

**Written Public Comments Received for the
Iron Range- St. Louis County- Arrowhead 345kV Transmission Line Project**

Docket No. CN-25-111 and TL-25-112

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From: [Biancarose Treasure](#)
To: [Johnson, Emily \(She/Her/Hers\) \(PUC\)](#)
Subject: Docket No. E015/CN-25-111, E015/TL-25-112
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My name is Biancarose Treasure. I spoke at the Hermantown meeting in opposition of the power line project (Docket No. E015/CN-25-111, E015/TL-25-112) with my husband Joshua Treasure who spoke at the Grand Rapids meeting.

Our address is
8594 Hwy 8,
Alborn, MN, 55702

Attached is an alternative path that would put proposed lines along our outermost property line away from our house.

We want the lines away from our property and want them as far from our home as possible.

The current distance from the already placed lines is 247 ft. Our easement is going to be increased so they'll be even closer to our house. Please consider our safety and quality of life when coming to a final routing decision.

Thank you for your time,
Biancarose Treasure

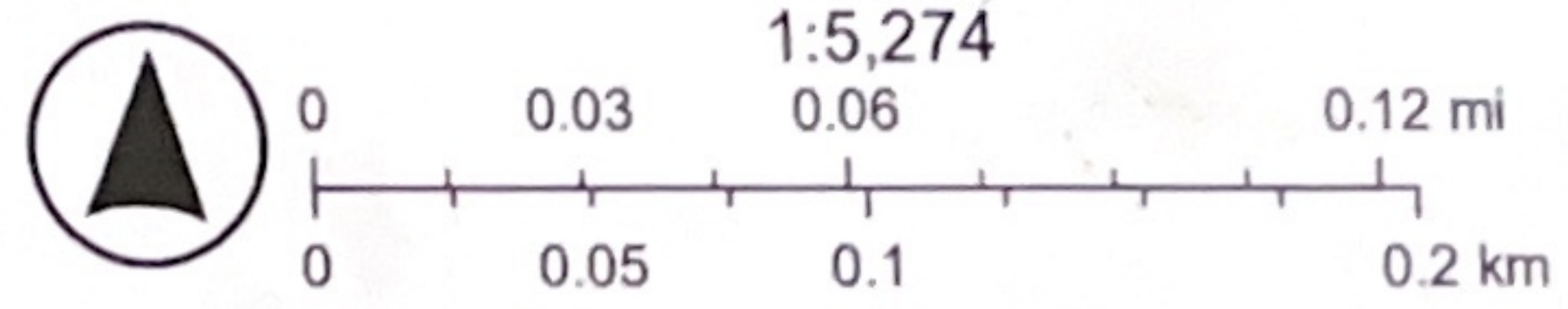
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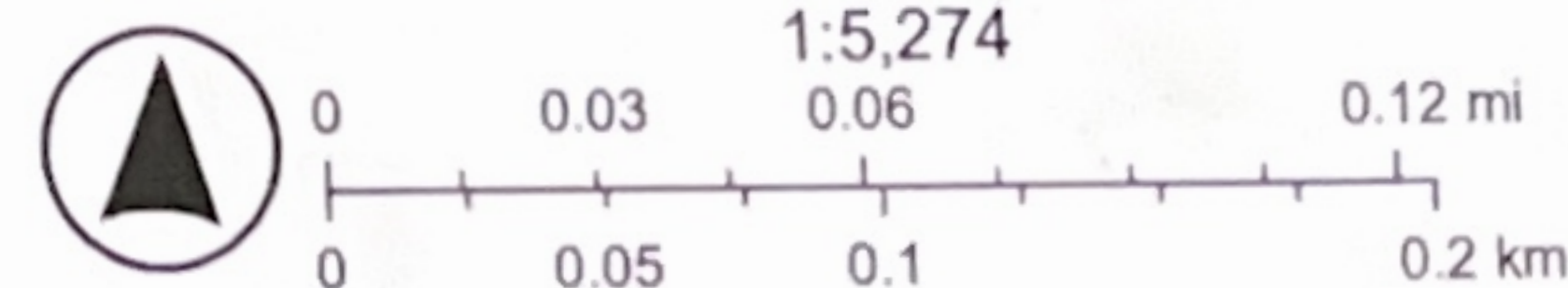
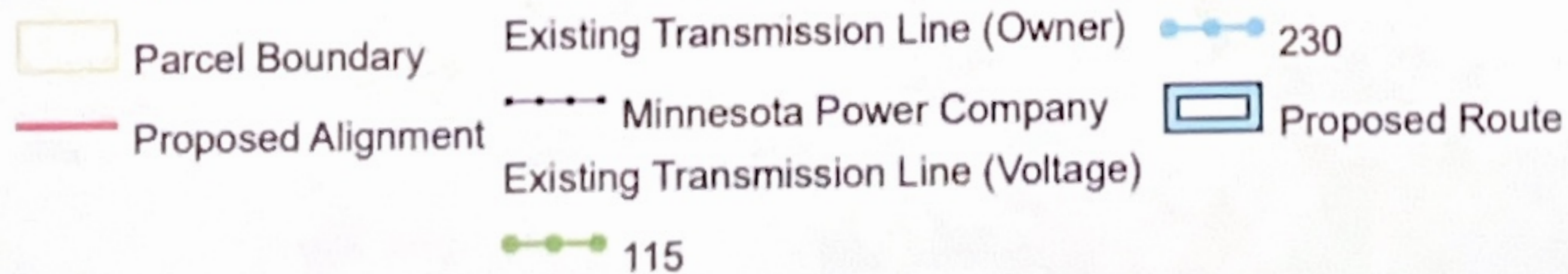
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From: [DEBRA THORSTENSEN](#)
To: [Johnson, Emily \(She/Her/Hers\) \(PUC\)](#)
Subject: Iron Range - St. Louis County -arrowhead 345 kv transmission line project
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2026 12:05:25 PM

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I have concerns about this project, especially the impact it will have on local residents. I live about a mile from the existing substation, my neighbors and family can hear the humming of the transformers during the summer, I am sure any boost in the amount of energy being moved through would increase the amount of sound pollution generated.

