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Mr. James Sullivan,

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20249-21005-02 Response to Comments on the EA (James E. Sullivan EERA
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I do not see a response addressing the fact that land deforested by The Northland Reliability Project is permanently lost to future agricultural use. Your paragraph 14 talks of the permanence of forestry impacts because forest crops cannot be grown under power lines as compared to farming. However, there is no acknowledgement that the deforestation method, proposed for this project, leaves subterranean stumps that do not allow plowing, disking, or planting of agricultural crops. This differs from other, older transmission line projects where the tree stumpage was removed, including the existing line area which the proposed project will border. land cleared for the proposed 345kv transmission line easement areas will **NOT** be usable for agricultural purposes. Why is this fact being ignored?

Thank You,

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