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Please see attached...Thank you!

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Betsy C. D'Angelo



SWCA Environmental Consultants
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December 19, 2016

Greetings:



My property lies on the "northern corridor" for the proposed transmission lines, which would be built on the east side of my house. Here is a photo of a pine relict that grows on the west side of my house. Nearby at Governor Dodge State Park, which is also on the northern corridor, there are more relicts. They are also found on the "southern corridor," the most notable and largest one in my area being the Ridgeway Pine Relict State Natural Area.

Pine relicts go back 12,000 years to the time of the last glacier. Remnants exist today only on "islands" of steep slopes and rocky cliffs in the Driftless Area of Southwestern Wisconsin. The plants at ground level are an unusual mixture of both northern species — from their origins in a colder and wetter climate, — and southern species.

The existence of rare pine relicts is just one of many reasons why transmission lines should not be constructed anywhere in the Driftless Area. There is no energy need that justifies ruining a unique landscape.

Sincerely,

Betsy C. D'Angelo

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Comments:

I urge the RUS Scoping Team to educate themselves about the Driftless Area. It is the only part of North America that escaped glaciation, which makes it unique - both geologically and environmentally.

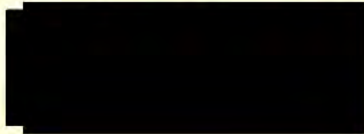
I know of NO public benefit to be derived from these transmission lines that would justify putting the Driftless Area at risk.

It deserves to be protected, not exploited by big business.

Betsy DiAngelo

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Betsy Curtis D'Angelo



November 2, 2016

Greetings to Rural Utilities Services:

I am with a group named Driftless Defenders. In May myself and four friends in Dodgeville Township set up a meeting to talk about the transmission lines with our neighbors. Expecting perhaps thirty people to come from Pleasant Ridge we were astounded when over 70 people showed up, from all over Dodgeville plus three surrounding towns. Realizing how widespread the opposition was to these lines, we formed Driftless Defenders. Our membership has grown to around 100 people.

We have been spreading the word and informing the public about the transmission lines by attending parades talking one-on-one with people at various events, distributing our literature, and maintaining a FaceBook page. Attached is our literature which includes our reasons for opposing these lines.

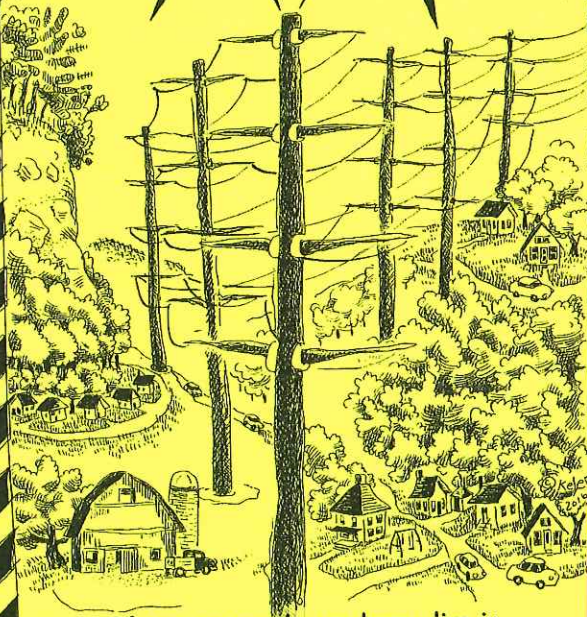
I urge you to consider the many many ways these lines will negatively affect our landscape, ecosystem, businesses, and quality of life. I know of no greater public good that would be derived from these lines that would justify ruining the Driftless Area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betsy C. D'Angelo".

Betsy D'Angelo

NO High Voltage Towers



If you, or people you know, live in
Arena, Barneveld, Belmont, Black Earth,
Cross Plains, Dodgeville, Eden, Blue Mounds,
Brigham, Cobb, Highland, Linden, Livingston,
Middleton, Mifflin, Mineral Point, Montfort,
Rewey, Ridgeway, Spring Green, Springdale,
Vermont, Wingsville or Wyoming,
you can see how close the planned tower
path comes to your home at
<https://m.facebook.com/Driftless2016>

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Driftless Defenders

We are a coalition of landowners and friends dedicated to protecting the geologically unique Driftless Area.

We oppose the construction of high-voltage electric transmission towers and lines through our rural towns, villages, and beautiful Driftless Area by American Transmission Company, ITC Midwest, and Dairyland Power Cooperative.

To join us in our opposition and learn more, contact DriftlessDefenders@gmail.com

Visit us on FaceBook
<https://m.facebook.com/Driftless2016/>
and you'll find the map of planned towers.

State your opposition by emailing ATC:
info@cardinal-hickorycreek.com

or with snail mail:
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Madison, Wisconsin 53791-8601

Tell your elected officials
how this will affect your voting.

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Not For The Driftless Area!

Driftless Defenders

We are a coalition of citizens dedicated to stopping the construction of high voltage transmission lines through the unique Driftless Area of Wisconsin.

We oppose ATC's building of 345,000 volt transmission lines for the following reasons:

UNNECESSARY

The demand for electricity in Wisconsin and adjacent states has been flat or in decline in recent years.

HUGELY EXPENSIVE

Estimated \$500 - \$700 million for construction alone!

