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To: [Ness, Jenna \(COMM\)](#); [George H. Vinson](#)
Subject: questions,comments on public comments made under edocket ID 20252-214966-01, Big Stone to Alex line.
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To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter regarding the public comment submitted by Bruce Freske, District Manager of the Morris wetland district office. The eDocket is dated Feb 2nd, document ID 20252-214966-01 for the proposed 345kw Big Stone to Alexandria transmission line. He has a concern with the northern part of the south 2 route in Artichoke twp. His proposed new route will cross another property that I farm and is owned by family. I am wondering what the procedure is on doing such a drastic change to the route, will it even be considered? If so, do the new, possibly affected, landowners get a chance to make a public comment on this new route?

I am also curious why the MN DNR/US fish and wildlife have so much say in it? If this project is truly for the betterment of the people it should be ran on as much public and existing ROW land as possible since there shouldn't be the need to buy easements as it is already owned by the government. Why not just do eminent domain like you are talking about doing to the private landowners that don't agree with the chosen route. There is going to be a great deal of unnecessary cost and miles added to the line project just to make sure we avoid any and all DNR/US fish and wildlife ground. There are a lot of private landowners being negatively affected in a large way by this proposed powerline. The amount of compensation that you are proposing doesn't come close to the economic loss and loss of value on the land. I am including a map of the new proposed route from the DNR and another map with a route that I feel makes more sense.

Thanks

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From: [Jeff McCoy - McCoy Environmental](#)
To: [Ness, Jenna \(COMM\)](#)
Subject: Re: Big Stone South Line
Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 10:48:11 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Eagles Nest.pdf](#)

Hello Jenna.

Thanks for reaching out. I will take a look and see if I can map something out.

Update to the eagle nest - my son does a lot of bow hunting out there and he said that the eagles are still using that nest (even though it looked damaged to me). Here's a map showing that nest location (Highway 114 and Malmedal lake south of Lowry)

Thanks.

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