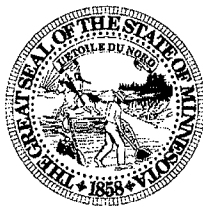


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Rice, Robin (PUC)

From: Joe Magedanz [joe.magedanz@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2011 10:34 PM
To: #PUC_Public Comments
Subject: MPUC Docket ET-2, E002/TL-09-1056: Fargo to St. Cloud 345 kV Transmission Line Project

To: Public Utilities Commission
Re: MPUC Docket ET-2, E002/TL-09-1056: Fargo to St. Cloud 345 kV Transmission Line Project

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to voice my concerns regarding this project. First of all, communication around the proposed routes has been unclear and misleading. If we had better communication about the process for choosing the routes, we would have been more involved from the beginning. To choose a route because it is the least resisted by the individuals living along that route is not sufficient enough reason to choose that route. The route that is chosen should be chosen because of the supporting facts.

I was just recently been informed that the proposed route is now "Route G". I own land along this route and would be directly affected by this transmission line.

I oppose Route G for the following specific reasons:

1. My land is on both sides of the Sauk River. I am concerned about the wild life which will be disturbed by both the construction and placement of the big towers along this route. There are rare species of birds which inhabit the river bottom. We also see bald eagles and other wild life on a regular basis by the river. I fear that this wild life will be forced out of their natural habitat because of the disturbance during construction and the destruction of foliage.
2. The long term effects of having a strong electromagnetic field in close proximity of my residence. There have not been enough studies to conclude the long term effects and the documentation provided does not suggest how strong the electromagnetic field is. I also understand there will be a second line added in the future; possibly doubling the effects of the line.
3. There are many dairy farmers in this area. The stray voltage is problematic to the cows and will directly affect production of milk which is critical to the dairy farmers to survive in this area.

The route that should be taken is along the freeway similar to what they are doing from St. Cloud to Monticello. If that route isn't feasible, then the route should go north of the freeway so that St. Johns and Avon Hills areas are not affected. The original "Applicant Preferred Route" would be the best route for all involved.

Sincerely,

Joe Magedanz

Rice, Robin (PUC)

From: terra o'neil [neilski24@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2011 4:10 PM
To: #PUC_Public Comments
Attachments: 10390 EX37-Power Pole locations.pdf

Please see the attached photo/map. My property is in the lower left within the white lines close to the 0954-436 numbers. Although my findings and input has been stated along with my neighbors, I wanted to show you just what our property is up against with imagery. We recently had Hardrive aggregate company buy and start mining out of the 400 acres behind and to the one side of us. Recently St. Joseph and Waite Park joint committee passed the application of a conditional use permit for ADM company to put in their state of the art corn/soy bean operation including a new rail system on the other side of us. Now the 345 lines are fixed to enclose us and take the only scenery and trees we have left.

We feel that a mistake was made putting the Quarry sub station in prematurely to the final decision of the St. Cloud to Fargo line. As did many, we are sure that Xcel thought the line would follow the preferred route and go north out of the sub station. Due to the decision of the administrative judge, not only is the line costing everyone more due to back tracking, it is making our neighborhood live with the burden of Xcel's mistake.

We ask that you take a serious look at what this line is doing to our property and its values and consider a corrective measure of using the cheaper route (E-5) that would work just as well.

thank you,
Terra O'Neil

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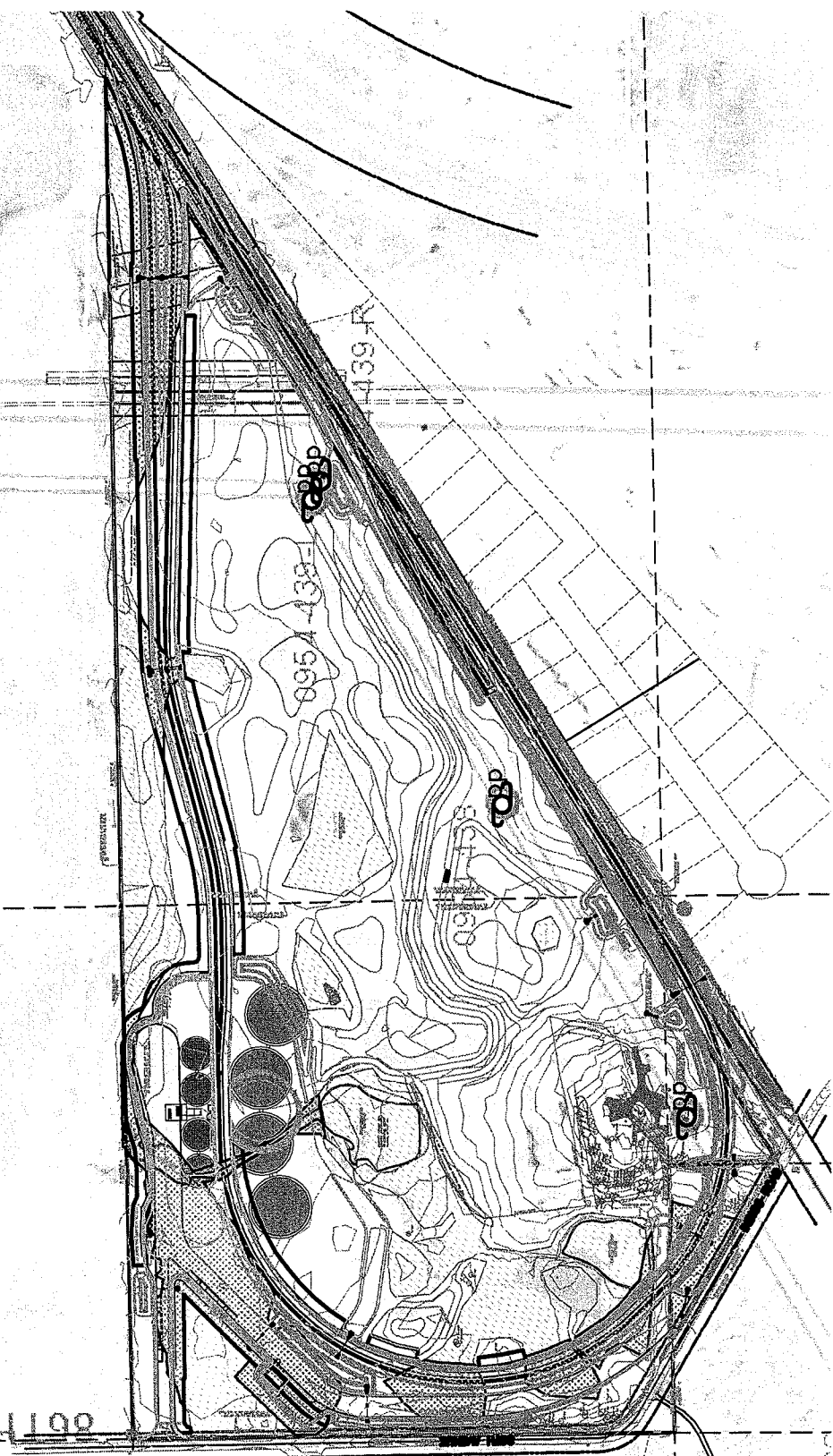
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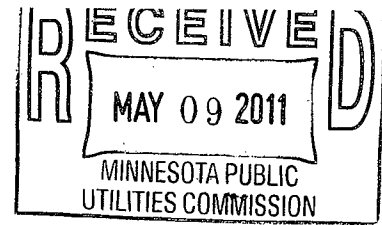
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South Ave





Dear Burl Haar and all concerned:

We are writing to you concerning the power line that is supposed to run through our area. As a farmer on this line, we are worried about the impact it might have on our livelihood. Milking cows is our way of life and our income. If stray voltage runs through our farm, that may be the end of our farming career and maybe for our neighbors as well. Roger has 2 brothers on this route that will also be affected. That's 3 in one family. Also there are lots of children on our route, including ours-5 young girls. We are worried about the impact it might have on their health in the future. We do not want to move, but if we were forced to, it may not even be an option, for no one wants to buy a farm under a powerline. We know personally of a farmer that lost his farm to stray voltage and another that had to sell their whole herd. Our farm is located *right next to the road* where the power line is supposed to go. There is a very good chance it could harm our animals, or worse, our health.

