future plans for going through our area. After checking into this, I realized that your plans will be running directly through my landing strip within my property. We were told that the line will be traveling along Interstate 94 and therefore we had no concerns with the plans. However, we found out recently that Route G, which goes past our property, will now be affected. Any projects running through this area will not allow me to use my land as I have planned.

I would be willing to meet with you or your representatives to discuss this in further detail. I appreciate your consideration into finding another plan to go forth with your project through our area.

Sincerely,

Stanley (Butch) Thull & Joyce Thull

Thull Excavating - Owner

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Butch Thull".

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May 9, 2011  
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Suite 350  
St Paul, MN 55101





Attention Burl Haar:

This letter is in reference to docket #09-1056.

We are Jay and Joan Schoolmeesters residing at 27038 County Rd 177, Albany, MN. That is in St. Martin township, section 23, along route G. In our opinion we think that route E would be a better route with option AS-4 and option 11.

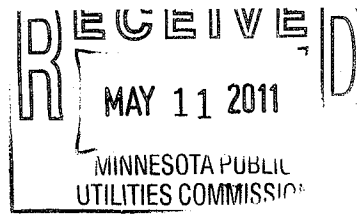
Route E has less residences within 1000 feet of the power line then route G has, according to the administrative law judges route recommendation. In our opinion the route chosen should have less impact on residences than environmental and wetland issues. Option AS-4 will let Wells Concrete have future growth and option 11 would skirt many other residences. Route E affects fewer number of homes and is more economical.

Sincerely,

Jay and Joan Schoolmeesters





PC-09-1056

Dear Sir,

I am writing you today in regards to Docket# 09-1056 and how it is going to affect all the residents that live on County Road 11 south of Freeport. I have two small children and I am very concerned about the health risks (EMF) related to these high voltage lines running through our yard.

We already have power lines running past the side and the front of our home near the road, so I can only assume that the high voltage lines would have to run closer to our home making them more dangerous to my children and it would take out all of the trees we planted when we bought the property 10 years ago. We planted not only to develop a windbreak for our home, but to help the environment and nature. A lot of the evergreens are over 5 feet tall and some of the other trees are even taller. Would these trees be cut down or would they be dug out and moved?

With the way the housing market is already, what is going to happen to our property values when there are big dangerous high voltage power lines running through them?

One thing that really bothers me is that the lines are not even for us. We have Stearns Electric not Xcel out here. Yet we are the ones that have to sacrifice our land and our health, rather than having the lines follow I-94 where there wouldn't be so many people and homes effected. Not to mention all the additional cost that will be incurred because of the detour.

If 150 foot easement is needed for these lines you will take out all of our trees and be right up to our house if not in it. I have neighbors that are even closer to the road than we are. How is that going to work, are you going to put a pole right in the middle of their house?

We are trying to raise our families happy, healthy and naturally out in the country, away from the pollution and other health risks that there are in the city.

But, now with the dangers of the high voltage lines we might as well be living in the city. We just keep losing more and more rural and agricultural land throughout the state.

The first route that was chosen, ended up not being a recommended route because of the effects it would have on the wildlife in the area. With this route you are talking about not only effecting wildlife, but human life, agricultural and the dairy industry.

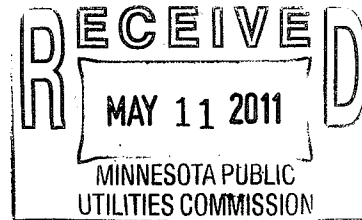
I think that the better solution would be for the high voltage lines to follow I-94 or at least a highway, not somewhere so many people as well as animals are affected. Please find an alternate route.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Michael and Jennifer Garding  
28252 290th Street  
Freeport, MN 56331

May 8, 2011

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Attn: Burl Haar  
127 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 350  
St. Paul, MN 55101



Dear Mr. Haar:

We are writing in regards to the latest recommended route of the Fargo to St. Cloud CapX2020 high-voltage transmission line (Route G), Docket No.09-1056.

We were very surprised to learn this was the judge's recommendation. From what we had believed route G was added much later and not a real possibility until the other routes were fully investigated. Original documents produced at the beginning of this project showed the area south of Freeport not to be included in the areas affected. What happened to change this? If this was not a possible/viable area, why was this area now recommended by the judge?

Stearns County is the number one dairy producing county in the state of Minnesota and number 16 in the United States; it concerns us to have these power lines run through the heart of Stearns County. The dairy industry has an economic impact on the state and to destroy this industry seems to be a dangerous mistake.

We know there has been some research done to investigate the effects of emf on dairy cattle and there is evidence showing the emf causes biological responses in the cattle. There is the possibility of decreased milk production in these cattle. With the new regulations of lower somatic cell counts in milk being implemented in 2012 these power lines could make it impossible for local dairy farmers to meet this regulation forcing them out of the dairy industry. These power lines must not be installed too close to dairy farms.

No one wants these lines on their land as they will take up much needed land to produce crops when at a time the world doesn't have enough land to keep up already. It seems running the power lines through multiple farms all along route G could take numerous valuable acres out of production. The construction process with large construction equipment will cause soil compaction and will cause reduced yields in these areas for years to come. These lines will also interfere with our ability to spray our crops from the air, there are times when ground spraying is not an option (crops too large, ground too wet or to reduce soil compaction further).

