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From: wsuoja@frontiernet.net [mailto:wsuoja@frontiernet.net]
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2013 10:03 AM
Subject: MPUC Docket No.EO15/CN-12-1163

Dear Mr. Benson:

I own 200 acres of property along the proposed corridor for the new Great Northern Transmission Line. My property is 13 miles North of Nashwauk along the East side of State Highway # 65. The property description is all in TWP 59, RG 22: S. 30, Lot 4; S. 31, Lot 1; S. 31, NE NW; S. 31, NW NE ; S. 30, SW SE. This property has been in the family name for over 80 years, and I have been maintaining it as my hunting property for decades. Just for your information, I will NOT grant easements for access or maintenance on my property.

Please keep me on your mailing list as Wayne D. Suoja, 1029 Eales Road, Tower, MN 55790

Thank you,
Wayne Suoja

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September 14, 2013

Dear Sirs,

We live at 7643 Harvest RD NE, Blackduck, MN., (Obrien Township). This is our permanent, year around residence. When we built here, we were told by the electric coop that it would cost \$122,000 to bring in electric. Needless to say, we opted to use wind/solar power with back up generator.

For the past 7 years we have been off grid. With the wind/solar power, we have experienced significant expense. Batteries cost \$5000, and need to be replaced every 6 years which we did last year. We have gone through 4 generators and many warranties are not honored for off grid use. In addition to the expense, living this way has been very stressful. During the winter, on cloudy, calm days, we need to use the generator frequently.

We have told you this to say, that now, just the idea of high power lines close to our property is not only an irony, but offensive. It never entered our mind that we would be "stakeholders", and it is astounding to know that we are stakeholders and will be affected by Great Northern Transmission Line. Probably no other land owners in our county have lived off grid. **Our home is 2.5 miles from any other residence. To the south, there is 3 miles of state land, to the east and west there is 2.5 miles farm land, and to the north all the way to Hwy 1 there is 3 miles of recreational land.** Just being able to see the lines will be a constant reminder that the big power companies are helping others but excluding us.

As we not only live here, our work is bringing "at risk" young people to our ranch, and the peace and beauty of our property has a quieting effect on them in addition to our other out door activities. We bought this "remote" property with this in mind. Just seeing the power lines will interfere with that. Our home faces north and we would like to continue enjoying the beauty around us. **Surely, with all of the uninhabited land around us there are other options.**

In addition to interfering with our livelihood, visual power lines will greatly diminish our home and property value.

We have not persevered to live here to have power lines around. We ask that you not only consider what we have said, **but pursue other options.**

Sincerely yours,

John + Linda Keers
John and Linda Keers

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From: Susan Lisell [<mailto:gjslisell@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2013 9:20 PM

Subject: Minnesota Power application for the Great Northern Transmission Line,

I live in Roseau County, Malung Township and I oppose the proposed route that has the corridor going through Malung Township, Section 27.

I own the land in that section and the land is used for my beef cow/calf operation. I do not want my cattle herd subjected to a power line above the grazing area where there is the potential for the reproductive cycles to be affected and possibly other health concerns.

I am also concerned with the farming of the land when the pasture is in rotation with farm crops as the lines would hinder aerial spraying and also I do not want to have to farm around the towers.

There is a homestead on the corridor border also and I do not want the line near or in the visual sight of the building where people are living.

Furthermore, I oppose the Great Northern Transmission Line being built anyway in Northwestern MN.

I ask for your support in opposing the application for Minnesota Power to proceed with plans to build the line.

I can be reached at 218-452-0081 if you have questions for me.

Susan Lisell

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