

Attachment G

Affidavit of Dennis Doffing

Landowners between the Cannon River and Highway 19

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

**Beverly Heydinger
J. Dennis O'Brien
David C. Boyd
Phyllis 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)

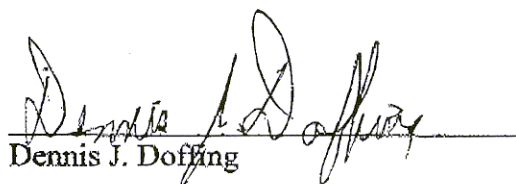
I, (/ your name here), states and deposes as follows:

1. My name is Dennis J. Doffing and I represent my mother, Patricia Ann Doffing, who owns property in Stanton Township between the Cannon River and Highway 19 near, Cannon Falls, Minnesota, 55009.
2. My family is potentially affected by the CapX 2020 Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse transmission line. We have owned this property for 50 years and lived in a home next to the property for almost 15 years. We rent the land for farming purposes but have been waiting for City development to create the opportunity to develop our 80 acres for housing or other commercial and/or public purposes.
3. The line is slated to run the entire length of our property from the Cannon River South to Highway 19. This would be an extreme hardship for us because of the long lasting impact it would have on the future value of the land as development property. The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act has made this property a beautiful protected area that would be forever branded by the placement and imposing view of the power lines

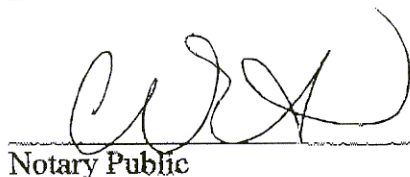
throughout our property. At this time, we are contemplating the "Buy the Farm" option so that the utility would have to buy out our interest in our property and we could get out from under the line.

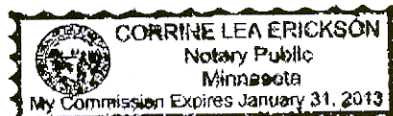
4. I did not receive notice of the potential alignment of the CapX2020 line through our property until a letter dated June 13, 2011 from Tom Hillstrom of Xcel Energy. We understand that the public hearing on this was scheduled for June 14, 15, and 16. This did not allow time for the notice to be delivered, read, understood, and for us to attend the hearing. Due to of the very late addition of a potential route that affected my property we feel we did not have time to react to this and make our concerns heard.
5. I first learned of this route change based on people who did attend a public hearing and saw maps outlining the route. These people informed us after the meeting, when we contacted Mr. Hillstrom by telephone. It was after that call that the letter was sent to Patricia Doffing and dated June 13, 2011.
6. In addition, a letter was sent to the Hon. Kathleen D. Sheehy by Patricia Doffing and Doug Doffing (the legal owners of the property) dated June 25, 2011 as we believed it was our only option to give our opposition voice..
7. I did not intervene in this docket – at the time, I did not know what intervention meant, did not know it was an option, and did not think that a route proposed so late could be chosen by the Public Utilities Commission. I am learning about this process and participating as best I am able at this time.

Further your affiant sayeth naught.


Dennis J. Doffing

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


Notary Public





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June 13, 2011

Patricia A. Doffing Trust
3300 Cannon Street
Hastings, MN 55033

Subject: CapX2020 New Potential Alignment at Highway 19 Interchange

Dear sir or madam,

This is a follow-up letter to our phone conversation or the message I left on your answering machine. As I indicated, we have recently introduced another potential alignment for our CapX 2020 project. This new alignment would be adjacent to your property.

The new alignment is shown on the attached map. If you would like to comment on this alignment, please attend one of the meetings scheduled for this week. You can also submit comments by mail as described on the attached hearing notice.

Please feel free to contact me at thomas.g.hillstrom@xcelenergy.com or (612) 330-6538 if you have questions or comments.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Hillstrom".

Tom Hillstrom
Xcel Energy
Supervisor, Siting and Permitting

June 25, 2011

Hon. Kathleen D. Sheehy
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings
P.O. Box 64620
600 North Robert St.
St. Paul, MN 55164-0620

Re: OAH Docket Number 3-2500-2181-2

Dear Judge Sheehy,

We are writing this letter to voice our concerns regarding the CapX2020 project and the proposed potential alignment (Expanded Route Width, Sheetmap 9) for the Highway 52 and Highway 19 interchange in Cannon Falls. We were provided this map in a letter dated June 13 from Tom Hillstrom from Xcel Energy.

We understand there is a possible issue regarding the routing of the 345 kv line along Highway 52 and the line being closer to existing homes than policy allows and needing a waiver/variance to do so. The route, according to Sheetmap 9, shows a diversion of this line from the Highway 52 Right of Way west to run entirely on our property of 80 acres from the Cannon River to Highway 19. We are opposed to this potential alignment for the following reasons;

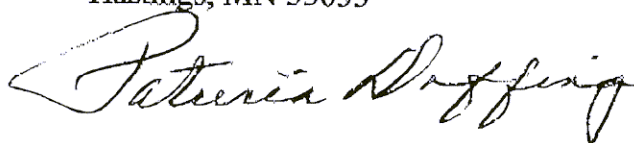
1. Moving to this alignment causes MORE homes to be affected (6 according to the map) than the Highway 52 route (4 according to the map).
2. The Highway 52 route allows the use of the current Right of Way along the highway and will have less impact and related costs than paying for the passage along both sides of the new power line (the Highway 52 route has the ditches, pavement, and median along the East side for use as buffer/passageway).
3. The land we own is currently used as farmland, with the towers creating issues for farm equipment and causing hazards for the machinery as well as those who operate them.
4. The land is also poised for possible future expansion of the City of Cannon Falls for development as residential or commercial use. A 345 kv line will damage the value of the land for that future use and may make it unmarketable for some development.
5. The Cannon River is designated as a Wild and Scenic River by State and Federal authorities. Moving the power line parallel to it extends the damage caused by the line to the natural setting compared to following the existing roadway for a shorter and smaller interruption to the Wild and Scenic designation.
6. We are currently in negotiation with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to sell a portion of the land for use as a recreation trail. This would

connect other trails, connect the City of Cannon Falls with 2 county parks and well as Lake Byllsby. The timing of this decision can delay or cancel this negotiation due to the funding time limits of the State.

We hope you take our concerns into serious consideration when you are asked to set the final route of this large power line. We feel the greater good is to have lesser impact to people along the route, and that keeping the line along Highway 52 meets that goal.

Sincerely,

Patricia Doffing
3300 Cannon Ave.
Hastings, MN 55033



Doug Doffing
924 West Main Street
Cannon Falls, MN 55009

