

## Sullivan, Jim (COMM)

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**From:** Janet Bahe <jabahe44@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 27, 2024 1:26 PM  
**To:** Sullivan, Jim (COMM)  
**Subject:** NRP Swatara expanded width

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Good afternoon Mr Sullivan,

Thank you for speaking with us concerning the potential alignment modifications in the Swatara expanded width area that Matt Hagelin proposed in a telephone conference call with us. We've included the email exchanges between Matt and ourselves.

All three of us, Joel Kersting, Bob Johnson and Janet Bahe would like to clearly state that our only choice for the Applicant's double 345kv transmission line route is Alternate B.

Bob and I also want to state that the Applicant's expanded route width near Swatara, for the alignment modification of their preferred route, includes 75% of our 40 acres in that ROW. The 180' transmission line and support structures are proposed to run the entire length, and right on, both the West and North property lines. This would be visible from all points on our property and from almost all the windows in our home.

We built on a hill with clear views to the West, North and East. We enjoy spectacular sky and distance views both day and night! The Northern Lights, dark sky star gazing and watching the sun rise and set are some of the main reasons we chose this beautiful site for our home.

The Applicant's were asked, at a public meeting at the Spang Town Hall in October of 2023, if the 180' support structures would require lights? They didn't know.

Lights on 180' towers in our night skies would be devastating.

All of us spend a considerable amount of time out doors gardening, farming, hiking, hunting, caring for and enjoying our sled dogs and running our dog sled ride businesses. We've done our research and found that this powerful transmission line will buzz and crackle under transmission loads and in humid weather or when it rains or snows the moisture will cause the line to continuously buzz.

The Applicant's say that Alternate route B is not feasible. Their job is to get the proposed route passed. But this is our life and our livelihood.

More expense now to construct this federally funded infrastructure project, that will benefit 10's of thousands of individuals and businesses for decades and decades into the future, is feasible compared to our immediate and permanent loss.

We all strongly advocate for Alternate Route B!

Respectfully,  
Janet Bahe  
Bob Johnson  
Joel Kersting  
Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Janet Bahe <jabahe44@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 27, 2024 1:32 PM  
**To:** Sullivan, Jim (COMM)  
**Subject:** Fwd: NRP\_Swatara expanded Route corridor  
**Attachments:** Mod Align no parcels\_09-06-24.pdf; Mod Align with parcels\_09-06-24.pdf

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Mr Sullivan,  
These are the emails sent between Matt Hagelin and us concerning the expanded route width near Swatara.  
Thank you,  
Janet Bahe  
Bob Johnson  
Joel Kersting  
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Hagelin, Matthew GRE-MG" <mhagelin@greenergy.com>  
**Date:** September 16, 2024 at 10:03:56 AM CDT  
**To:** Janet Bahe <jabahe44@gmail.com>, suomihillskennel@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Re: NRP\_Swatara expanded Route corridor

Hello Janet,

Please confirm that you understand that the "alignment modification" we recently discussed would provide an option for the new NRP and the existing transmission line to be moved to the north and west of your property. I've attached the maps if you need to reference. I'd be happy to discuss further as needed.

Thanks again for your participation in this process.

Regards,

*Matthew Hagelin, SR/WA*

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**From:** Hagelin, Matthew GRE-MG <mhagelin@GREnergy.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2024 9:51 AM  
**To:** Janet Bahe <jabahe44@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Re: NRP\_Swatara expanded Route corridor

Received. Thank you for the confirmation Janet.

Regards,

*Matthew Hagelin, SR/WA*

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**From:** Janet Bahe <jabahe44@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2024 9:49 AM  
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**Subject:** Re: NRP\_Swatara expanded Route corridor

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Sent from my iPhone  
Good Morning Matt,

In response to your letter on September 6 we would like to stress our ONLY choice of the placement of the power line is Alternate B!  
We do NOT agree with what you have stated in your letter. We believe there are other alignments to be examined IF the Applicants' proposed route were to be chosen.

Thank you,  
Janet Bahe  
Bob Johnson  
Joel Kersting

On Friday, September 6, 2024, 9:12 PM, suomihillskennel@yahoo.com <suomihillskennel@yahoo.com> wrote:

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

Begin forwarded message:

On Friday, September 6, 2024, 5:14 PM, Hagelin, Matthew GRE-MG <mhagelin@GREnergy.com> wrote:

Janet, Robert and Joel,

Thanks again for taking the time to discuss the expanded route corridor and potential alignment modifications in the Swatara area with Mike and I. We appreciate your participation in the permitting process and the feedback on the attached concepts for the realignment of the existing line and the alignment for NRP. Attached are a few maps of the concepts that we will be submitting to the MNPUC with comments for their consideration. If you would like to have a follow up call to discuss these, please let either of us know.