INCREASED ENERGY COSTS

We, the utility customers, will be forced to pay for this project on our electric bills while ATC investors will receive a 10.2% guaranteed annual rate of return.

LOSS OF REAL ESTATE VALUE

Real estate will be devalued and difficult to sell since no one wants to live under or near these huge, ugly, and noisy lines.

NEGATIVE IMPACT ON TOURISM

Businesses will suffer when the area loses its scenic appeal.

DESTRUCTION OF OUR ENVIRONMENT

The beauty of our unique landscape and the character of our rural towns will be radically and permanently altered by the presence of massive, industrial-looking steel poles and wires. Corridors 125 miles long and 150 feet wide will be clear cut and regularly treated with herbicide.

Help us defeat ATC's project!

Spread the word.

Join our group.

Contact your elected officials.

Send a comment to ATC: info@cardinal-hickory.com

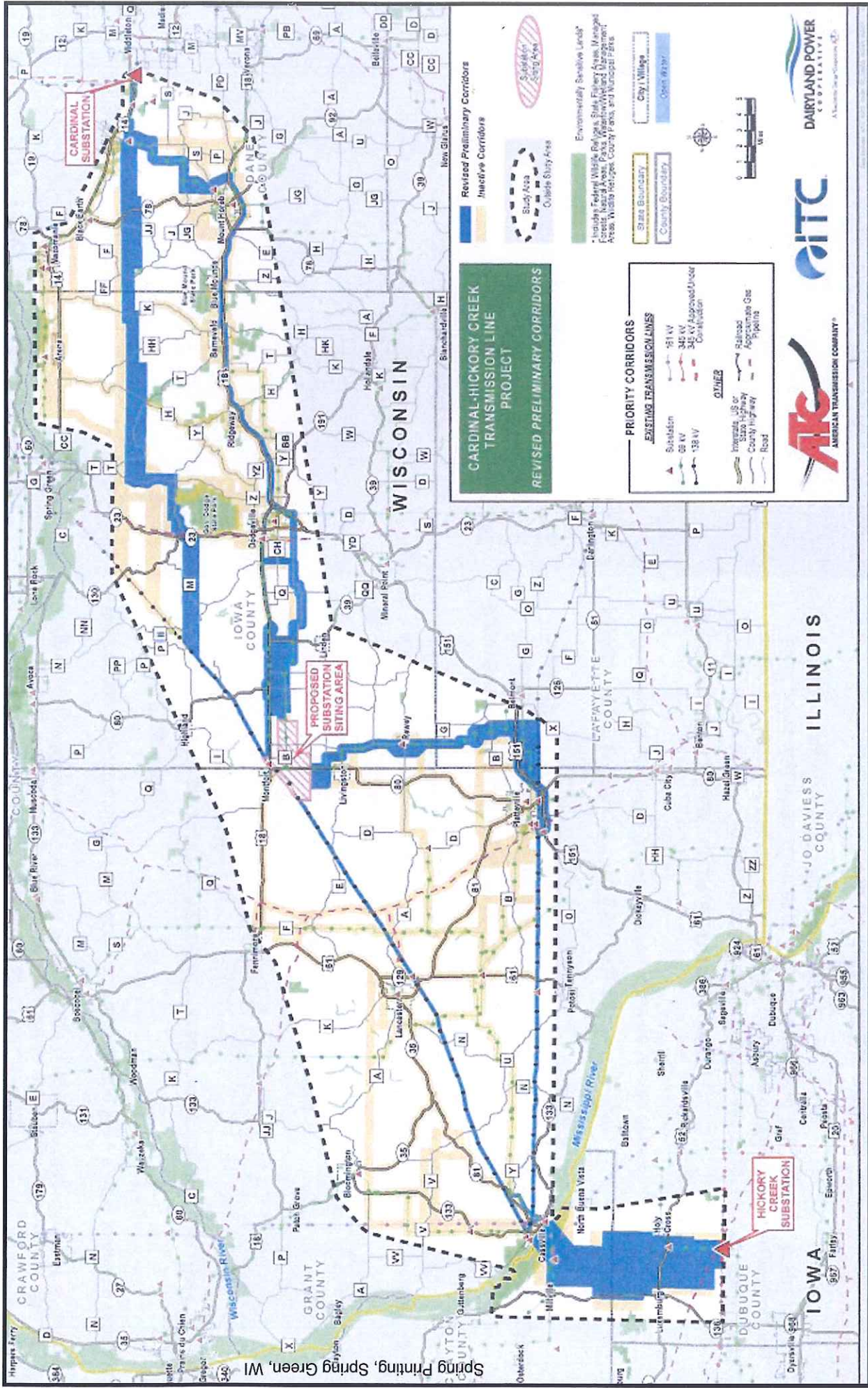
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ATC 345,000 volt transmission line, Douglas County, WI



Blue = Proposed routes of high-voltage transmission towers and lines that ATC, ITC, and Dairyland Power want to construct from Dubuque, Iowa, to Middleton, Wisconsin.

More information at DriftlessDefenders.com

- **The Driftless Area •**
Glaciers never stripped this land.
Why should

American Transmission Company?



Help us STOP them!