Included in this letter are a few ideas for options you might try.

1) Stay on I-94. Eliminate route E & G from Freeport to Albany and continue on I-94.

Then get off the freeway after Albany onto that route E around the Avon Hills and Lakes.

Stay on I-94. By crisscrossing the interstate through Freeport, it looks like there would be enough space for placing power lines without impacting any farmers. We have heard that the community center might be a problem, but have also heard that you tear down buildings and *reconstruct* them elsewhere. Couldn't that be one way to solve the problem through Freeport? It certainly would be more cost effective for you considering what you pay each farmer to construct a pole on his land and it would shorten the route and save you time as well. The town would still have a community center and we could keep our farms also. Note of interest: the clerk that stopped the line from going through Freeport has resigned and moved.

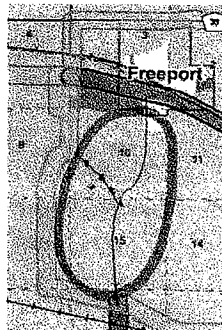
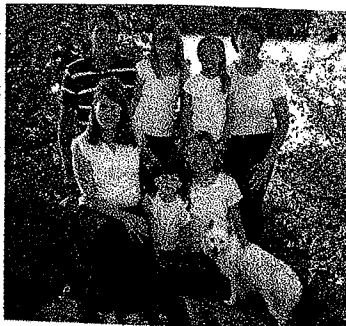
Stay on I-94. We don't know if you have talked to any homeowners, but maybe during this recession, they might be willing to sell their homes - still cheaper for you than paying all these farmers for power poles on their land.. There couldn't be more than 3 houses in the path of construction. We actually didn't see a need to tear down any if we calculated the 1000ft needed between poles.

Stay on I-94. Maybe you could go underground through Freeport. Again, it may be more cost effective for you, considering how many farmers are on the route all the way out to Cold Spring and back to I-94.

If Avon and that area are a problem, stay on I-94 until then. Don't go off already by us unnecessarily.

2) Take route past new Munich. There are only 3 farmers affected along that route and less corners to contend with compared with Freeport's Route E.

3) As a last resort, if you must go off by Freeport, there is a way to protect 8 places on Route E by cutting through the fields to county road 11 onto route G. If all land owners agree, it would shorten your route. We have included a map for that option below.



Please reconsider this route for the power lines to a place without so many farms. It will impact 8 places on our road, when there are alternatives that won't affect so many. Thank you for your time and consideration. Feel free to copy and send this letter to anyone else you think may help our situation.

Again .. THANK YOU for considering our request.

Respectfully yours,
Sue and Roger Funk and Family.
Freeport, MN (Rt.E)

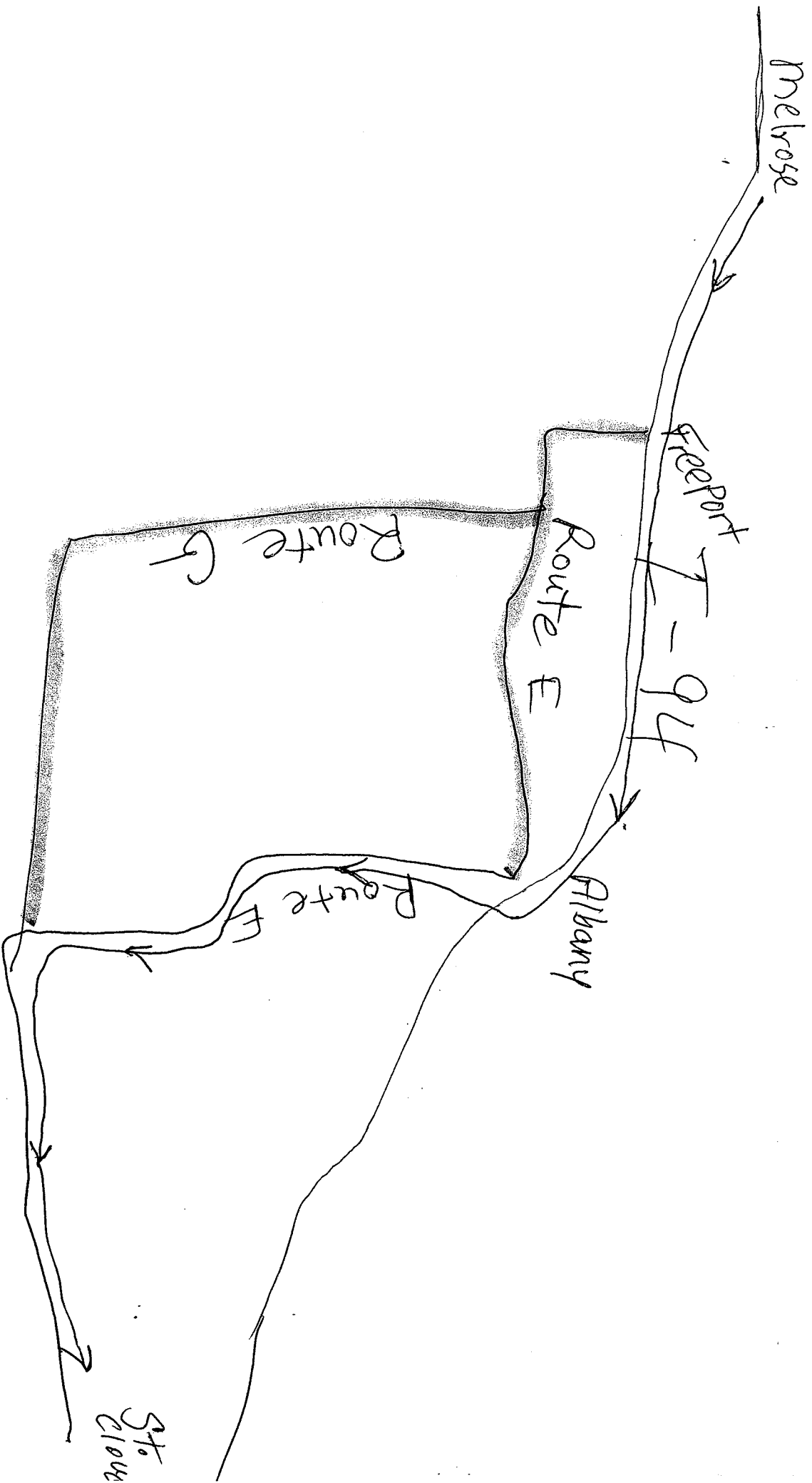
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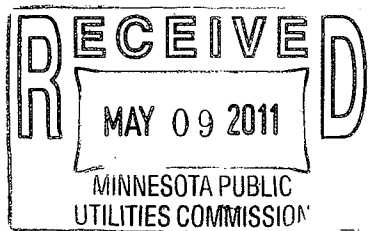
My name is Roger Funk. I live at 36475 Rimcrest Rd Freeport MN 56331 with my wife and five daughters. We have a dairy farm close to Rimcrest Road where Cap X is proposing to build a power line. This could affect our farming operation and our way of life. We depend on this dairy farm to support our way of life. We also have a lake close to the power line. Have all other options been considered? Perhaps keeping the power line in the I-94 corridor from Freeport to Albany and then going South on Route E. This would save a lot of farms. Enclosed is a map of our Route Idea. Please take this idea into consideration.

Sincerely,

Roger Funk



Please take the highlighted part of Route E & Route G out of consideration. Follow arrows instead.



Docket #09-1056

Dear Burl Haar,

We are writing this letter to ask you to please reconsider running the power line through our neighborhood. As parents of **5 young girls** (ages 5-13), we are concerned about how the stray voltage from the towers would **affect the health of our family** and the **somatic cell of our cows**. (Especially since they have lowered the required acceptable count.) We know of two instances where people that we know were forced out of milking because of voltage running through their herds. It is our livelihood and **if stray voltage forces us to sell our herd**, it could really impact our family. Not to mention the other health issues it might cause our children and ourselves.