I question the safety of living close to these lines, being especially concerned for the people living nearest to them. A report can say it is safe, but reports can be twisted to say almost anything. Is it truly safe? I would not trust any study done by the applicant.

Why is it necessary to remove the 800 MVA limit? It seems that this is a safety measure, removing it would give Minnesota Power the freedom to do whatever they want, regardless of any possible consequences. Several people spoke at the public meeting yesterday about Minnesota Power's lack of response to concerns from existing power line maintenance, can you imagine their actions if the limits were removed? Their priority is money not people. We all know that this project is tied to the proposed data center in Hermantown, something that has been hidden from the community for too long. We are tired of being lied to and misled, our city leaders have turned their backs on us, therefore the people of Hermantown are looking to you to protect us.
Thank you for your time.

Debra Thorstensen

From: [Emily Helgeson](#)
To: [Johnson, Emily \(She/Her/Hers\) \(PUC\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Iron Range - St. Louis County - Arrowhead 345kV Transmission Line Project
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2026 1:29:54 PM

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Hi Emily,

I am trying to submit a public comment through your website however am unable to submit (saying "error for site owner: invalid domain for site key" at CAPTCHA section).

I will send here instead:

Docket Numbers- Transmission Line project- 25-112

Related Docket Number- 25-111

Commissioners of the Public Utilities Commission:

RE: Transmission line proceeding (Docket Nos. 25-111 and 25-112) pending before the Commission, and the ALLETE acquisition (Docket No. 24-198)

My name is Emily Helgeson; resident of Hermantown MN; phone number 218-260-0270.

I am requesting the public utility commission re-review the certificate of need CN-25-111 and route permit application TL-25-112 for the Iron Range - St. Louis County - Arrowhead 345 kV Transmission Line Project. I understand this "is not about the data center" as was shared numerous times at the public meeting I attended 4/9/2026 however: how can we talk about one and not the other? The elephant in the room appears to be that the data center requires this upgrade, and data inquiry shows MN Power introduced the data center project to the City of Hermantown. To not consider the necessary power demands as part of the certificate of need seems like a lie of omission.

I support maintaining the 800 MVA limit on the ATC Arrowhead 345/230kV Substation given proximity to the proposed data center. I hope the commission will consider a 365 day moratorium for CN-25-111 and TL-25-112 given that the City of Hermantown, SLC and state officials failed to protect their constituents from the irreparable harm this data center development will cause immediately impacted residents of Hermantown, Solway, and Midway Township.

Thank you,

Emily Helgeson

From: [Jim Thor](#)
To: [Johnson, Emily \(She/Her/Hers\) \(PUC\)](#)
Subject: CN-215-111 TL-215-112
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After attending the public information and scoping meeting I have concerns about PUC Docket #CN 25-111 and #TL 25-112.

I know that MISO States that this project was not related to any single customer or data center and that it would be asking for a certificate of need and this power network update anyway. I am finding this hard to believe when user population has been stagnant in this area for years.

I feel that this hyper scale Data Center proposed by Google is going to be the first of many throughout Northern Minnesota and Wisconsin and is driving this power upgrade.

I would urge you not to issue a certificate of need permit. I am also concerned about electric magnetic fields as related to negative health effects for those living close to the power lines and transformer stations. For that reason I support maintaining the 800 MVA limit on the ATC Arrowhead 345/230 kv Substation given the proximity to the proposed Hyper Scale Data Center in the Adolph area.

I know that the PUC commission is uniquely poised to regulate a one year moratorium or a pause on CN -25-111 and TL-25-112 given that local ,County and state officials have failed to adequately protect their constituents in the Adolph, Solway, Hermantown areas from irreparable harm due to data center development.

Thank you for your consideration.
James Thorstensen

From: [Mr.Treasure](#)
To: [Johnson, Emily \(She/Her/Hers\) \(PUC\)](#)
Subject: Power line alternate route
Date: Thursday, April 16, 2026 10:52:50 AM

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My name is Joshua Treasure, I spoke at the Grand Rapids meeting in regard to the powerline project and my wife Biancarose, spoke at the Hermantown meeting. Our address is 8594 hwy 8, alborn, MN 55702.

Attached is a map with a drawn alternative line path which would direct the lines out of our back yard and instead, safely across the farthest-most swath of our property line. Thank you for taking the time and reviewing our alternative route request for the powerlines.

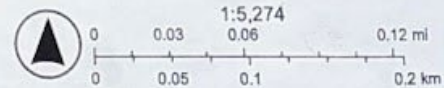
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From: [Kelly Holte](#)
To: [Johnson, Emily \(She/Her/Hers\) \(PUC\)](#)
Cc: [Maxon, Saarah \(She/Her/Hers\) \(PUC\)](#)
Subject: Re: MN Public Utilities Commission - ISA 345 kV Transmission Project - Follow Up
Date: Friday, April 10, 2026 6:07:49 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thank you so much, Emily!

On Thu, Apr 9, 2026 at 8:01 PM Johnson, Emily (She/Her/Hers) (PUC) <Emily.Johnson1@state.mn.us> wrote:

Hi Kelly,

Thank you for attending tonight's meeting and commenting, I was just about to send you an email to follow up. I will prepare a copy of the full application and Environmental Assessment and send it to you in the mail, likely on Tuesday. If there is anything else you are interested in receiving, just let me know by Tuesday. Your previous email from March 24th will be filed to the record when I compile written comments for filing at the end of the comment period.

I will send you information on how to comment on the Electric Service Agreement docket (docket number 26-159) as soon as that comment period is open.

Since internet access is limited for you, please feel free to call me at (651) 539-1023 whenever you have questions if that is easier for you.

Thanks again and have a great evening!