DriftlessDefenders.com

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- **Driftless Defenders •**

From: Betsy D'Angelo
To: comments@CardinalHickoryCreekEIS.us
Subject: Cardinal-Hickory Creek Transmission Line Project
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 6:31:34 PM

Dear SWCA Environmental Consultants:

From my house I have the good fortune to look out upon this deep ravine that terminates into a rock bluff from which water seeps and creates a stream below. It provides the perfect example for me to explain my reasons for not building transmission lines here or any other place in the Driftless Area:



Visual Resources and Environmental Justice

This ravine is a place of beauty, wonder, and awe which becomes even more special when a seasonal waterfall is created by snow melt or heavy rains that cascade over the rock bluff. The proposed transmission lines will become the backdrop of this viewscape. No longer will it be a place of beauty and wonder that soothes the human spirit. Instead it will be a torment, constantly providing an example of how human beings care more about making money than they do about preserving natural places, that they think only of themselves in the moment and do not consider the future and what kind of environment they are leaving to their children and grandchildren.

Nothing I read proves to me that the transmission lines are needed to provide my fellow citizens with energy, so how can anyone justify destroying the Driftless Area with unsightly and noisy transmission lines? The topography of the Driftless constantly reveals hidden gems like my ravine. This unglaciated land deserves to be revered and protected, and future generations deserve to benefit from having natural places that will give them joy and refresh their spirit.

Visual Resources, Environmental Justice, Noise, and Eminent Domain

I could not possibly live here, driving under transmission lines to get to my house and then looking at them day and night from my house and deck. It will make me crazy, seeing the land I love come to this fate after my late husband and I nurtured and enjoyed it for 36 years. In addition to the heartbreak of leaving my home and land, my retirement income will be seriously compromised because the sale price will be diminished due to the transmission lines. **What gives a private company the right to take my land and reduce the value of my property when it is providing nothing for the common good?**

Special Status Species, Vegetation, Wildlife, Geology and Soils

My land shelters important species. The ravine provides the perfect habitat for the Ornate Box Turtle, *Terrapene ornata*, which is an endangered reptile. Walking ferns, which are an unusual fern, grow in the ravine. Bald eagles sometimes feed just over the horizon in my fields that border County Road ZZ.

Soils, Vegetation, Wildlife, Surface Water and Groundwater, Air Quality, Land Use

The green area between the trees and the horizon was seeded this Spring in Pollinator Friendly Habitat. The seed had not even germinated when I received the letter announcing the proposal to build the transmission line on my land. Even with the help of cost share from CRP, seeding 21 acres was a major

investment on my part A lot of the money I spent will be wasted because native plants will be killed by the herbicides that will be used to maintain the ROWs I now have a total of 30 acres planted in prairie Among other tools, I use fire to manage them Representatives at the ATC Open House knew nothing about prairie fires or how to manage a prairie under the lines **I am doing my best to prevent soil erosion, provide habitat, and improve water and air quality. The transmission lines do not go hand-in-hand with those objectives.**

Safety, Socioeconomics, Environmental Justice

If you look closely at this picture you see trees that are battered and trees with their tops twisted off That's because an EF2 force tornado roared through here on June 29, 2014 and destroyed 80% of the trees in my woods and around my house County Road ZZ, which used to be heavily wooded, is now almost devoid of trees Power poles were down for miles **I am extremely frightened of what would happen to transmission towers and lines during a tornado.** It is also extremely demoralizing for myself and my neighbors, who for over two years have been rebuilding structures and cleaning up tornado debris, to discover the final reward for our hard work and perseverance will be to look at massive steel poles planted on our land and deal with the **decline in our property value** Is there no justice?

Visual Resources, Socioeconomics

The transmission lines are proposed to come down County ZZ, which borders Governor Dodge State Park, and runs along the top of a ridge aptly named Pleasant Ridge From the park when you look north toward ZZ the view is of the beautiful, towering rock bluffs that border ZZ Gov Dodge is one of the most popular parks in the state People visiting it will not want nor do they deserve to see transmission lines running across the top of those beautiful bluffs **Tourism will be negatively impacted when the area loses its beauty.** The consequence will be that **businesses and our economy will suffer.** My own **personal finances will suffer** because the property I own along ZZ will significantly decline in value In addition, we are forced to pay for the transmission lines as part of our inflated energy bills while the investors in the lines will be making 10 2% profit Once again, is there no justice?

I thank you for your work in drafting the EIS I ask you to respect my concerns and those of others who care about our precious land and deny funds to Dairyland Power

Sincerely,

Betsy D'Angelo

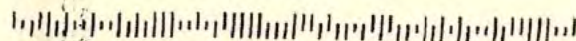


(owner of property on both County Road Z and ZZ
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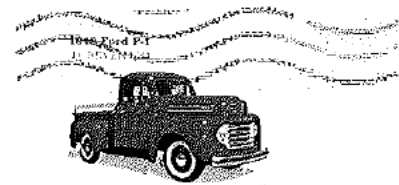
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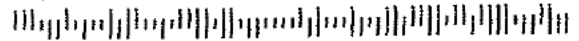
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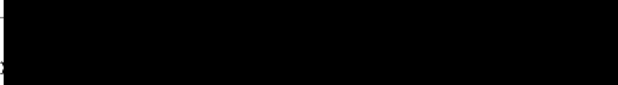
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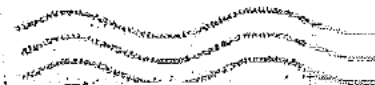
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Comments:

Our friends live in Vermont Valley Township.

In their neighborhood several are using solar + wind as their local + alternative power generation.

Studies show declining energy use in their area.

