

Attachment E

Affidavit of Michelle Sandstrom

Landowner at 30127 – 59th Avenue, Cannon Falls

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
BEFORE THE
MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**Beverly Heydinger
J. Dennis O'Brien
David C. Boyd
Phyhs A. Reha
Betsy Wergin**

**Chair
Commissioner
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Commissioner**

**In the Matter of Application for a Route Permit
for the CapX 2020 Hampton-Rochester-LaCrosse
High Voltage Transmission Project**

MPUC: E002/TL-09-1448

MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

SUPPORTING LANDOWNER AFFIDAVIT

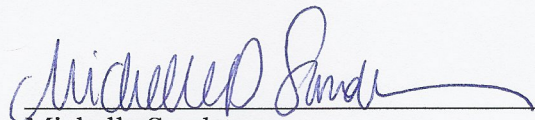
STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF GOODHUE)

I, Michelle Sandstrom, states and deposes as follows:

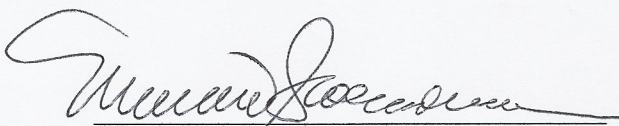
1. My name is Michelle Sandstrom and my husband, Andrew Sandstrom, and I own property at 30127 59th Avenue Way, Cannon Falls, Minnesota, 55009.
2. My family is potentially affected by the CapX 2020 Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse transmission line. We have lived here for 17 years and we have 4 children who play in the yard and would spend nearly all their time in close proximity to the line.
3. This would be an extreme hardship for my husband and I, as we have an auto repair business that we have worked to build for the last 15 years. Our diagnostic equipment may not function properly, and our employees do not want to work in an environment where their well being may be threatened. The line would also go right through our horse pasture.

4. My husband and I have repeatedly asked Xcel representatives (Tom Hillstrom and Grant Stevenson) and the Department of Commerce (Matt Langan) how many feet this line would be from our home and business. The only response we have been given is "There is fluff in the line. We work with land owners, we'll make sure this isn't too close." I can't figure out how Xcel and the Department of Commerce came up with the house counts for number of residences within 150 feet or 500 feet of the Modified Preferred Route when their response indicates they really haven't decided exactly where the line will be placed.
5. At this time, we are contemplating the "Buy the Farm" option so that the utility would have to buy out our interest in our property and business, and we could get out from under the line. We do not plan on staying in our home if the line transgresses our property.
6. I found out about the change in routing from the 1P route to the Modified Preferred Route by studying one of the maps at the June 16, 2011 hearing. When my husband and I inquired about the change in routing noted on the map, Tom Hillstrom told us that it was very unlikely the route would actually go through our horse pasture and wrap around our back yard, that he was certain they would be able to negotiate with MNDOT and keep the 1P route. I never received a phone call nor written material stating that the route had changed from following the highway. Finding out at the meeting did not give us ample time to prepare a response, and Tom Hillstrom's comments led us to believe we didn't need to respond. My husband, Andrew Sandstrom, did give testimony in front of the Administrative Law Judge stating that this new routing would devastate our property and be very close to several of our neighbors. Andrew Sandstrom also showed the Administrative Law Judge an aerial view that clearly showed a lower concentration of homes in the 1P-003 route. He also mentioned that there were no existing lines or roads on our portion of the Modified Preferred Route. The maps show that there are existing transmission lines on 1P-003 from Highway 52 to the dam, and from the dam to Hwy. 19.

Further your affiant sayeth naught.


Michelle Sandstrom

Signed and sworn to before me this
18th day of June, 2012.


Notary Public