Best,

Emily

Emily Johnson

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From: Kelly Holte <kdhcountry1@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2026 7:44 PM

To: Johnson, Emily (She/Her/Hers) (PUC) <Emily.Johnson1@state.mn.us>

Cc: Maxon, Saarah (She/Her/Hers) (PUC) <Saarah.Maxon@state.mn.us>

Subject: Re: MN Public Utilities Commission - ISA 345 kV Transmission Project - Follow Up

Hi Emily. Yes, please list the comments I gave March 24th and that I'm concerned about pesticides used because of my cats traveling through the area after it's sprayed and while still wet, Causing cancer. My cats are indoor/outdoor as they please, which is what makes them happy, but with this transmission line going through I fear for their lives. I realize that the transmission line isn't going to go through my property, but it's still affects me and my animals. Please send me the pesticides and stray voltage information from the application, if not a copy of the whole application so I can go through it. I'm also concerned about the Construction noise, which I assume was also addressed in the application, so please send me that information too. And could you please send me the information on the data center, so I can make comments on it? As I mentioned, I do not own a computer/I can't afford a computer much less Wi-Fi, and I'm not able to go to the library. I can't drive at this point because I'm on heavy painkillers due to my cancer, so I can't go to the library To get this information. I'm vehemently against the data center. Not only does it use our precious resources, such as water and electricity, but it raises the temperature of the land by 16°!!!! That adds to global warming. I understand now after hearing one of the people speak tonight that Minnesota power is selling out to another company????? I think our rates are gonna go up more than \$.94 a month and I stand to lose more than most people because I get helping for my bill through Minnesota Power. I'm barely making ends meet as it is, Since I haven't worked since October 3 because of my cancer. I don't want Minnesota power to sell out to another company, especially not the company that was alluded to. Just my input on these things. Thank you

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 6:37 PM Kelly Holte <kdhcountry1@gmail.com> wrote:

Thanks, Emily. I really appreciate it.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 3:32 PM Johnson, Emily (She/Her/Hers) (PUC)
<Emily.Johnson1@state.mn.us> wrote:

Hi Kelly,

Would you like your email from Tuesday to be filed as a comment? I can also wait until I receive more from you to file them as a batch.

I put a packet in the mail today that includes maps of the proposed project in relation to your property, a sample route permit that is the starting point for each transmission project, the notice of our public meetings that you should have received previously in the mail, physical copies of comment forms that you can mail back if you prefer, printed portions of the application that discuss what is proposed near your property, and business cards for myself, Saarah, and our accessibility coordinator Angie McKinley.

You should receive the packet in the next couple of days. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Emily

Emily Johnson

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From: Kelly Holte <kdhcountry1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2026 3:35 PM
To: Johnson, Emily (She/Her/Hers) (PUC) <Emily.Johnson1@state.mn.us>
Cc: Maxon, Saarah (She/Her/Hers) (PUC) <Saarah.Maxon@state.mn.us>
Subject: Re: MN Public Utilities Commission - ISA 345 kV Transmission Project - Follow Up

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I'm really worried about the impact of stray voltage to my horses and my cats, as well as my cats getting run over or somehow otherwise creamed during the construction of this project with heavy equipment operators not being able to see my cats if they go to investigate. I'm also concerned that it not be placed on my property. It's bad enough I have a septic system out in the Horse pasture That I have to fence around. I have wood fence along the road and it makes my place very pretty. Having an electrical system run through my property would be devastating to me as wood, losing any of my pets to stray voltage or getting run over. These are some of the comments that I will want listed and more as I think of them. Thank you in advance for sending the maps and stuff.

On Tue, Mar 24, 2026 at 10:37 AM Johnson, Emily (She/Her/Hers) (PUC) <Emily.Johnson1@state.mn.us> wrote:

Hi Kelly,

Thank you for your interest in the ISA 345 kV Transmission project. I am the Environmental Review Manager assigned to this project. My role is to evaluate the project's potential effects on both human and environmental resources, so your input is an important part of that review and can help identify impacts and alternatives to the proposal.

I am preparing physical maps to mail to you and expect to send them within the next day or two. I will also include several paper comment forms that you can return by mail if you would like to submit a comment for the record. After the public meetings, I will mail you printed copies of the presentation and all meeting handouts as well. If you prefer, you can also send me your comments by email, and I can file them for you in the official project record.

The initial comment period closes April 30. As the permitting process continues, there will be an additional opportunity to comment.

If you have any questions or need anything further, please contact me by email or at (651) 539-1023.

Best,

Emily

Emily Johnson

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From: Kelly Holte <kdhcountry1@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 11:25 AM

To: Maxon, Saarah (She/Her/Hers) (PUC) <Saarah.Maxon@state.mn.us>

Cc: Johnson, Emily (She/Her/Hers) (PUC) <Emily.Johnson1@state.mn.us>

Subject: Re: MN Public Utilities Commission - ISA 345 kV Transmission Project - Follow Up

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Thank you so much for the information! Yes, please send me a paper copy To Kelly

Holte, 8505 Highway 8, Culver, MN, 55779. Thank you so so very much!

On Wed, Mar 18, 2026 at 11:01 AM Maxon, Saarah (She/Her/Hers) (PUC) <Sarah.Maxon@state.mn.us> wrote:

Hello Kelly,

I'm following up on the phone call we had regarding the proposed ISA 345 kV Transmission Project (Docket Nos. CN-25-111; TL-25-112 on the Commission's website). My colleague, Emily Johnson (Emily.Johnson1@state.mn.us), is the assigned Environmental Review Manager at the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. She is out of the office this week, but I will request that she follow up with you upon her return. Since you do not have access to a computer, I went on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission webpage for the proposed Project (<https://puc.eip.mn.gov/web/project/25112>) and entered the address you provided (8505 Highway 8, Culver, Minnesota) into the interactive map. I have attached three screenshots for you. Screenshot 3 shows the approximate distance (~1,200 feet) from your house to the proposed route of the transmission line. I'd like to note that the proposed route could possibly change based on the public feedback we receive through our meetings and the written comment period. The final route will ultimately be decided by the Commissioners of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission at the end of the permitting review process.