It also greatly concerns me that in the construction of these transmission towers an increased rate will show up in my electric bill!

I am emphatically opposed.

A.J. Daughtry Krill

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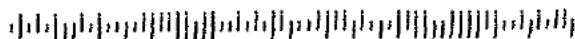


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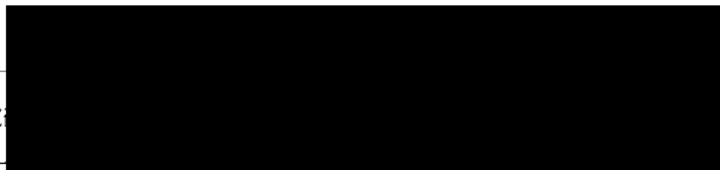
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Carolyn Daughtry-Krill

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Friends of ours - who I have known my entire life moved to Vermont Valley Township, WI 21 years ago.

I have visited them frequently + so ~~are~~ ^{am} quite familiar with their property, + the beautiful Driftless Area.

So when they informed me of the proposed transmission lines which would run through such a sensitive environmental area - quite frankly I couldn't believe what they were telling me.

I stand with them in being totally opposed to the project.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Daughtry-Krill

Last Name Day First Name Molly

Individual Family Business Frequent Visitor

Street [REDACTED]
 City [REDACTED]

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 For scan and email to
 comments@CardinalHickoryCreekEIS.us
 Deadline: January 6, 2017

Years of residence in area: 9 Positions held and/or responsibilities assumed in my community:

1. I have marked impacts of concern regarding the high voltage transmission option:

Loss of Property Value	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Loss/diminished Environmental Assets		Loss of Tourism Related Business	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Loss of Business Income	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Affects on Rare & Endangered Habitats	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Impacts on Rising Energy Costs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Affects on Personal Health		Affects on Rare & Endangered Animals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Impacts on Energy Self-Reliance	
Affects on Others Health		Affects on Rare & Endangered Plants		Compromises on Local Economy	
Affects on my Livestock		Affects on Raptors & Waterfowl		Loss/diminished Cultural Assets	
Affects of Electro-magnetic Fields & Noise	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Affects on Activities associated with Surface and Ground Water		Impacts on Religious, Personal Values or Cultural Assets	

2. Itemized concerns I have about the high voltage transmission proposal:

Environmental Impacts I am concerned about (water bodies, animals, plants, habitats)	Town located in
<u>birds particularly woodpeckers</u>	<u>Wyoming Township</u>

Businesses negatively impacted by loss of tourism and arrested residential/business growth.	Town located in

Cultural and health impacts of concern (religion, historical assets, age, health conditions)	Town located in

3. Energy Investment Priorities	Agree	Disagree
4. As an electric customer, I prefer investments in targeted energy efficiency, load management and distributed generation such as solar-support at substations instead of high voltage transmission and request that the EIS include comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of these non transmission alternatives.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signature Molly Day Date 11/27/10
 I am aware that my comments, including my address and contact information, are subject to be included in the EIS report.

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Organization (if any): DRIFTLESS SOLAR LLC

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THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON TOURISM WILL BE SIGNIFICANT. WE GET THOUSANDS OF BICYCLISTS THROUGH THE ROUTE(S) EVERY YEAR. YOU KNOW BICYCLISTS, WHAT BICYCLIST WANTS TO RIDE UNDER HUMMING TOWERS, OR LOOK AT THEM, DROPPED INTO THE SCENERY.

THE NUMBER OF JOBS LOST DUE TO REDUCED TOURISM NEEDS TO BE ESTIMATED FOR A 5, 10, 20, 40% REDUCTION IN TOURIST VOLUME.

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INSTEAD OF SPENDING THE MONEY ON ANOTHER, AND UNNEEDED TRANSMISSION LINE, SPEND IT ON GRID SECURITY, BOTH WITH RESPECT TO VULNERABILITY TO TERRORISM, AND WITH RESPECT TO RESILIENCY IN THE FACE OF UNEXPECTED LOAD/SUPPLY CHANGES DUE TO NATURAL CAUSES, ACCIDENTS, AND EQUIPMENT FAILURES. VULNERABILITY SHOULD BE ADDRESSED WITH TOWER AND SUBSTATION SECURITY, BOTH PHYSICAL AND CYBERSECURITY. RESILIENCY SHOULD BE ADDRESSED THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF A SMART GRID. THE LEVEL OF SMARTNESS OF THE GRID IN GERMANY, FOR INSTANCE, HAS BENEFITED FROM TWO DECADES OF DEVELOPMENT, AND A FEDERAL GOAL OF 50% RENEWABLES IS PRESENTING NO GRID STABILITY ISSUES WITH 20% CURRENT IMPLEMENTATION.