Please consider running these lines in areas along the I-94 corridor (Modified Preferred Route). This route would take less farmland out of production and reduce the impact on the local economy. There are fewer dairy farms along the I-94 corridor and more non-agricultural land. It seems like using an existing corridor makes the most sense and it is just plain practical to use the shortest route!

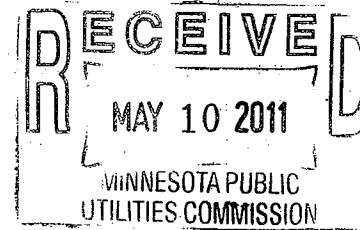
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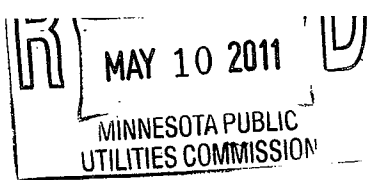
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Respectfully yours,

Sue and Roger Funk Family. (Route E) Freeport

Enclosed is A Route Change Idea This  
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Route 1 E



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Roder Funk





Route E



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July 01, 2004

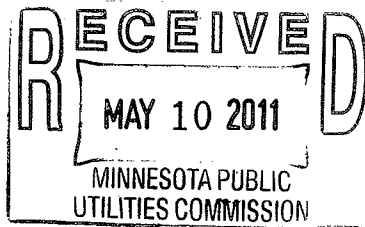


United States Department of Agriculture  
Farm Service Agency

**Stearns County**

- Tract Boundaries
- Wetlands
- Field Boundaries
- Section Lines

2003 Digital Orthophotography - Not To Scale



PC 09-1056

To whom it may concern:

Regarding Docket #09-1056

My family and I have lived at our residence at 26721 Co Rd 177, Albany, MN since 1987. We have been fortunate to have a major river of Minnesota in our back yard and three natural creeks that run into the *Sauk River crossing County Road 177*. With this river and river bottom, we have many species of wildlife, from deer, ducks, geese, several varieties of birds, wild turkeys and many more. This is a breeding area for the Canada Geese, Wood ducks, Bald Eagle, Whitetail Deer, Mallard Ducks, Orioles, Bluebirds, Scarlet Tanagers, Indigo Bunting, several woodpeckers, Rose-Breasted Grosbeak, along with Yellow Finch and countless other species. Each year we take pictures of the birds and find a new species in our area. We watch as the new Eagles grow, change colors, learn to fly and get food on their own. Being able to witness a bird that was once on the endangered list is truly an awe inspiring experience.

We believe putting the power line along this route will disrupt the natural habitat and order of these and many more animals. The majestic Oak trees that run the length of the river and waterways are a symbol of how nature's preserved here. A deer management program has been established in this immediate area, which has become very successful in the short length of time the program has been underway. We have several small farming operations along County Road 177, and the entire proposed G route. Taking away from their farmland will bring hardship to them and their families. Farming is the backbone of our society without the farmers we as a society lose so very much. Staying along the freeway will disrupt fewer homes and less farmland. We do have to ask why this route is a better choice, than staying along the freeway, which is more of a straight path. The proposed G route takes several turns in and out of heavily wooded and populated areas. Driving along the freeway one could not help but notice, the numbers of homes the power line will disrupt to be exact a total of five homes and three businesses along the freeway itself from Sauk Centre to Avon. The towns can also be routed around following the existing pole route. Following the freeways disrupts the few and route G disrupts the masses.


We were not given adequate notification of the up and coming power line proposed route change. During these economical challenging times, why would extending the route be a good choice? Our money could be spent in better ways. Using the route along the freeway keeps this project at less disruption of personal and nature's property.

Concerns with this power line are the high voltage given off by these lines. What will the long-term effects to our health be? Some studies have indicated cancer, leukemia, and brain tumors. That is not okay for our family. What type of stray voltage can we expect and will my family be able to enjoy sporting activities near our home ever again. Scientists have reported standing near these lines with that amount of voltage holding a light bulb in your hand will actually light it up. That is too much for anyone to have near them every day. These are also concerns of my neighbors and people along the proposed G route. We understood the desire to stay away from water was a big interest of this project. Well, route G runs parallel with the Sauk River for the 2½-mile length of the road that is not staying

away from water. In fact, along County Road 177 the river is as close to the road as it will be other than when it is crossed.