As discussed over the phone, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission will be holding three in-person and one virtual public information meetings. If you can make it to one of the in-person meetings/open houses, the Applicants (Minnesota Power and ATC) of the proposed Project will be available to print maps showing the proposed route in relation to your property and to answer questions. If it's helpful, we can also print out a paper map showing the proposed route relative to your property and send it to you through U.S. mail. Please let me know if you would like a paper copy.

Separately, you mentioned that you had questions regarding the potential effects of the proposed transmission line on your property/horses. Here is a link to the application for the proposed Project: [Combined Application and Appendices A through D](#). See sections 6.5 and 6.6 for the Applicant's explanation of electric and magnetic fields and stray voltage. If you have additional questions on this topic, you can ask my colleague Emily Johnson or reach out to the Applicants directly. If you do want to contact the Applicants directly, you can reach out to Drew Janke at Minnesota Power (djanke@minnesotapower.com) or 218-355-3569.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Thank you,

Saarah Maxon

Energy Facilities Planner

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To: [Johnson, Emily \(She/Her/Hers\) \(PUC\)](#)
Subject: Proposed power line Arrowhead 345kv Transmission Line
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information coming from Minnesota power, they plan on building another power line in the Corridor of the existing line. Minnesota power will be needing to get easements for the new line.

We are willing to grant Minnesota power and easement on the south west side of the existing line, but not the north east side. Too much of our property would be consumed by the right of way if it were on the north east side Our view and our reason for living where we chose to live since 1975 would be destroyed. We will not tolerate having such a large electromagnetic field closer to where we live.

If Minnesota power chooses to try to pursue an easement on the north east side of the existing powerline I believe the court system would agree with our objections. The south west side of the existing powerline would be much more desirable economically anyway since it would be over existing fields

It would be cheaper to build since there are no trees to remove, and the maintenance of the right away would be minimal. We do not allow any spraying of our current easement and will not in the future which means constant mechanical brushing.

When does an individual land owner have any rights over their property when confronting Black rock which owns

Minnesota power the world's largest asset manager company that's sole purpose is to make profits for their shareholders that plans on supplying power to the world's largest tech company Google in a proposed data center site in Herman town?

I hope Minnesota power realizes the right path to choose when dealing with NE1/4 of SE1/4 Sec20 Twp54 Rg22.

Mark Miller

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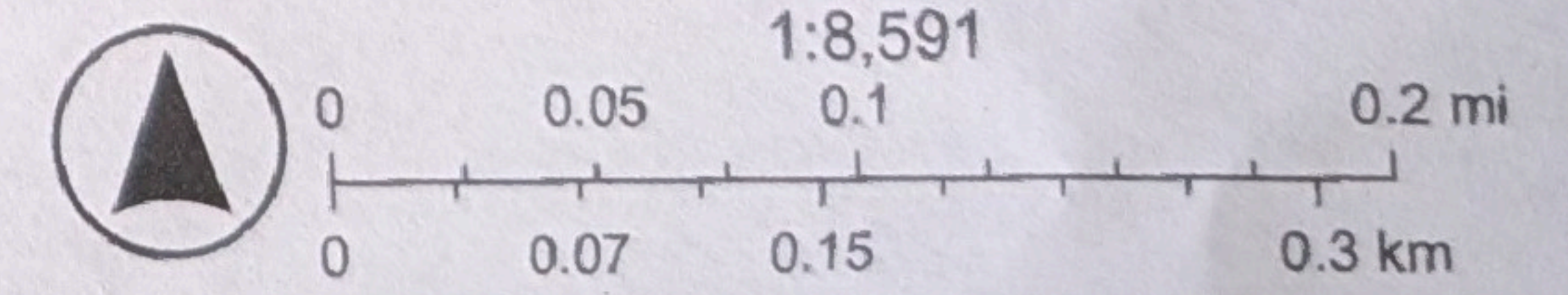
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Segment 1



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To: [Johnson, Emily \(She/Her/Hers\) \(PUC\)](#)
Subject: PUC Docket Comment
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2026 5:36:02 PM

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Hi Emily,

After looking at the proposal more closely, I'm getting more concerned about how this will affect our property. With the 20' expansion on our northern side, we'd be losing the tree line along our north boundary, which is really the only screening we have. That's going to open things up to large transmission lines on the north, and will also ruin our view to the east. It will make us boxed in on 3 sides by their new projects we didn't know about when we moved in... transmission lines on the north and east, and the new substation just to the south. And we're basically one of only a few houses left in our stretch to not be bought out.

I just emailed you about the property at 3755 Sandberg rs they are trying to buy. From what I understand, that property might not even be needed for this configuration, which makes it a little hard to understand how these decisions are being made.

At this point, I do want to be upfront that I would prefer a buyout to at least be considered as an option, given how close we are and how much the character of our property is changing with the added easement and loss of privacy.

Is that something the Commission looks at in situations like this, or is that entirely up to Minnesota Power?

And would you also be able to post the following as a public comment? Thank you:

I am an affected property owner to the proposed ISA Project. Based on the current proposal, the southern right-of-way would be expanded approximately 20 feet into our property, where no transmission easement currently exists.

This expansion would remove the existing tree line along our north boundary, which currently provides screening from the transmission corridor. Loss of this screening would significantly increase visual exposure to multiple high-voltage lines and change the character of the property. A new high voltage transmission line would also obstruct our currently unaltered eastern view. We would be nearly surrounded on 3 sides by the transmission lines, and their new substation. This will significantly affect our property.

There are only a few remaining residences in this segment, and at least one nearby property was previously acquired as part of transmission development. Given the cumulative impacts and proximity to multiple lines, I believe residential impacts in this area warrant careful consideration.

I would ask the Commission to evaluate whether expanding the right-of-way into previously unburdened private property is necessary in this location, and whether alternatives or mitigation measures — including consideration of acquisition in high-impact areas — should be explored.