IN SUMMARY, CONSIDER:

- GRID SECURITY, PHYSICAL AND CYBER, OF ALL NODES, INCLUDING TOWERS
- GRID 'SMARTNESS' OR INTELLIGENT RESILIENCY IN THE FACE OF CHANGING POWER SUPPLY, LOAD, AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

- MICHAEL DEARINGS

TOWN OF LODGEVILLE
DRIFTLESS SOLAR LLC

2 November 2016

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RUS Committee Members:

Subject: Scope of the Environmental Impact Statement for the Cardinal-Hickory-Creek Transmission Line

I am concerned about the impact of the transmission line on us, our property, our businesses, and our Driftless region. These are some points of my concern:

1. I am not convinced that there is a need for this transmission line.
 1. The past 5 years have shown flat and declining demand and the future projects a greater decline.
 2. Current actual and planned supply is more than adequate for our needs, and WI's local solar growth doubles yearly.
 3. This line does nothing to enhance the security of our grid; it is mere redundancy rather than a step toward a smart grid.
2. I do not want to pay for this line, either through my taxes or through electric rates, due to its economic impact on our area.
 1. Tourism is a major industry in this area. Any negative impact on tourism makes it even harder on a rural area.
 2. Lower property values would deliver the second hit on the area.
 3. People move to this area for one reason, the natural beauty of the Driftless area. These newcomers help support our schools and infrastructure through their taxes. This line will deter these people from coming.
3. I ask you to consider the full, cumulative scope of environmental impacts of the line on the Driftless Area,
 1. harm to vital conservation areas
 2. degradation of clean streams
 3. degradation of wildlife habitat
 4. degradation of other important natural resources
 5. disruption of unique and beautiful landscapes
 6. impairment of conservation projects and easements

From: Andrea Bahe
To: comments@cardinalhickorycreekeis.us
Subject: ATC Powerline
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 7:05:33 PM

Please include this letter in the Cardinal-Hickory Creek EIS:

Hello:

My friends Gary and Nancy Cox bought their family's property in rural Vermont Township WI 21 years ago. Their 40 acres - which includes the only upland nesting cover for the wetland below them- lie within the Driftless Area. They have been stewarding it very carefully; establishing native prairie, using organic methods as they garden, doing all they can - as they respect and honor this unique area. Nancy is a visual artist and she has done countless paintings celebrating the beauty there.

Three ice ages have not threatened the Driftless Area. It is ironic that property owners there have this gorgeous and environmentally sensitive land threatened by ATC's proposal of huge ugly electric transmission powerlines.

But many besides property owners are concerned. Bikers use their roads as their routes. Tourism is growing, it's becoming an increasingly important driver of economic growth. Transmission towers and lines that disrupt the scenic landscapes and parks will negatively impact the desirability of this area as a tourist destination.

I am concerned about the impact the construction and maintenance of the power line will have on the cold water fisheries and surrounding wetlands of the proposed route. East Branch of Blue Mounds, Elvers Creek and Vermont Creek and other small tributaries would be affected. Wisconsin DNR has put in a considerable amount of time and taxpayer money improving these streams in recent years which shows the state's valuation of this resource. Native brook trout and planted rainbows and browns depend on these sensitive cold water streams for survival. The surrounding wetlands are extensive and home to a variety of birds like wood ducks, mallards, sandhill cranes, shorebirds, kingfisher, yellow warbler. Mammals like mink, beaver, muskrats, fox and weasels are frequently seen here. Clearing a path for the powerline through the nearby upland woods could easily cause excessive runoff to these streams and be detrimental to the fish that live there and the fish in Black Earth Creek that are fed by these smaller tributaries. Black Earth Creek is a major tourist draw for the area bringing in anglers from the Midwest, Montana, California, Pennsylvania and New York.

While fishing these creeks Gary often sees insects like Karner Blue and Regal Fritillary that are an endangered species.

Reptiles like endangered frogs and turtles are likely present here also. The surrounding open meadows host Least Flycatcher, Red-tailed Hawk, turkey, pheasant, and Sharp-shinned Hawks.

Surrounding woods are home to Great Horned Owl, grey owls, pileated woodpecker, grouse Red-headed Woodpecker, Loggerhead Shrike and American Woodcock.

Migrating birds that use this area on their way through: scarlet tanager, cerulean warbler, orioles, grossbeak, Prothonotary Warbler, indigo bunting.

Another area of concern to these fragile ecosystems is the possibility of introduction of invasive species during the construction phase and subsequent maintenance work.

I ask that an analysis be completed to determine whether a combination of non-transmission alternatives- new local wind and solar generation, energy efficiency, storage, demand response- would meet actual electrical demand at a lower cost both economically and environmentally. Please consider less damaging alternatives such as upgrading existing low-voltage transmission lines or routing lines outside the Driftless Area to satisfy any genuine energy demand.

Decreased property value, higher monthly bills for rate payers for years to come, lack of need-supply exceeds demand in the WI electrical power market, proposed routes conflict with WI Siting Standards... I see these lines as nothing but negative and am firmly opposed.

Andrea Debbink

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Enclosed are 9 signed EIS Scoping forms that were filled by residents of Wyoming Township, Iowa County, WI. The proposed Northern route for the CHC transmission line runs across this Township. Based on feedback, most Township residents are opposed to this Northern route because this is a rural region that is located in the heart of the unglaciated Driftless region of the Midwest. Its economy is dependent on tourism and recreation. Running 15-18 story transmission towers across this region would ruin its scenic beauty and endanger fragile plant and animal species.

