

PC 12-1163

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In Re: Proposed high voltage transmission line

*Great Northern Transmission Line connecting Manitoba to
Hermantown MN*
PUC Project # 12-1163

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to bring to light some great concerns for residents of Grand Lake Township, St. Louis County and the State of Minnesota. MPL, an Allete company, is or has proposed a high voltage transmission line from Manitoba, Canada through Northern Minnesota to a sub-station in Hermantown, MN.

My questions and concerns about this proposal are:

1. How much is my land being devalued from this line and how much are my taxes being reduced accordingly?
2. What will or are the decreased land values resulting from this project doing to St. Louis County and Grand Lake Township revenues?
3. Is MPL paying every land owner, including the State, County, and Townships, for every cord of logs that cannot be grown every year from now to eternity?
4. Environmental and economic issues are many. All paper products from newsprint to copy paper to tissue are made from the wood products that will not be available on this swath of land. In addition, there will be an environmental impact on the ground water not only from the construction but from the future spraying of herbicides to stop tree and vegetation growth. The swath of land taken is 400 miles long and 400 feet wide. Additionally, there will be 150 foot towers littering the landscape. Health issues include the effect of the electromagnetic field caused by the lines.
5. What are the new businesses in Duluth that need this line? There are none. MPL transmits KV out of the area right now.
6. Will MPL have to buy swampland to replace that affected by their project?

I will await a reply to my questions and concerns.

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