Thank you for your consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

Iron Range - St. Louis County - Arrowhead 345kV Transmission Line Project

Docket Nos. E015/CN-25-111 and E015/TL-25-112

 Name: RICHARD JOHNSTON
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Please share your comments on the following for the Iron Range - St. Louis County - Arrowhead 345kV Transmission Line Project:

- Are there potential human and environmental impacts or unique characteristics of the proposed project that are not addressed in the environmental assessment prepared by the applicant?
- Are there any methods to mitigate potential impacts of the proposed project that require further evaluation? Are there permit conditions that should be imposed on the project to mitigate potential impacts?
- Are there other ways to meet the stated need for the project, instead of the proposed transmission line? If so, what alternatives to the project should be studied?

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026. NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 PAR. ID. 555-0010-01240

I CURRENTLY CO-OWN PROPERTY WITH FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE PROJECT AREA. THE PROPERTY IS OFF THE ADAMS ROAD NORTH OF FLOODWOOD. I RECENTLY INSPECTED THE AREA. THE NARROWER R.O.W. IS PREFERABLY (60 FT) AND IF MUCH WIDER A GREAT NUMBER OF OLD GROWTH WHITE CEDAR WOULD BE REMOVED. THESE TREES DO NOT GROW FAST LIKE OTHER TREES IN THE AREA. I HAVE TAKEN A PICTURE OF ONE OF MANY OF THESE TREES.

 Signature: Richard Johnston Date: 4/19/2026

Please submit this form at today's meeting or mail it to the address provided on the back. Please use additional sheets as necessary. Comments can also be e-mailed to the Public Utilities Commission Environmental Review Manager, Emily Johnson, at: emily.johnson1@state.mn.us.



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March 31, 2026

TO: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

FROM: Ross R. Voit

RE : Cabin and Powerline placement Section 13, Feely Township, Itasca County, MN
Docket Number: E015/CN-25-111; E015/TL-25-112

The placement of the proposed powerline would greatly affect our cabin. Our cabin is secluded and we have never had any issues with break ins or vandalism due to it. We would like the proposed powerline to go to the NE point of our property and follow our property line S and reconnect to current powerline.

Issues to consider this route:

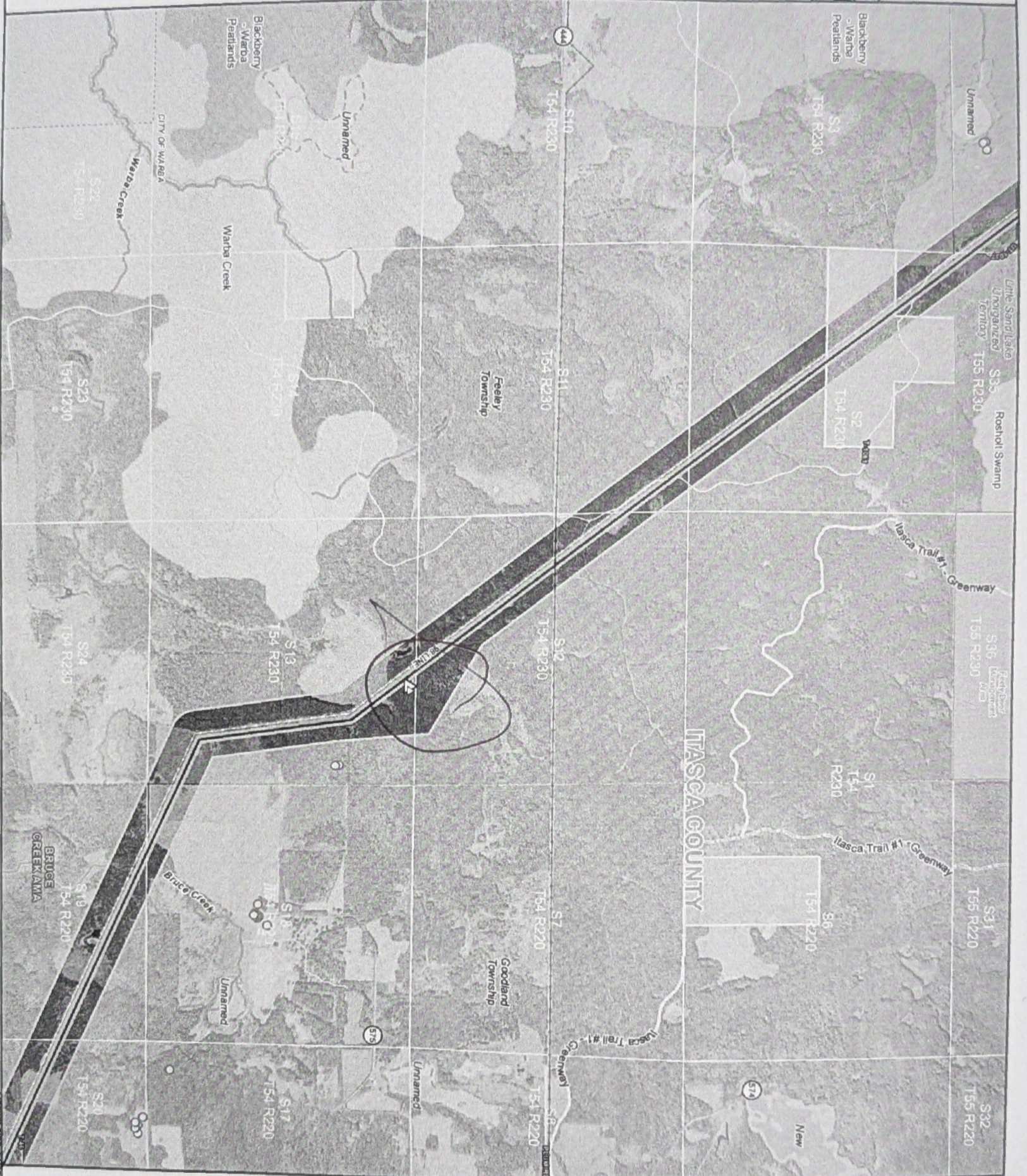
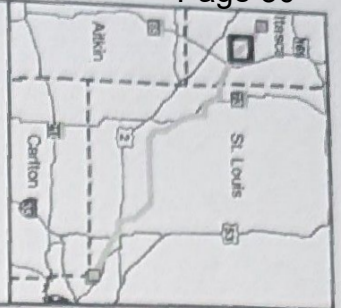
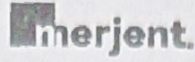
- We don't want cabin to be exposed and under the new powerline.
- We value our privacy.
- Our cabin was there well before proposed powerline.
- Our gate would be useless.
- Change of route would be minimal and beneficial to avoid swamp/wetland.
- Noise of proposed powerline would ruin the tranquility of our cabin.