We do understand the need to improve the power within our state is an important issue. We also understand conservation of energy, time, money, water, and our land. Protecting what we currently have is important to us. As a family, we have tried to do our part. This is a very difficult decision and we ask that the route along the freeway be relooked at for this project. In addition, consider removing route G from the route of interest. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Leenay Doll

Resident of County Road 177

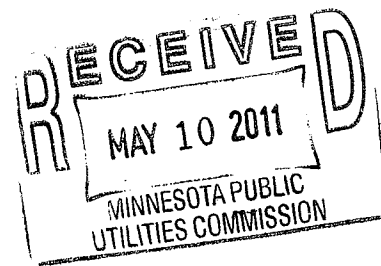
Albany, MN



Craig & Laura Reitmeier  
26673 Ranch Road  
Richmond, MN 56368

May 8, 2011

Public Utilities Commission  
Attn: Burl Harr  
121 7<sup>th</sup> Place E  
Suite 350  
St. Paul, MN 55101



RE: In the Matter of the Application for a Route for the Fargo to St. Cloud 345 kV Transmission Line, Sauk Centre to St. Cloud portion of the line.  
MPUC Docket No. 09-1056

Dear Mr. Harr

Routing the transmission line south of the I-94 corridor does not comply with the non-proliferation established by People for Environmental Enlightenment and Responsibility (PEER) Inc. v Minnesota Environmental Quality Council, 266 N.W. 2d 858 (Minn. 1978). The south routes are not more suitable for the transmission line than the north routes. There will be many people impacted no matter which way it goes. That is why we believe the best route would be to follow the I-94 corridor and go underground in the areas that are needed.

There will be many farms and farmland disturbed by running the line south of the I-94 corridor. We alone will have approximately 1000 feet of woods and swamp land and 1000 feet of tillable land that would be affected. This is not just a one-time deal. This is something we would have to deal with for the rest of the time that we decide to live on this land. Depending on which side of the road that the line runs, we have a center pivot that would also be affected. We also have an irrigation well on the west side of country road 9 that would be in the way of the line.

The wooded land that would be destroyed is used by family for hunting and enjoying the wildlife and nature. The farmland that would be affected is used to generate income for us to live on and for food for all to eat. This line does not just affect us, but a lot of people. Stearns County is still known for its dairy and agricultural business, running this transmission line through Stearns County takes away from the aesthetics of the land and the usefulness it was intended for. This is why we believe the I-94 corridor is the best route for the transmission line.

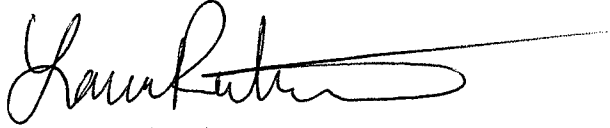
There is a reason why it is said to be rural. We live in a rural area, and people do not associate HVTL in a rural area. We do not live out here and work our butts off to make food for all to eat so we can have a lovely view of HVTL every day. When I drive to work on I-94 everyday to Albany, I expect to see such lines. I understand we have a need for electricity, but there is a reason why the law was written: to utilize the existing corridors, non-proliferation and to minimize the effect on the environment and aesthetics of our land. The south route of I-94 does not follow this law. Following I-94 does, and that is what the law was intended for.

Please take our comments and concerns into consideration when deciding on a route for the Fargo to St. Cloud 345 kV transmission line project. For all purposes and concerns, we believe following the I-94 corridor would be the best route option as it follows an existing corridor. Please keep this in mind when you have your next steak, chocolate chip cookie and a cold glass of milk, we are all affected by this transmission line, we just hope the best and least harmful is picked in the end.

Thank you for your time,

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Craig Reitmeier

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura Reitmeier', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Laura Reitmeier

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FC-09-10569 Freeport, Mn. 56337  
27829-300th Street  
May 8, 2011

Dear Mr. Brad Eknes:

Would you please at this late date, <sup>docket #</sup> consider our letter part of the appeal. 09-10569

My husband Allen Engman and myself own a farm along the H route, on County Road 11 about 5 miles north of St. Martin. We have a conservation contract with U.S. Dept of agriculture, it's a fifty year contract. The trees in the woods, have never been harvested, nor the ground tilled. The term they use for the woods is savannah. It still has the prairie grass, that grew there more than a century ago. This is the place my great grandparents homesteaded.

We planted trees, prairie grasses & wildflowers on a large # of acres that border the woods & had the creek dammed so we have a wonderful area to attract ducks, geese, whooping cranes, & many other fowl and deer. We are concerned with the power line this will disrupt everything we had tried to preserve for the next generation.

We are very concerned because when we were dairying, we did have a problem with stray voltage & we suffered a huge financial loss.

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My sister had a pace maker inserted  
2 years ago & listed with the precautions  
was be advised to remain a certain  
distances from the powerlines.

Thank you for taking under consideration  
our concerns.

Sincerely,  
Allen D. Ingman  
~~Allen D. Ingman~~  
27829 - 30th St  
Frederick, Md. 56331

320-548-3468

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In the file  
MINNESOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket # 09-1056

I do not think your power line should be put on County RD 177 - Lot of house just built in last few year - I have farmed on this place for 35 years - got along just fine the way things were -

The Sank River lies just south of Co RD 177 - lots of wild life Geese - Ducks etc Spring and fall A few Bald Eagles starting to show up

Why can this ~~map~~ line not be run all the way along I-94 coming way south - Sure is going to cost more money - or is this of no concern -

I would be glad to show the Area out here - wild life - Good farmers - Good people - please don't let the power line come along Co RD 177 -

Thanks -

DUANE M. EUTENEUER  
26642 CO. RD. 177  
ALBANY, MN. 56307

Duane Euteneuer