Another problem that is going to arise from these poles is that we can no longer do **ariel spraying** over our fields. In years where weather does not allow us access to our fields, we do need to spray from above.

Lastly, we have noticed that many people on our route were **not properly notified**. We ourselves hadn't received any mailings for a year and a half. The first notice some of the route G people ever had was after the northern route failed. Some route E people as well. Their routes were not in our original book as an option. Everyone should have ample time to research the power lines affect on their family, farm, or home. Our group was not prepared because we had been told the line was going North.

In our neighborhood, there are many in the same situation. To our west our neighbors have 4 young children. Our neighbors to the south have 3 young children. The next place south, they also have 4 young children. Then there is us with 5 little girls. Two of the farms affected are brothers to my husband. That makes **3 farms out of the same family that would be affected**. We are all real people. We are all very close to the road and are hoping that you have the compassion to understand our predicament. Our families have been established here. The kids are all in good schools and have good friends and close family and **we do not want to move. And probably couldn't sell our farms if we wanted to**, with the power lines overhead. Can you please help us out by considering another route or revising this one to go further off the road for everyone's sake? (Back to I-94 until Albany would be best!- perhaps underground past towns. It probably wouldn't cost much more considering how much is paid our per pole to farmers. It wouldn't hurt anyone's land. The freeway is already condemned land.)

At any rate, we do not want a pole in our yard or near any buildings for the health of our animals and ourselves. Wont you please consider our request and seek other options. We have an idea you would allow cutting across fields It could save 8 farms and houses. We will mail it to David Birkholz.

Thank you for your time and consideration!!

Respectfully yours,
Sue and Roger Funk



Dear Burl Haar,

My name is Alexis Funk and I am writing this letter to you to ask that you reconsider putting the power lines up along Freeport Route - E. I live on a dairy farm by Rimcreas Road and it help raise our calves. The power lines could really hurt or hurt and all our other animals. Not only would they be hurting our animals but my neighbors too. Stay on I-94, where it won't do any harm to our animals, land, neighbors, or ourselves. I love where I live and I don't want this to affect it in any way. Thank You for your time.

Sincerely,

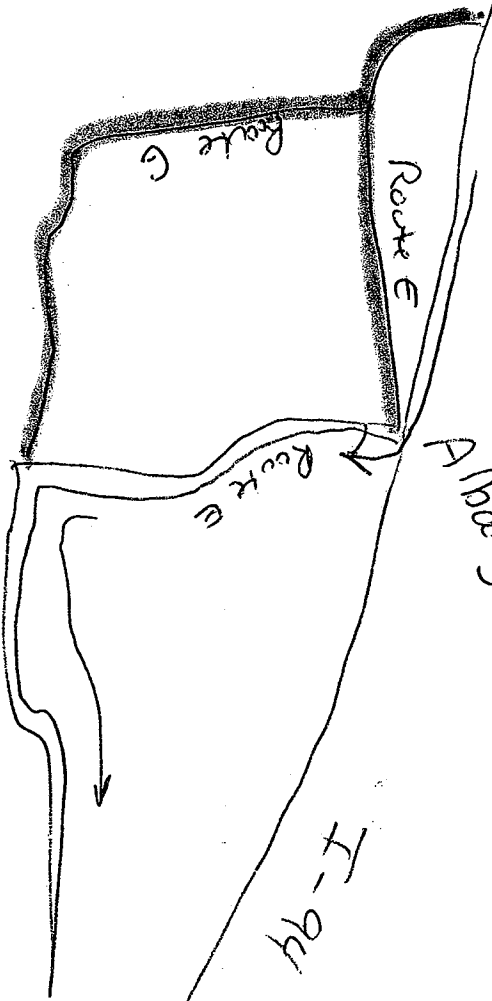
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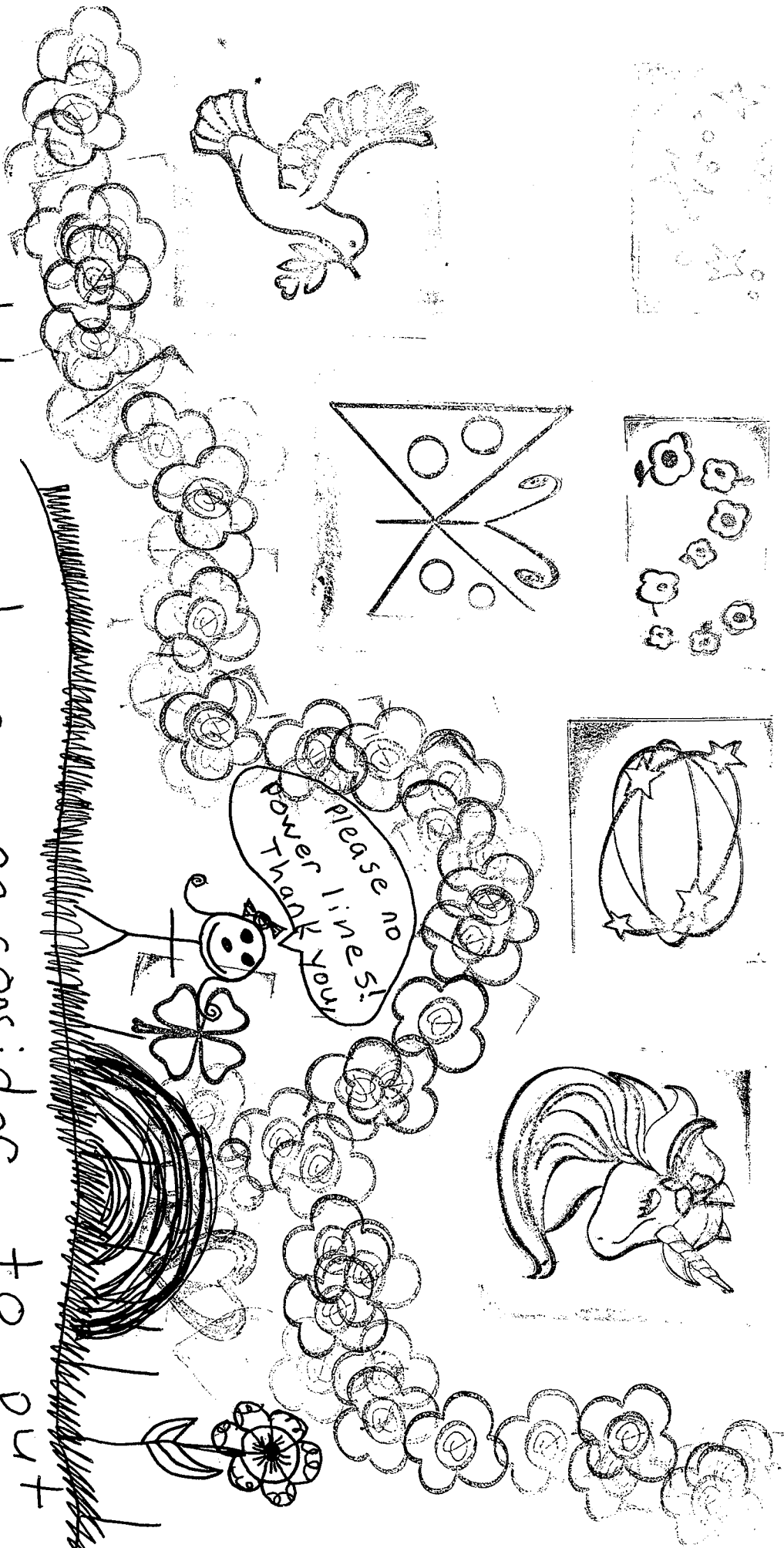
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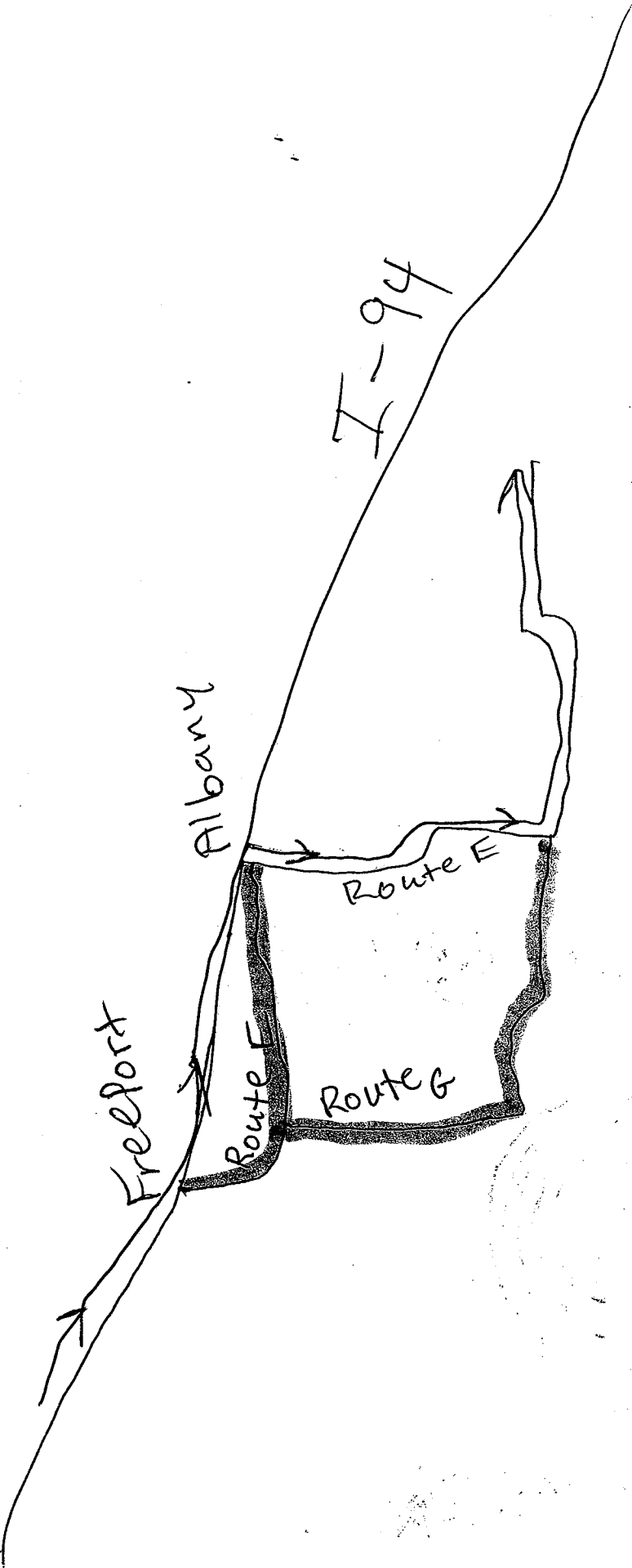
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a Route G out of consideration.
Follow the arrows instead.