Items I have attached:

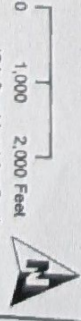
1. Map showing our location.
2. Closer map showing our cabin and swamp/wetland. Also shows easement request to move powerline to the NE corner of our 80 acres.
3. Map shows current power line is 40.5 yards or 120 feet wide, Proposed powerline is to be 120 feet to 150 feet wide, this is the 45.9 yards. Showing trees buffering our cabin and current powerline would be eliminated.
4. A map of a powerline west of Melrose, MN along I-94. Circles are powerline poles that were rerouted around turkey barns.
5. Email sent to Drew Janke with explanation of our concerns.

Thanks for your time. My contact information is 320-260-3788, rossvoit64@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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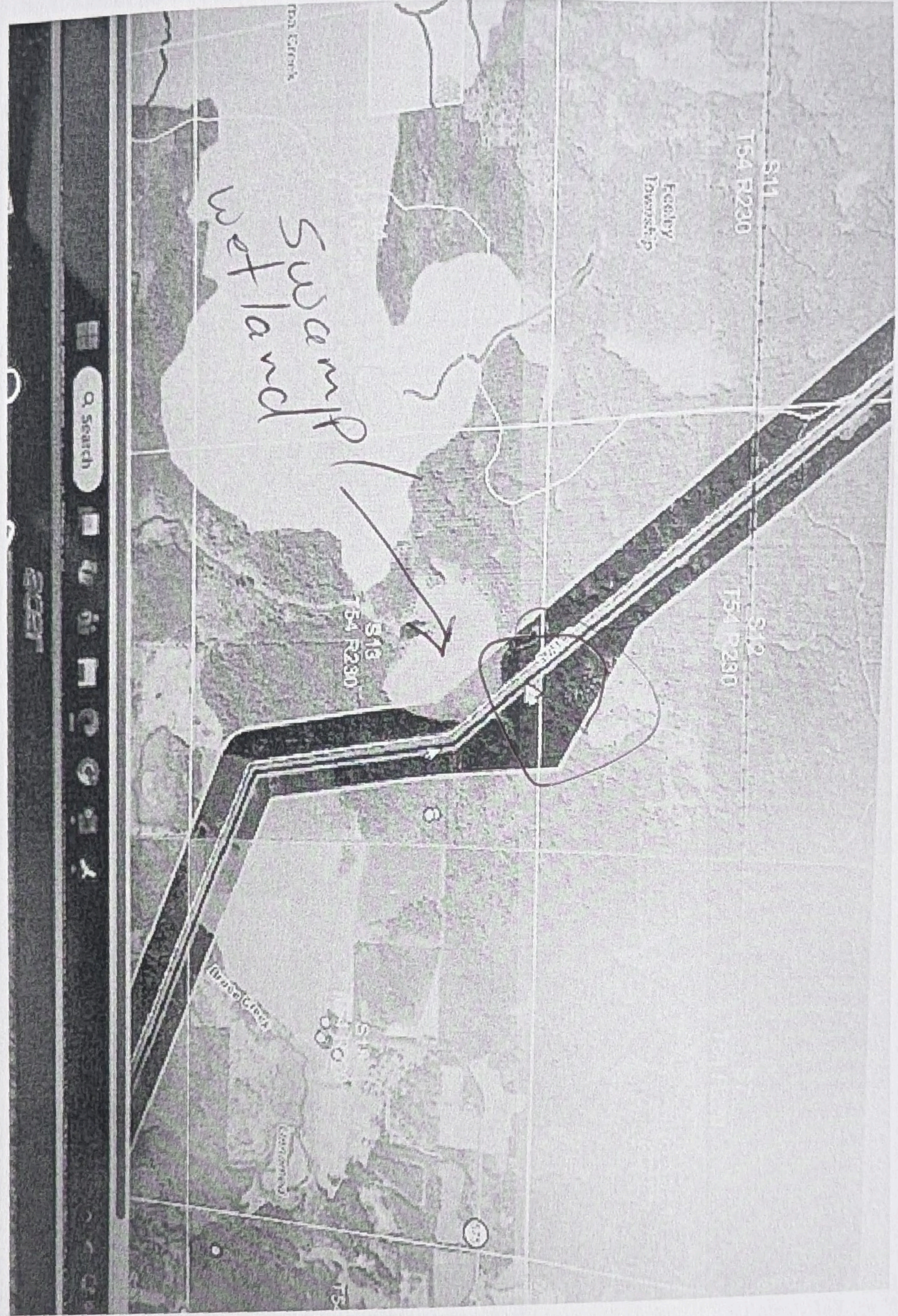
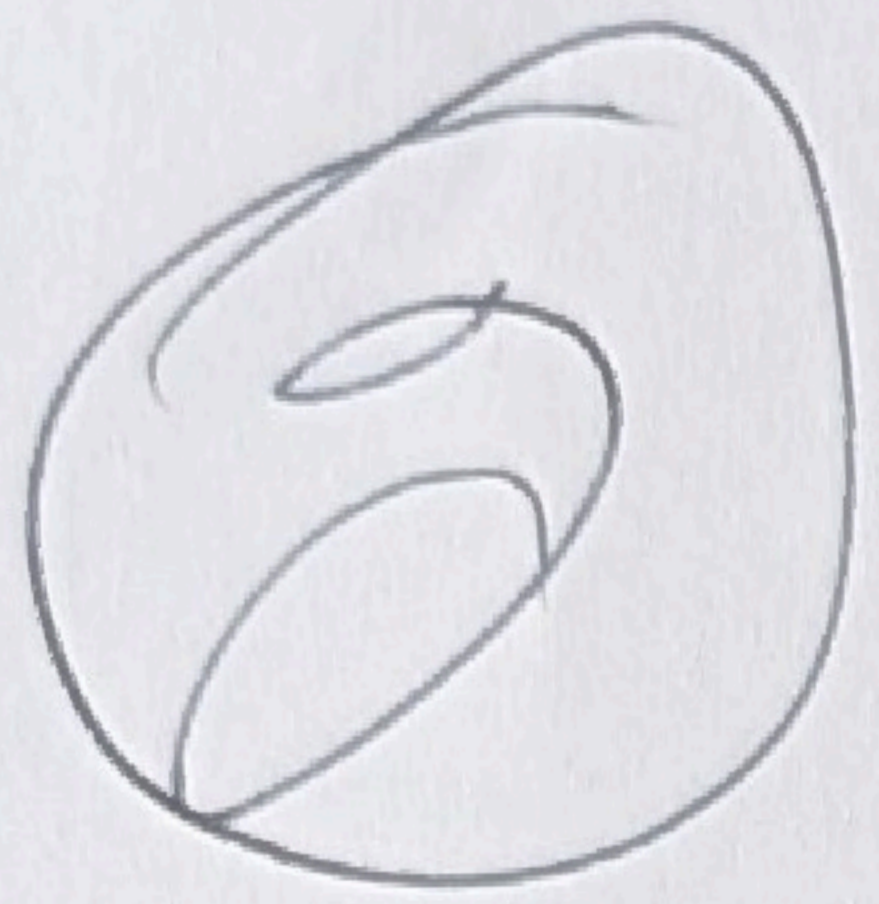


