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Dear Katie Sieben,

I wrote last week regarding the MN Lease Purchase program with MP&L. We attended the information meeting this past Monday and the majority of the attendees are those that are retired and living on a fixed income.

In speaking with a few of them, this purchase is potentially putting a huge financial burden on them and it is heartbreaking.

Since MN Power is going to be managing some leases that extend out until 2042, I would think that they could offer lease holders over the age of 70 to continue to lease and upon their death then the land would be purchased or sold.

This is really upsetting to watch our neighbors worrying about having to leave their family homes because they can't afford to purchase their land. Please - try and suggest that we take care of these individuals.

Thank you.

Susan Nystrom-Murray

Dear Sir:

I am currently a leaseholder for a MnPower owned property on Whiteface Reservoir. We were recently offered a proposal for land purchase by MN Power. I understand that the approval decision by your commission for this sale was recently tabled, and postponed. I am highly disappointed. I want to make it clear that the recent letter campaign regarding the stoppage of this sale does not represent the majority of leaseholders. This campaign was put forth by a group of highly emotional leaseholders that have no understanding of the process. Others, like myself, understand that MnPower is a "landlord" and that "rent" payment is just that—rent, and not an entitlement to property ownership.

The initial proposal put forth by MnPower, using 2020 assessments + 4% was fair. Many of us would like to obtain our property at that rate, and would like the sale to proceed as soon as possible in order to take advantage of current low interest rates. Your commission's delay is not fair to the majority of those involved.

I request that you add this item to your next meeting, and pass the resolution allowing MnPower to proceed with the leased lot sales on Whiteface.

Respectfully,

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I currently have leased property on 2239 Blais road on Whiteface Reservoir. I'm writing this comment to express my support for the Minnesota Power Lease Buyout as it pertains with the 2020 EMV pricing. I have had lease agreements with MN power for more than 30 years. I have never had any issues with MN Power whatsoever. I support this because I believe this provides the best options for myself and my families cabin and financial future.