If possible, please send me an email to acknowledge receipt of these RIS forms. You can also contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,


Mary M. Kritz



Last Name Dejak First Name Kathryn

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Would you prefer to be contacted via email Yes / No

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 Or scan and email to
 comments@CardinalHickoryCreekEIS.us
 Deadline: January 6, 2017

Years of residence in area: _____ Positions held and/or responsibilities assumed in my community: _____

1. I have marked impacts of concern regarding the high voltage transmission option:

Property Value	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Assets		Tourism Related Business	
Business Income	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rare & Endangered Habitats	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rising Energy Costs	
Personal Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rare & Endangered Animals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Energy Self-Reliance	
Others Health	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rare & Endangered Plants	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Local Economy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
my Livestock	<input type="checkbox"/>	Raptors & Waterfowl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cultural Assets	
Electro-magnetic Fields & Noise	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Activities associated with Surface and Ground Water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Religious, Personal Values or Cultural Assets	

2. Itemized concerns I have about the high voltage transmission proposal:

Environmental Impacts I am concerned about (water bodies, animals, plants, habitats)	Town located in
Businesses negatively impacted by loss of tourism and arrested residential/business growth.	Town located in
Cultural and health impacts of concern (religion, historical assets, age, health conditions)	Town located in

3. Energy Investment Priorities 4. As an electric customer, I prefer investments in targeted energy efficiency, load management and distributed generation such as solar-support at substations instead of high voltage transmission and request that the EIS include comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of these non transmission alternatives.	Agree	Disagree
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signature Kathryn Dejak KATHYRN DEJAK Date 12-3-16
 I am aware that my comments, including my address and contact information, are subject to be included in the EIS report.

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WE VALUE CLEAN, PURE AIR AND SURROUNDINGS UNCLUTTERED BY UNNECESSARY AND UNSUSTAINABLE VESTIGES OF OBSOLETE AND UNSUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGY.

THE PROPOSED AMERICAN TRANSMISSION LINE CALLED CARDINAL HICKORY CREEK APPEARS TO BE COSTLY, UNSUSTAINABLE, UNATTRACTIVE, AND UNNECESSARY.

IT'S APPROPRIATE FOR AT&T TO PROVIDE A COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS ON THEIR PROPOSAL, AND TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY CAN'T DO BETTER FOR LESS COST TO YOGA PRACTICING RATE PAYERS AND ALL OTHER RATE PAYERS IN THE DRIFTLESS AREA OF SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN.

PLEASE EXPLAIN BELOW WHAT YOU CONSIDER TO BE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT(S) OF THE 125 MILE CARDINAL HICKORY CREEK TRANSMISSION LINE _____

DATE 11/3/16 YOUR NAME Delores Walz
ADDRESS _____

Environmental Scoping Session for Cardinal Hickory Creek.
November 2nd, 2016 4-7:00
Dodgeville Middle School Cafeteria, 951 /Chapel St., Dodgeville, WI 53533



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Years of residence in area: 46 Positions held and/or responsibilities assumed in my community:
Town of Wyoming planning commission (at beginning), poll worker

1. I have marked impacts of concern regarding the high voltage transmission option:

Loss of Property Value	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loss/diminished Environmental Assets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loss of Tourism Related Business
Loss of Business Income	Affects on Rare & Endangered Habitats	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Impacts on Rising Energy Costs
Affects on Personal Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affects on Rare & Endangered Animals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Impacts on Energy Self-Reliance
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Cultural and health impacts of concern (religion, historical assets, age, health conditions)	Town located in

3. Energy Investment Priorities	Agree	Disagree
4. As an electric customer, I prefer investments in targeted energy efficiency, load management and distributed generation such as solar-support at substations instead of high voltage transmission and request that the EIS include comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of these non transmission alternatives.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signature Laurie Derse Date 11/20/16

I am aware that my comments, including my address and contact information, are subject to be included in the EIS report.

From: Duane Deutmeyer
To: comments@CardinalHickoryCreekEIS.us
Subject: Our comments regarding the proposed Cardinal Hickory Creek transmission line
Date: Thursday, January 05, 2017 10:56:14 PM

[REDACTED] n 6 acres of property at [REDACTED]. Both the City of [REDACTED] fall within or near the proposed corridors for the Cardinal Hickory Creek CHC transmission line. Please record our concerns contained in this email and also record the three supporting documents attached to this email.

1. The electric utility companies, including Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., American Transmission Company, ITC Midwest LLC and Dairyland Power Cooperative, referred to here as the "Utilities", should not be the parties which determine the need for future electric transmission capacity and additional transmission lines in this area. That determination should be made by an independent private or governmental entity with input from all parties impacted by such a determination.
2. The Utilities should not be guaranteed a profit on the construction and implementation of transmission lines. We know of no companies in this area that ever get any guarantee of profitability, much less a very generous rate such as the 10% ROI that is being granted on the CHC project.
3. We do not believe that the Utilities are being honest about the projected need for electricity and transmission capacity in this area. Information from other sources states that demand for electricity in this area has been flat or declining in recent years and that the declining trend is expected to continue. Again, the determination of need should be made by an independent entity.
4. We need to explore other better, more cost-effective alternatives to electricity being brought in from other areas via high voltage transmission lines.
5. We need to invest in the production of electricity locally via wind or solar power as an alternative to energy brought in via high voltage transmission lines.
6. The consumers of electricity in our local area should not have to pay for the construction of the proposed transmission line since we are not the people/companies that will directly use or benefit from that electric power.
7. The transmission line routes proposed by the Utilities conflict with Wisconsin Citing Standards.
8. Construction of transmission lines within the routes proposed by the Utilities will certainly cause environmental, cultural, and esthetic damage to the local area known as the "Driftless Area".
9. The unsightly appearance of massive transmission poles or towers and their supporting easements and maintenance roads will have a negative effect on the visual appeal of this area. That negative impact will include loss of revenues to both private and public entities in this area.
10. The cumulative negative effects of the proposed transmission line will result in decreased property values in areas surrounding the transmission lines

11. The expected amount that landowners will be compensated for the destruction of their land, the restricted use of their lands subjected to easements, the negative effects to their livelihoods, and the negative effects to family history and heritage is ridiculously low. The easement process is nothing more than legalized theft.