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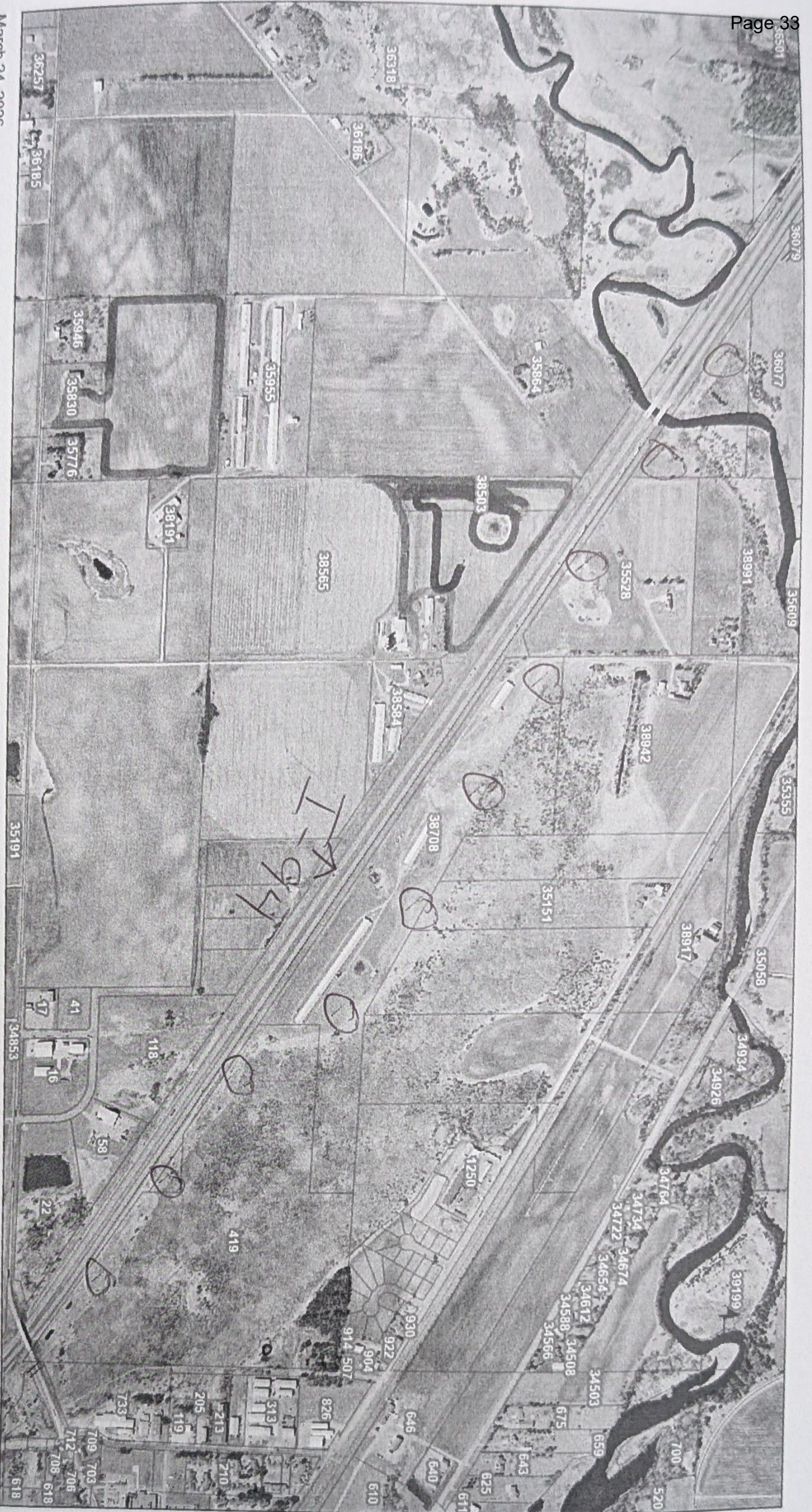


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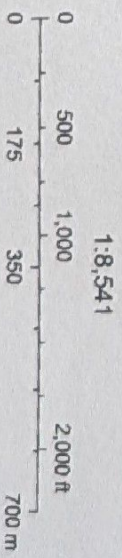
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Ross Voit

From: Ross Voit <ross@advantageoneins.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 3:57 PM
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Drew, thanks for coming and meeting with us about our concerns on the placement of the powerline. As we discussed our preferred location would be on the South/West side of the current powerline. However if it ends up being on the North/East side it would greatly affect our property. As we showed you, and you can see attached screen shot of location of our cabin, if you were to widen the current powerline easement it would expose our cabin as we have about 100 feet of trees between our cabins yard and the current powerline for privacy, this would be lost and our cabin would be exposed to the powerline and it would ruin our view as it would be darn near on top of our cabin thus affecting the scenery and much more, the value of our property. Attached are pictures of our wood shed and the tree line that would be destroyed should powerline be installed there. Another benefit of going to our East property line is that there is an area where there was logging done about 3-4 years ago so those trees are not mature yet.