Could you please re consider to put
the power lines somewhere else. It is not a
Pretty sight to see. And I don't want it to
hurt our pets, animals, and cows. Everybody
in our family does not want power lines, and
our neighbors too. So please put them somewhere
else.

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melrose



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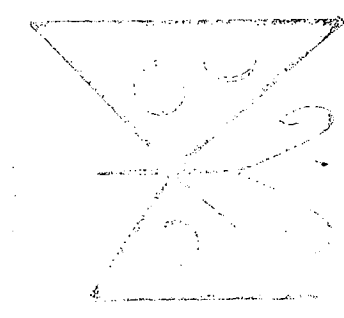
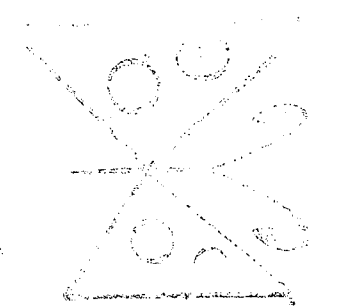
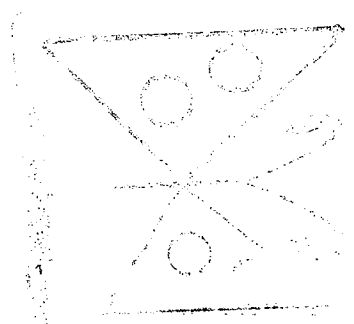
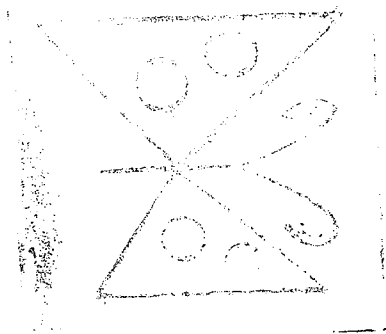
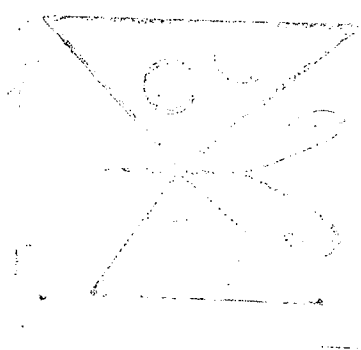
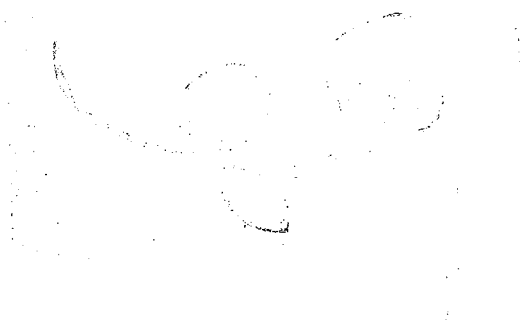
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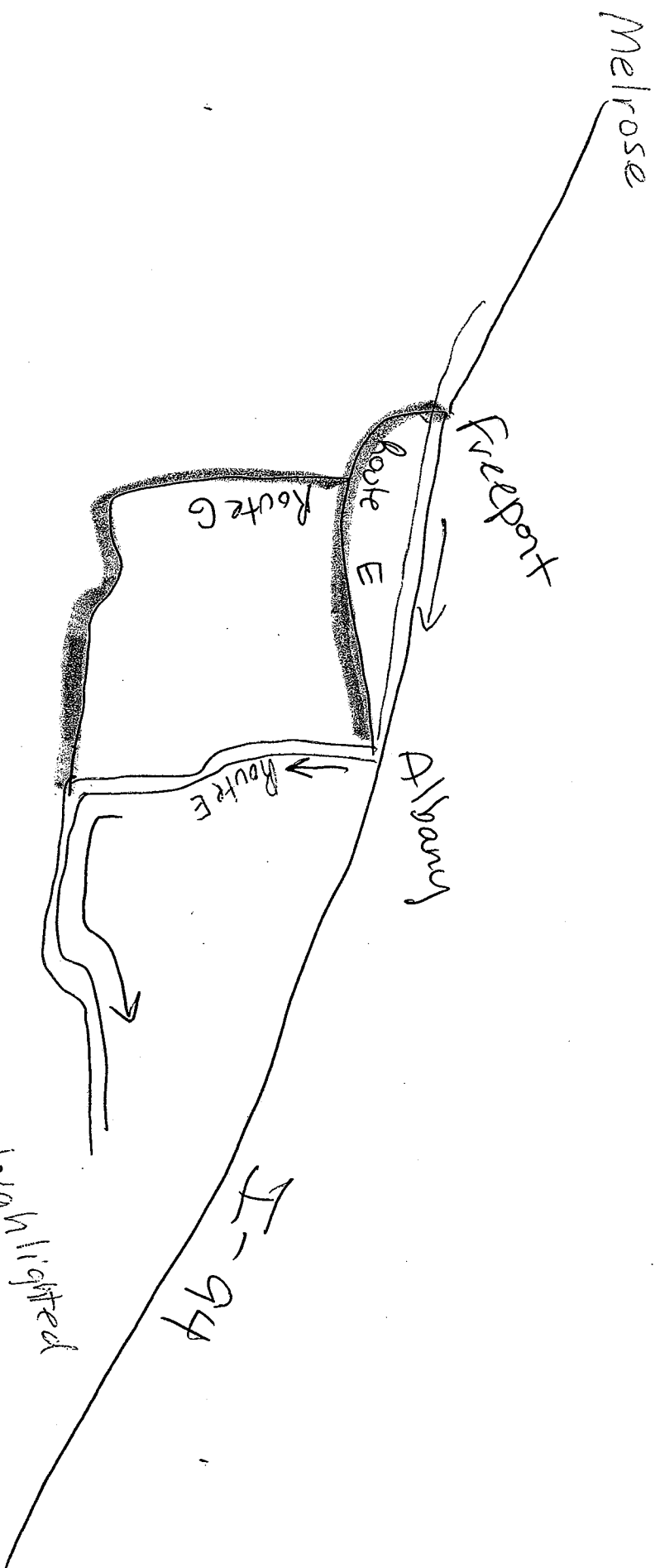
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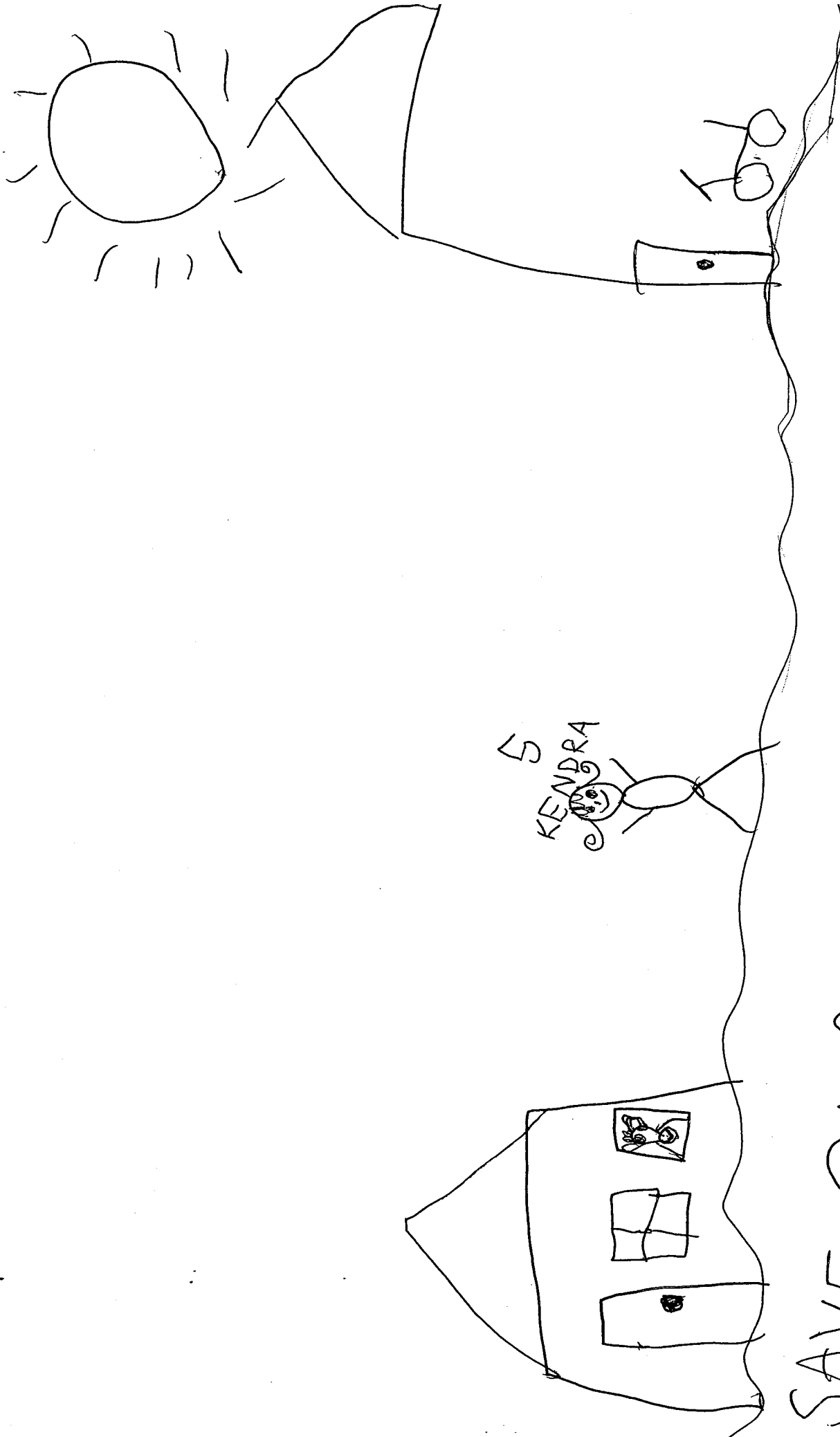
Follow the arrows instead.