It is my understanding that you all:

1. Prefer the "B" alternative.
2. If the "B" alternative is not chosen by the MN Public Utilities Commission – you all prefer the alignment modification over the preferred alignment that was submitted in our August 2023 route permit application.

Please let me know if my understanding on your preferences does not align with how you feel. If you have any further questions and/or concerns, please let me know.

Regards,

*Matthew Hagelin, SR/WA*

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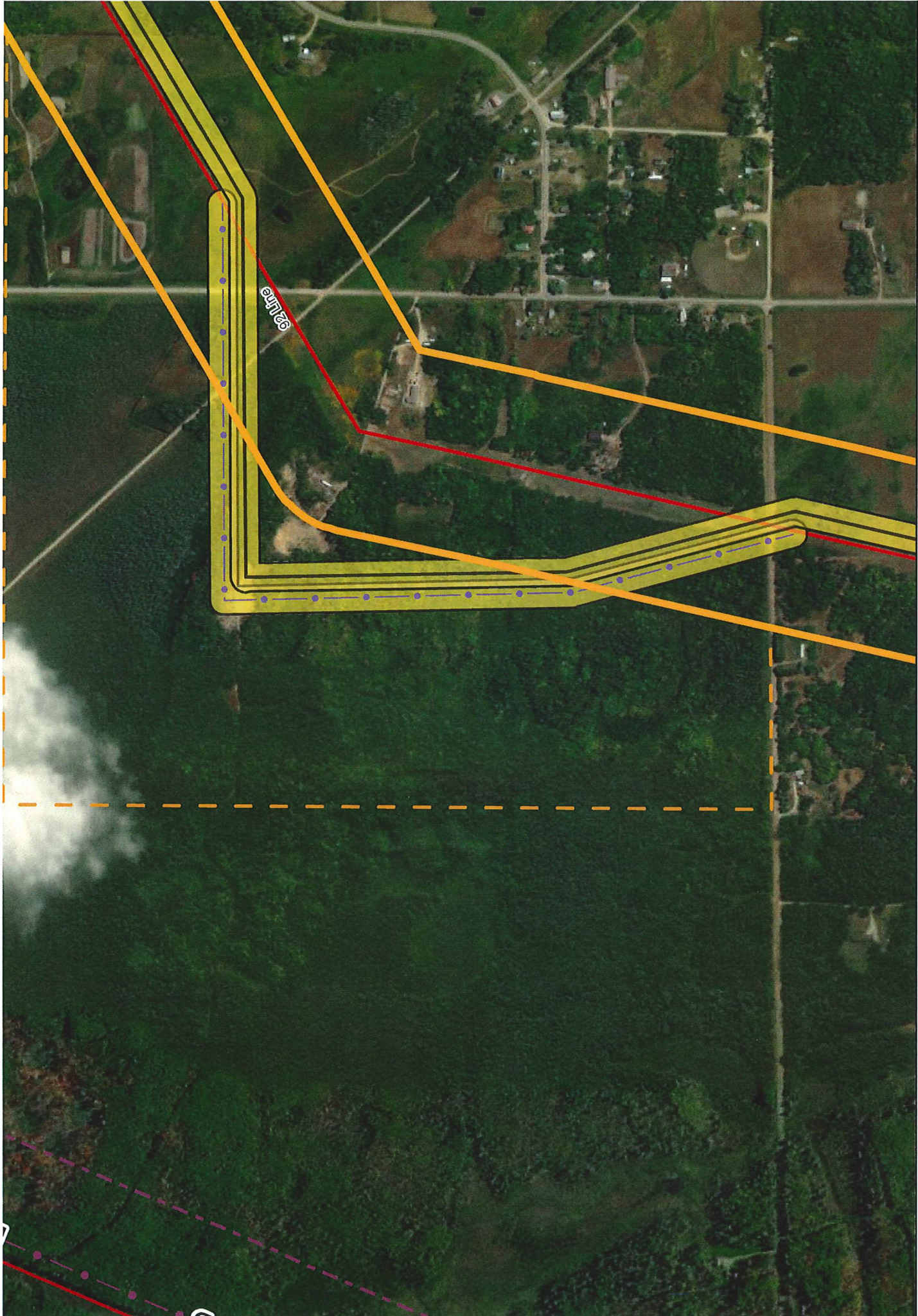
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