A much better option for that was brought up by our neighbor, Neil Radiach, would be to go off the current powerline to the west of us and go to our North/East property line then South along our East property line and connect to the current powerline and continue from there, I have attached a sketch of this option as a visual, I am not that computer literate to do it that way. This would protect our privacy and affect the value of our property minimally. You would not have to cross the current powerline as you said would be very expensive, this option would maybe add one pole to the powerline and protect our property rights.

We purchased this property 28 years ago with two other couples and built the cabin and have owned it since then with a lot of memories being made there. At the time we purchased the property Blandin Paper company was logging the property the north of where we built the cabin. I order to protect our privacy they left trees within 100' of our property line to preserve our privacy. The other two couples have built new cabins within two miles of our cabin and we purchased their shares so we own it alone. We plan to create more memories in the future at the cabin and want to maintain the privacy that we have enjoyed up to this point.

If you have any other thoughts or questions please let me know. Again, I appreciate your time visiting on this. Also, if you or anyone else would like to visit our property again just let me know, we live three hours away but this is too important to us to not take a drive to preserve our property.

ISA 345 kV Project land owner comments 04/23/2026:

- Steven Parker and Lori Parker

We are writing these comments to show that we are 'Against this 345kV Transmission Line' from being placed through our properties in St. Louis County. It is simply being pushed upon us along with the general public having no real say or strong position to appose this large corporation who is going to make millions of dollars from all of us. We will pay more out of our pocket than what is shown in the permit. Minnesotans are not the key targeted benefactors from this transmission lines, majority of the power is intended to supply states to the east of Minnesota. Another non-win for Minnesotans.

This transmission line does not benefit the local property owners in positive way.

- Control of our property is being taken from us
 - From what I have seen just on the Access Agreement once signed Minnesota Power is given authority to perform any task and allow anyone that they deem necessary. Who owns the property after signing these agreements?
 - Access Agreement appears to be a legal document but is not going to be recorded. Does not make sense.
- Useable property is being taken from us
- Property values are going to be impacted negatively, massive transmission poles are not cosmetically pleasing
- Do not believe that the stated health impacts are as minimal as shown

Here are our parcels listed from North to South from Highway 2:

- 275-0010-00845, 16.92 acres, in current proposed segment 2 requested route
 - Currently has DC line and 98 lines going through it.
- 275-0010-01020, 40 acres, in current proposed segment 2 requested route
 - Currently has DC line and 98 lines going through it.
- 275-0010-01070, 40 acres
 - Currently has DC line going through it.

Parcel 275-0010-00845 already has two transmission line easements and one distribution line easement. With this new 345kV transmission line it would be three transmission line easements along with the one distribution line easement making our 292-0010-00845 parcel greatly reduced in useable property and in property value. Parcel 275-0010-01020 currently has two transmission lines going through it. The current two transmission lines (DC line and the existing 98 lines) split taking more property than two transmission lines running side by side in parallel. It will also have three transmission lines going through it but with new 345kV taking

additional property than the existing 98 line after they split apart requiring more property to be consumed.

- We see that the permit application showing that property values only being impacted negatively 1-10 percent. Just another fact that we find stated greatly in Minnesota Power's favor in their application.

Since our properties already have the DC line and the 98 lines going through them, a third line will take the most probable building site from 275-0010-00845 and make the eastern edge of 275-0010-01020 almost not usable.

The existing easement for the DC line and the 98 line was measured at the last meeting at consuming around 12 acres of our three parcels. With the new 345kV line another 3 acres may be lost. This is around 15 acres of land consumed just by transmission lines or 14.54 percent of our land. That is a lot of land to own with limited use for us and Minnesota Power having major control over for very little investment. Also, when looking at our Parcel 275-0010-00845 which is 16.92 acres already is impacted over 30 percent with the two existing transmission lines and the one local distribution line before adding the third transmission line. These easements are not intended for a short period of time, they don't have an end date.

Our preference would to not have this new line run through our property at all but instead run parallel a long side the existing 9 line farther to the north. This is the only other route option for us that would keep the new transmission line from going through our property.

Because of the location of our property and the type of access it has, it will most likely be a targeted access point not just for our properties but also for adjacent parcels to the east. This will impact our use and allow access to anyone Minnesota Power deems necessary to perform whatever tasks deemed necessary and potentially create excessive damage to our property. If damage is caused to how we access and navigate through our properties it can not and must not wait to be restored until after project has been completed. We expect our property be left in current like conditions or better. How we access our property off of Highway 2 is into our parking area that contains a gate and an old driveway to a farm that used to have buildings that were located below the DC line just to the west of where it crosses our eastern border of parcel 275-0010-01070.

Yes, there are laws to protect us landowners from this type of land takeover but they do not favor us very much and put us in a strong position and still greatly favor the large corporations and makes most landowners so they don't meet the requirements of 'Buy the Farm'. Much of the land that this transmission line runs through from our perspective is not farm land.

Early on in these comments it was mentioned about how Minnesota Power is going to benefit from our property more than we will. The employees of both Minnesota Power and the contractors that will work on the construction of the section of the transmission line that just goes through our property will probably make as much or more than what we will get in what is considered a one-time fair reasonable offer.

In closing we feel that the land that our family has used for over 50 years and our future use is being taken from us to enjoy and use the way we want to use it and having to give it away to Minnesota Power for them to use as they see fit. Many of the landowners feel that they can't or don't have a voice to fight what seems to be a no-win scenario to keep their land so they settle out of fear of getting something instead of nothing.

Steven Parker and Lori Parker