We don't want any porcupines
in our yard to affect any
of our animals. So please put them
anywhere else besides our farm. Please
put them somewhere else. Thank you, Karen.



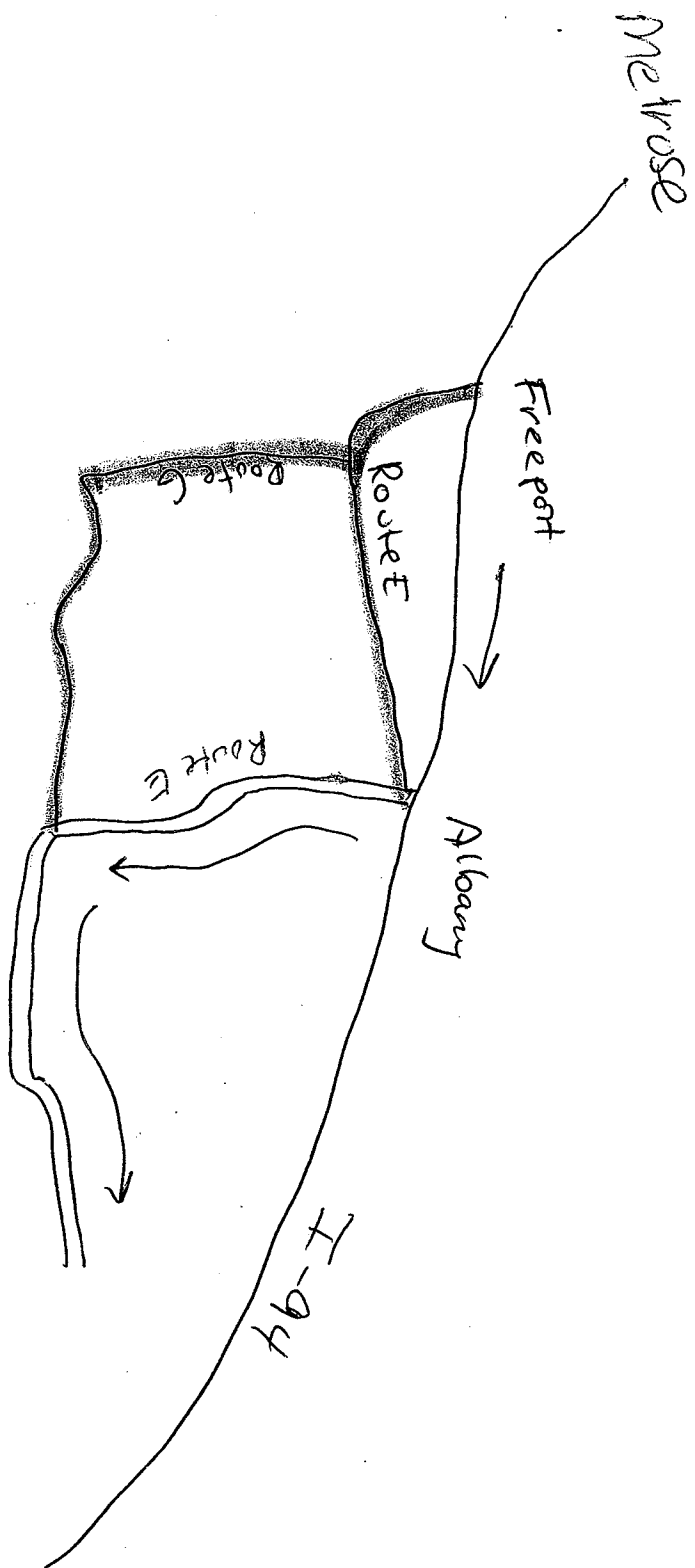


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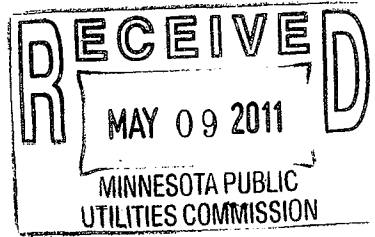
SAVE OUR FARM PLEASE NO POWER
LIVES

~~With this way~~



* Please take the highlighted part of route E & Route G out of consideration. Follow arrows instead

Robert Harren
28691 Co. Rd. 30
Freeport, MN 56331



May 4, 2011

Dear Mr. Burl Haar,

I am writing in regards to the Capx2020 project Docket #09-1056. I have been a faithful follower of this project for two and a half years. I know and understand that these power lines need to be put in place, however, I do not think you have looked at all possible options. I am deeply saddened that the health and welfare of the wildlife seems to have taken priority over the health and welfare of human beings and the dairy industry.

