

PC 12-1163

**From:** John & Ann [mailto:[lucky.finder@frontier.com](mailto:lucky.finder@frontier.com)]

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 19, 2012 4:53 AM

**Subject:** PUC Docket 12-1163 - Great Northern Transmission Line

Dear Doctor Harr - Executive Secretary State of Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,

The following is for your consideration and review regarding PUC Docket 12-1163 - Great Northern Transmission Line:

I have to question the planning process that brought this proposal forward.

When there are trade secrets involved in a project supposedly in the public interest, it seems to me to be a potential conflict of interests. I would like to know what kind and type of information is being kept as a trade secret for a project that if approved will be considered for all intents and purposes a public project. Perhaps there is no justifiable need for a public project; perhaps the Great Northern Transmission Line would more reasonably be considered a private industry project.

What is the urgency to short circuit the process by exempting the applicant from providing information that would demonstrate need?

Why should the process and requirements be altered? The process was put in place for the good of the public.

If the applicant is exempted from providing the information then if a concerned party, ratepayer whose bill could be impacted by the cost of this proposed infrastructure or citizen asking about any of the information that would demonstrate need will be told the information was exempted and the applicant will not provide the information.

Exempting the applicant from providing reasonable information as laid out in Minnesota law does not serve the public.

If alternatives are brought forward, complete information will be needed to compare the benefits of various proposals. These are complex systems and there likely would be pros and cons to various alternatives where one may be determined to be the better alternative overall.

Thank you for thinking about this. Please include this in the PUC Docket 12-1163.

Regards,

John Dunn  
Mauston, WI