12. Two neighbors immediately adjacent to our Miess Road property have had their water wells collapse in very recent years due to the geology in this area. We need assurances that construction of transmission lines in this area will not cause further damage.

13. The Driftless Area, and our Miess Road property as well, supports broad areas of 100+ year old oak trees. The value of those oaks (and other old forest stands) goes far beyond the mere value of the trees for lumber or firewood. We feel that the construction of the proposed transmission line should NOT be allowed to destroy old stands of forest.

14. Our Miess Road property (a mere 6 acres) is part of a subdivision dating back to the 1980's. That subdivision is made up of 12 separate properties ranging in size from 2.5 to 19.4 acres. The construction of a transmission line through any of these small properties would virtually destroy the monetary and esthetic value of any given property. Please record document entitled "Map of subdivision at [REDACTED], Dodgeville, WI".

15. Adjoining our Miess Road property (and also within the proposed corridor) there is a dwelling constructed as a Bed and Breakfast. That property looks out over an astonishing panorama that typifies the Driftless Area. The hills and valleys can be seen for as much as 15 miles. The construction of a transmission line next to that property would, again, virtually destroy the monetary and esthetic value, and income potential of that property.

16. White Nose Syndrome which generally destroys bat populations has been discovered in this area in the past two years. As such, local bat populations are on a rapid decline. One species of bat, the Eastern Pipistrelle, is of specific concern for population decline. In recent years, an outhouse on our Miess Road property has been the summer roosting place for a small group of Eastern Pipistrelle bats. An article was written about "our" bats in the January 2016 issue of the Wisconsin DNR Bat Program publication entitled "ECHOLOCATOR". Please record the attached two documents entitled "WI DNR Bat Program ECHOLOCATOR Jan 2016 - Cover" and "WI DNR Bat Program ECHOLOCATOR Jan 2016 - Article".

17. We are all very fond of Governor Dodge State Park which is located about 3 miles north of Dodgeville. The proposed northern corridor for the transmission lines runs along the northern border of the park along Iowa County Road ZZ. That northern edge of the park is characterized by massive rock cliffs. Those beautiful rock formations are a favorite for park visitors. Approximately 500,000 people visit the park each year. The sight of a string of transmission towers behind those rock cliffs would ruin the raw beauty of that area and negatively impact the many visitors to the park!

In conclusion, we believe that the proposed transmission line is not needed and, even if it were, that other more earth-friendly, more cost-effective alternatives should be explored and given priority. The beauty of the Driftless Area should not be scarred by the construction of the proposed Cardinal Hickory Creek CHC transmission line. You can never "undestroy" such natural beauty as is seen in this area!

Thank you for including our comments in the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement.

Sincerely,

Duane Deutmeyer
Jennifer Nugent
Henry Schickel
Ian (Jack) Schickel

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Street [REDACTED]
 City [REDACTED]

Years of residence in area: 15 Positions held and/or responsibilities assumed in my community:
Wyoming Township Planning Commission

1. I have marked impacts of concern regarding the high voltage transmission option:

Loss of Property Value	Loss/diminished Environmental Assets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Loss of Tourism Related Business	
Loss of Business Income	Affects on Rare & Endangered Habitats	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Impacts on Rising Energy Costs	
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2. Itemized concerns I have about the high voltage transmission proposal:

Environmental Impacts I am concerned about (water bodies, animals, plants, habitats)	Town located in
<u>Yes, concerned about all potential environmental impacts and need to see a thorough EIS before I can get specific. Also worried about aesthetic impact. We already have enough</u>	<u>Iowa County, WI</u>
Businesses negatively impacted by loss of tourism and arrested residential/business growth.	Town located in
<u>transmission lines and towers. The beauty of this landscape is increasingly diminished by UGL structures.</u>	
Cultural and health impacts of concern (religion, historical assets, age, health conditions)	Town located in
<u>Again, need to see an EIS analysis. ALSO: why is proposed HVT even needed at all? Are there no viable options?</u>	<u>Iowa County, WI</u>
3. Energy Investment Priorities	Agree <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>

4. As an electric customer, I prefer investments in targeted energy efficiency, load management and distributed generation such as solar-support at substations instead of high voltage transmission and request that the EIS include comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of these non transmission alternatives.

Signature [Signature] Date 12/8/2016

I am aware that my comments, including my address and contact information, are subject to be included in the EIS report.

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From: Michael Dolan
To: comments@CardinalHickoryCreekEIS.us
Subject: Comment on ATC transmission line
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 8:25:27 PM

Hello,

My name is Michael Dolan and I operate Seven Seeds Farm on county rd Z in Spring Green by the pleasant ridge store. I believe the landscape and local community would be devastated by the Cardinal-Hickory Creek transmission line for various reasons. First, there is no denying that it will devalue the land as well as decrease tourism of the amazing driftless area. Second, this transmission line create soil erosion and contaminate our water, the weeds will most likely be managed with herbicides around the transmission lines and with our hilly terrain that will lead to soil runoff and the atrazine and glyphosate used to control weeds will contaminate our group water. Lastly, although there may not be much research I can't help to think that the transmission lines will affect the productivity of our farm. I have great concern with this project and am strongly opposed to it.