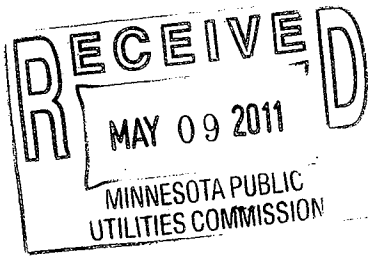
My wife and I have four small children. The projected route places wires right across the road from our house. While this concerns us about possible health issues for our children we are equally concerned about the health of our dairy cattle. We have noticed the placement of these poles have all been along roadways, and understand that this was in part to lessen the number of poles that would need to be tilled around. While no one would look forward to losing field land and tillable acres, we do believe farmers would be more willing to work around these poles if they were not placed right next to their barns and houses and causing possible harm to their livelihood.

I love farming. Ten years ago I sold my herd of cows and went to work in town. I missed it so much that my wife and I started looking for another farm within a couple of years. We ended up looking for a farm for five years before finding our current home. Farming is our life. It is what we get up to do everyday. It is why people have food on their tables and some forms of gas in their cars and heat in their homes. By placing these poles so close to our homestead you not only endanger our health, our four children's health, and our animals' health, but you endanger our future as dairy farmers and what we work so hard for.

The nation is considering new somatic cell count guidelines for dairy farmers within the next two years. If these wires cause any extra stress on dairy cows these projected somatic cell count requirements will be impossible to meet, then making our milk not purchasable by Minnesota milk plants. The dairy industry continues to struggle in our state. By adding one more obstacle I think you are overlooking the additional challenges you are putting on the dairy industry and the general economy of our area. Stearns County is known for it's dairy industry, and the route chosen by the administrative judge cuts right through it's heart! With the use of route E and G it will affect 9+ dairy farmers, while route H has considerably less. We do not feel that this was taken into account when the judge made her recommendation. For us it is not a job you are putting in danger, it is our way of life.

In conclusion, please take time to consider all possibilities for the Capx2020 project. Make it known that you are a group who looks out for the welfare of all people. Please protect our children, and assure the future of the dairy industry. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Joe + Beth Nielsen

13529-115th Ave

OSAKIS MN 56360

May 7, 2011

Executive Secretary of the PUC

350 Metro Square Bldg.

121 Seventh Place East.

St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

RE: In the Matter of the application for a HVTL
Route Permit for the Fargo to St. Cloud 345KV
Transmission Line Project: MPUC Docket ET-2, E002/
TL-09-1056

We are asking that the above-described
power line project NOT be allowed to go
on our property. If it does, it will
be in our front yard - very close to our
home - for noise issues, appearance,
and possible adverse health issues.
Because of close proximity, we request
that you locate power line elsewhere.

Sincerely,
Joe + Beth Nielsen

5-6-11

Re: Nocket #09-1056

Dear Mr. Haar,

Late last summer was the first info (map) we received that could indicate a route somewhere near us. Roads were not marked and no specific details where the route was going. People on some routes have known it for years and had time to get an attorney and have their attorney present at a meeting. Last fall at a meeting (the last at a meeting) was the first time I saw a detailed map showing exactly where route 25 was going. Our route never had a chance to have an attorney represent us at a public meeting. People on the route got together and the ~~biggest~~ concern was lack of the same information. Some got maps, others got proposed county areas which included almost all of Stearns County, it was made in 2007, why wasn't it sent at that time? Some got more notices of meetings than others. Today we got a letter from State of Mn. Public Utilities Commission. I called several people on our route and neither one of them got the letter. Why is not everyone on the route getting the same information?

You already have a letter that I sent with stating some concerns. I also turned in some pictures at the meeting last fall. I don't know if you have them or Judge H. Sydinger. Please review that information.

What happens to the homeowners that are too close to the line and what happens to the irrigation systems that will be under the wires?

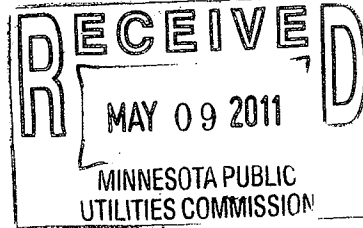


Sincerely

Alice S. Dunkel
27950 Co. Rd 113
Albany, Mn. 56307
320-548-2141

May 5, 2011

Public Utilities Commission
Attention: Burl Haar
121 7th Place East
Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101



Dear Mr. Haar:

I am writing to voice my family's concern over the construction of Docket #09-1056 along County Road 11. Having a high-voltage electrical wire next to our home is alarming to our family and community.

Our family hobby is raising pigeons. Raising and racing homing pigeons is a source of enjoyment for our family. The pigeons fly around the yard and are capable of coming home from hundreds of miles. The risk of our pigeons killing themselves by hitting multiple wires is extremely high. Homing pigeons are killed by flying into normal telephone wires; needless to say having a multiple wire system built so close to our home would have a catastrophic influence on our pigeons. In addition to the hazard of colliding with wires, the Electrical and Magnetic Fields (EMF) may possibly hinder a homing pigeon's ability to navigate its way home. According to CapX2020.com, "These fields are strongest closest to their source, so the farther away you are from the source, the less EMF reaches your body. *EMF exposure from transmission lines, which are high in the air and outside the negotiated easement, is minimal.*" [Italics mine].

Aside from homing pigeons, we raise another flying breed of pigeon called, Birmingham Rollers. These pigeons perform a rolling action while flying in the air. Rollers are in jeopardy of rolling into telephone and electrical wires. Once our pigeons are tangled in dangerous wires, it is too late.

Our home is only one hundred feet from the road. Building the power line would seriously impact our property and we could be forced to relocate. A power line in our yard completely destroys our property value. Our lives will be drastically changed if this electrical line is built.

The time taken to hear our apprehensions regarding Docket #09-1056 is appreciated. A major power line would force our family to give up having pigeons. Our kids love their birds, have invested many hours and dollars into their pigeons, and would be devastated to have them killed by power wires. We hope that a different route will be considered for constructing the power line.

Sincerely,

Kevin and Michelle Sabrowsky

Kevin and Michelle Sabrowsky
29035 County Road 11
Freeport, MN 56331

Attention:

Brat & Kner

Mike Kuluzniak



We are writing in reference to Docket #09-1056

The following reasons are why Route G should NOT follow County Road 177.

1. Concern about health for our farm families!
2. Concern about animal health. Route G includes dairy and Beef industries!
3. The farm land along Route G is sandy and needs irrigation. The huge poles will hinder the much needed yearly moisture for crops!
4. Farming is our livelihood!
5. There is much wildlife along the Sauk River, with a potential Bird Watching trail being planned!
6. The high cost of detouring the route from I 94!
7. We will lose well loved neighbors because they will need to move away from being under wires!

We are pleading for a different route than the one proposed as Route G, so we can healthfully continue our family farming life!

Please reread the above reasons
carefully!

Thank You

Robert L. and Renee
Katzhoff

25404 C.R. 177

Albany MN 56307

320-548-3560

P.S. We would appreciate
an honest response!

May 4, 2011



Dear Commission members:

We are writing to you today voicing concern and dissatisfaction over the imposing CapX2020 line that could potentially run through our land (Docket #09-1056).

We realize everyone has valid concerns...nobody wants this in their backyard, but the proposed line will negatively affect many animals and humans as well as the dwellings that shelter them and the fields that feed them. Our friends and neighbors are scared for their children and spouses, many of whom work, play and farm on the very spots where the line is proposed. We are well aware that the line could have travelled north, but there was a concern to preserve trees in a swampy area. We fully agree with protecting the environment, but never at the expense of the health and safety of human life and the crops and animals that nourish it. We are also aware the line could have headed south further west of Freeport and follow existing lines (between Sauk Centre and Melrose). If preservation is such a concern, why not use land that is already geared towards hauling energy? If it has to be, it has to be...but you can't just plunk a line down in farm family country to appease environmentalists. This proposal is demeaning to the people it will affect; it is taking advantage of the rural residents' Minnesota Nice. Just because we aren't screaming "NO" the loudest, doesn't make it right to shove this into our laps.

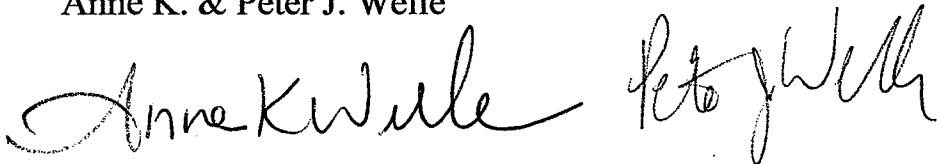
Years ago I94 cut through the heart of Minnesota, thus creating a prime path between Fargo and the Twin Cities to accompany other industrial and utility projects. CapX2020 is the perfect partner for the freeway, utilizing an already impacted area mostly free of homesteads and environmentally sensitive areas. Readjusting countless people's lives and posing a possible risk to their livelihoods, homes, health and families causes far more of a negative impact than forking out extra money to do the right thing. Although not popular with those pushing this line, the Group 1 – Alternative 1 (keeping it on the freeway with three underground areas) was by far the number one choice of the Freeport to St. Cloud impact study committee (which consisted of area residents and town officials that met several times and was hosted by CapX2020 officials; Peter was on this committee).

In this new age of being "green" we all have to forfeit for things that help us be more eco-friendly (more expensive light bulbs and investing in alternative energies). We implore you to explore and pursue the most environmentally and people friendly approach for this tricky, controversial stretch of line and that is to keep it along I94...even if it means a financial sacrifice for the greater good.

If you travel County Road 11 south of Freeport, where the proposed line may run, you will find the farm where Garrison Keillor lived as he developed Lake Wobegon. Oak Township consists of towering oaks, miles of fertile farmland, wildlife, livestock and families. Nearby is the city of Freeport, inspiration for the Lake Wobegon stories. Freeport consists of quiet, neat homes, an iconic water tower and a picturesque downtown. A line through the heart of Oak Township affecting the livelihood, homes and health of the residents should be a case in itself, but the proposal is also threatening to plaster the postcard for Lake Wobegon with miles of imposing, steel giants.

We know that this decision will be a hard one and there is no way to please everyone. We pray for patience, understanding and wisdom to all that are involved in the final process. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Anne K. & Peter J. Welle

The block contains two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is 'Anne K. Welle' and the signature on the right is 'Peter J. Welle'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

28093 7th SW, Freeport, MN 56331
320.836.2936
annewelle@hotmail.com

Executive Secretary of the PUC



Re: Project Transmission Line from Fargo to St. Cloud

My husband and I have lived on our 10 acre hobby farm on County Road 3 since 1974. It originally belonged to my husband's great grandfather. Then to his grandparents and we hope to give it to our son, which would be 5 generations. I feel that we must protect this piece of land for future generations.

I think that the power line would have a negative impact on the environment.

1. The area around County Road 3 has wetlands, wildlife and rich farmland. The aerial spraying would kill not only vegetation, but wildlife and farm animals and possibly affect our health through the food chain.

2. The power line itself would have a negative affect on the environment. I believe that the line is not Minnesota Environmentally safe.

Why can't we compromise? Why can't the line follow I-94? In the areas, such as wayside rests and lakes or other key areas that follow I-94, possibly go around or underground? I think, financially, it would be better to go underground or short bypasses rather than go miles and miles from I-94. Also, I think some of the funds for the underground line should be paid by the ones who most profit from the line, not excluding out of state.

Please don't destroy our scenic byways, farmlands, and wetlands.

Sincerely,

Christine Morgel

37313 County Road 3

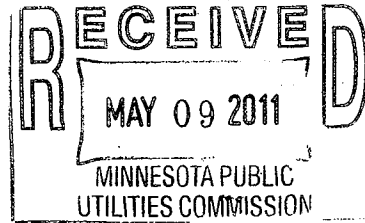
Avon, MN 56310

Public Utilities Commission

Attention; Burl Haar

Dear Mr. Haar,

Docket #09-1056



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I think the first suggested route should be the one to go with. If this line would follow the I-94 corridor as much as possible, it would be the shortest and least exposed route.

While the poles may look nice and neat, trying to farm around them will be tedious and time consuming. We are just poor farmers and because we haven't shouted the loudest big business thinks they can walk all over us.

Please reconsider your proposed route for the CAPX 2020 project.

Thank You,

Don + Judy Garbel



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Cap X 2020 Concern



Docket #09-1056

To Mike Kuluziak or Bret Eknes

Although I was aware of the project I talked with a Cap X Rep. at one of the Farm Shows and told him I was on Route G 5 mi South of Freeport, He assured me it would not be coming our way so I did not worry about it, until now I here different, Our son is Building a New Home along CR 12 in 2012 and along with many other concerns, Please Reconsider Keeping it along The Interstate 94

Thank you

Dennis Thull

Dennis & Sheila Thull
28767 330th St
Freeport Mn

56331

May 3, 2011

Public Utilities Commission
Attn: Burl Haar
127 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101



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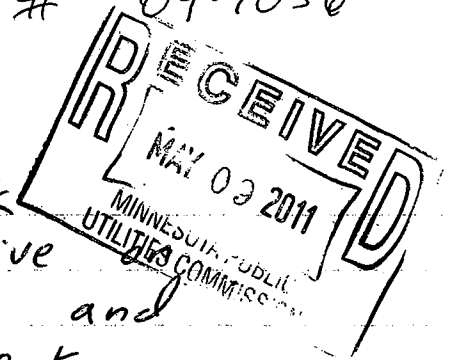
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Sincerely,

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Dear Sir :

Docket # 09-1056



My Name is Michael Funk
i am 46 years Old and live
a dairy farm that i own and
operate in section 9 of Oak
township in Stearns county. I am
writing this letter out of concern
for the proposed power line
Docket # 09-1056 which would
follow rimcrest road near my Farmsite.

My 1st concern is the health of
myself and my neighbors, what are
the long term health effects
of living near these power lines
how much research has been done on
this topic, i don't want to get cancer
from these lines or other health problems.

My 2nd concern is the effects
that it may have on my 70 cow dairy
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income, milking cows is a hard enough
job without the problems of a high
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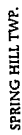
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Please take the time to examine this shorter route as it would effect less peoples lives.

Thank you

Michael Funk

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May 5, 2011

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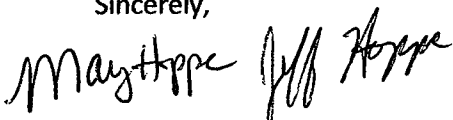
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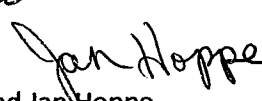
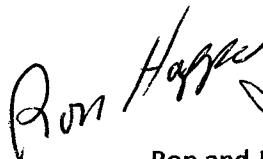
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We would appreciate a reply to this matter in writing. We will await your response. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Freeport MN 56331
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PC 09-1056

Rice, Robin (PUC)

From: Kaluzniak, Mike (PUC)
Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2011 8:00 AM
To: Reuter, Nicole
Cc: Eknes, Bret (PUC); #PUC_Public Comments
Subject: RE: CapX2020: Docket No. 09-1056

Hello -

Bret Eknes is the staff lead on this project, I've forwarded him a copy of your email.

Regards,
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-----Original Message-----

From: Reuter, Nicole [mailto:NReuter@CSBSJU.EDU]
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2011 10:31 PM
To: Kaluzniak, Mike (PUC)
Subject: CapX2020: Docket No. 09-1056

May 3, 2011

Mr. Mike Kuluzniak
Energy Facility Planner
651-201-2257
mike.kaluzniak@state.mn.us<mailto:mike.kaluzniak@state.mn.us>

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From: Tess Koltes [ktkolt8719@clearwire.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 2:04 AM
To: #PUC_Public Comments
Subject: response to judge's ruling on Fargo to St. Cloud line

To Whom it May Concern:

In this day and age when humanity is worried about "green" and saving the environment, I find it ironic that the route from St. Cloud to Fargo does not follow already existing public lines that have been created and are followed by our transportation system of Interstate 94. St. John's University did not hesitate to clear acreage when it came to their solar panel farm. However, now there is concern about power lines passing by them on the freeway. This makes no sense. The university has the perfect opportunity to provide some solar energy to all people with their new system, which they did major publicity on last year. Instead of putting lines on virgin farmland, preexisting routes should be considered. Thank you for allowing us to voice our opinions.

Sincerely,
Tess Koltes

09-1056

Rice, Robin (PUC)

From: Robert Harren [bkharren@albanytel.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 9:55 PM
To: #PUC_Public Comments
Subject: Docket #09-1056

Robert Harren

28691 Co. Rd. 30

Freeport, MN 56331

May 5, 2011

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in regards to the Capx2020 project Docket #09-1056. I have been a faithful follower of this project for two and a half years. I know and understand that these power lines need to be put in place, however, I do not think you have looked at all possible options. I am deeply saddened that the health and welfare of the wildlife seems to have taken priority over the health and welfare of human beings and the dairy industry.

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I love farming. Ten years ago I sold my herd of cows and went to work in town. I missed it so much that my wife and I started looking for another farm within a couple of years. We ended up looking for a farm for five years before finding our current home. Farming is our life. It is what we get up to do everyday. It is why people have food on their tables and some forms of gas in their cars and heat in their homes. By placing these poles so close to our homestead you not only endanger our health, our four children's health, and our animals' health, but you endanger our future as dairy farmers and what we work so hard for.

The nation is considering new somatic cell count guidelines for dairy farmers within the next two years. If these wires cause any extra stress on dairy cows these projected somatic cell count requirements will be impossible to meet, then making our milk not purchasable by Minnesota milk plants. The dairy industry continues to struggle in our state. By adding one more obstacle I think you are overlooking the additional challenges you are putting on the dairy industry and the general economy of our area. Stearns County is known for it's dairy industry, and the route chosen by the administrative judge cuts right through it's heart! With the use of route E and G it will affect 9+ dairy farmers, while route H has considerably less. We do not feel that this was taken into account when the judge made her recommendation. For us it is not a job you are putting in danger, it is our way of life.

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Sincerely,

Robert & Kristie Harren

09-1056

Rice, Robin (PUC)

From: Mary Hoppe [goobeam@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 7:09 AM
To: #PUC_Public Comments
Subject: Docket #09-1056

May 6, 2011

RE: Docket #09-1056

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Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Route G was never the preferred route by the Applicants and should not be so now. The interstate corridor with possible exceptions of going underground when absolutely necessary (not for aesthetic reasons) is by far the most "prudent and feasible" choice. We pray you will consider the livelihood of the farming population along Route G and choose a different route as your final decision.

We would appreciate a reply to this matter in writing. We will await your response. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jeff and Mary Hoppe
33122 280th Ave
Freeport MN 56331
320-837-5272

Ron and Jan Hoppe
33002 280th Ave
Freeport MN 56331
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Wed. 5/4/2011

Concerns Capx 2020-

The proposed route which is south of Freeport. We make our living in dairy. We think having it run past our place will affect our Robotic milking. Also there are children and homes close to the proposed lines. We have families of Eagles which we enjoy watching.

We feel you should consider to take the "Less Cost" route, which is straight down the interstate.

Sten Klaphake
Don Klaphake

CapX2020: docket no. 09-1056

Georgine Nathe [g_nathe@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, May 08, 2011 8:36 PM**To:** Eknes, Bret (PUC)**Cc:** #PUC_Public Comments

May 8, 2011

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Public Comment Form

**HTL Route Permit for the Fargo to St. Cloud 345 kV Transmission Line Project:
MPUC Docket No. E002, ET2, E-002/TL-09-1056**

Attn: Bret Eknes, Mike Kuluzniak, Burl Haar

This is in regards to the decision of Administrative Law Judge Beverly Jones Heydinger regarding proposed power line Route E (Rimcrest Road) and Route G (County Road 30 & County Road 11). We understand that there is no route that will satisfy everyone, but why are we taking a route that strictly consists of dairy farms and prime agricultural land. My husband and I feel that the route the Judge Heydinger is proposing would be devastating to dairy farmers. High voltage power lines have been proven to cause stray voltage on dairy farms and stray voltage is very harmful to our dairy animals. It causes our animals to not breed, it causes high Somatic Cell Counts (SCC) in our dairy animals, which causes major health issues to the animals, which in turn affects the quality of our milk product. If our SCC counts climb to certain levels in our milk product we are subject to loose our Grade A status and possible not able to sell our product at all which in turn will put us out of the dairy business. This is our livelihood, who will compensate for our loss due to this power line? Who will guarantee our farming operation will still be as functional as it is at the present time? Also, if it can cause health issues in animals that weigh any where from 100 lbs to 2000 lbs. what will it do to the human body, which is also another major concern of ours.

Our farm is located in Section 15 & 16 of Oak Township in Stearns County. We purchased our farm back in 1989 from a local realtor with no help from anyone other than our friendly banker. When we first started farming we found out first hand what stray voltage can do to our animals and how costly it can be. We had major veterinary bills and health issues with our cattle until we were told to have our farm checked for stray voltage and yes that was the major issue. We currently have a blocker on our line to send the voltage back out to the main line. Without this we probably would no longer be farming. We have our son who is very much interested in farming and decided not to go on to college and has farmed with us since he graduated from high school in 1999 and would like to purchase the farm and continue farming. This may not be possible if we have a power line in our back yard and stray voltage that may be the cause of discontinuing our dairy operation. At prior meetings we attended we did ask about stray voltage and were told if everything is properly installed there should be no issue. We asked if he could guarantee this and he again stated if everything is properly installed there should be no issue. We would also like to share that our land is used to raise the crops for our animals. If the land is disturbed for the power line it usually ends up with the good soil destroyed and the gravel on top. We need our good land to raise our crops. If we need to buy the crops we are once again losing profit on the other end and we would lose profit in our dairy if we end up with the stray voltage. In closing we would like to say it has been our dream to dairy and we hope that our livelihood will not be destroyed due to a power line that will be installed on our property when it could have been put down I-94 and does not disturb the productive soil and our farming operation in which we raise food to feed the people of the world.

May 10, 2011
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Respectfully Submitted
Arthur and Sharon Salzer
35564 Rimcrest Road
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Section 15 & 16 Oak Township

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Rice, Robin (PUC)

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32548 County Road 11

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From: Mary Hoppe [goobeam@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2011 10:58 AM
To: #PUC_Public Comments
Subject: Docket #09-1056
Attachments: May9-2011.pdf

Re: Docket #09-1056

Dear Public Utilities Commission:

Attached you will find a scanned image of the handmade Mother's Day card I received from our nine year old daughter yesterday. I urge you to strongly consider choosing a route such as the I-94 corridor instead of Route G which comes directly through working farmland. Please do not take away our daughter's chance to farm for future generations by placing potentially dangerous power lines on our land.

Thank you for your time.

Mary Hoppe
33122 280th Ave
Freeport MN 56331

I'm so glad to
have a Mom just
like you, and live
on a farm with
cows that say: Moo!

Have a wonderful
Mothers Day!

Love Sara
(Love you Mom)