Thanks, Michael

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Name: Lea Dolan Stroncker

Organization (if any): Seven Seed farm

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Email address: _____



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Public Scoping Period Comment Card

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Comments: I live on Seven Seeds farm located on Pleasant
Bridle

As a 10th Generation farmer of
Seven Seed farm, I am strongly
opposed to this project. for the simple
reason that my family has spent
all their lives as stewards of the
beautiful driftless farm. 10 years
ago I was able to purchase
this property from my mother
and transition it to a full
functioning organic farm. We
are also part of a watershed
project aimed at preventing nutrient
run off which ends up in the
Gulf of Mexico. We have planted
12,000 trees in alleys with a
keyline in place. We have Meudt
Creek located on our farm which
is only active in the spring or
in a wet year. The creek feeds
into a larger spring fed creek and
is surrounded by conventional farms
that are contributing to the problem
in the Gulf. This project threatens
our certifications (MOSA organic, Animal Welfare
Approved & USDA Organic) by spraying the
150ft+ swath that maintains these lines.
We also are a destination for agritourism
for Corps, School groups, among others
who care about our mission and healthy
products we sell. My soul is in this
land as I follow in my Grandparents
footsteps to live with the land, not mine it.

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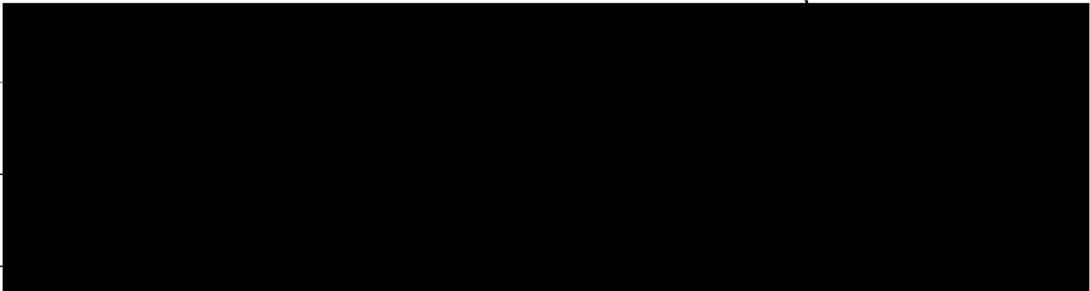
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Comments:

My Family has lived at 5079/5077 County Road 2 since the 1880s. Our family farm has evolved to be a sustainable organic farm based on heavy Agri Tourism. Our on farm store is heavily visited as it is closed to Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin. Many tourists visit our farm throughout the year. I am unable to image the devastating impact the ATC power lines would have on our business and us personally. We at Seven Seeds Farm are vigorously opposed to this unneeded project.

Totally Opposed to the ATC Line.

It would Desecrate the Scenic Distless Area

From: [REDACTED]
To: comments@cardinalhickorycreekeis.us
Subject: Comments on proposed line
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 9:43:16 AM

As residents of Dane County's Town of Vermont, Wisconsin, my wife Anne and I would like to register our opposition to the proposed American Transmission Company (ATC) power-line route that would run through a portion of our township. We oppose the lines in general – in our view, ATC and the power industry as a whole have failed to establish the need for the massive lines being built across the upper Midwest – but if a line ultimately is built in this region, we feel it should be built in an area already scarred by a massive infrastructure undertaking, i.e., the Highway 18-151 corridor.

The power industry has exhibited an unwillingness to think outside the box to create a power grid that is LESS centralized and as such less vulnerable to seismic and climatic events, not to mention terrorism.

The figure we have seen is that these lines are designed to last roughly 40 years: Who knows what technological advances will occur with respect to power consumption and distribution over the next four decades? Will homes have their own battery and generation systems? Almost assuredly. Just think of what has happened to technology in general over the past four decades. In 1977, computers barely existed: now we carry computers around in our pockets that are a million times more powerful than those first desktop models. It appears to us that the power industry in building these lines is essentially locking us all into technology that could very soon be obsolete, all in the name of shareholder profits. In so doing, it will essentially stifle innovation, which is already in short supply thanks to a profit-driven power industry. In our opinion, this money would be much better spent on creating solar and wind systems and other alternative technologies that would supplement conventional power generation, as well as improving our current distribution system.

I'm going to be 63 soon, and when I was a kid, there were no eagles flying in south-central Wisconsin. When DDT was banned, however, they began to repopulate in the northern part of the state, and in the 1970s, they began migrating south to roost along the Wisconsin River near Prairie du Sac. They discovered there was a hydroelectric dam there that kept the water open when the rest of the river was iced over, providing a winter food source. Virtually all of those first pioneers continued to nest upstate, however.

I guess it got crowded up there, because more and more, eagles are nesting in our area. We now see them year-round in the Black Earth and Vermont valleys. I wonder what an endless column of ridiculously large power lines would mean to these birds, or to the elegant sandhill cranes that have also rebounded here in recent years. These are just examples; countless other species are re-establishing to join our existing flora and fauna in western Dane County and along the protected riverway. This area relies to a great extent on tourism, and a line of massive power towers will do nothing to enhance its natural beauty.

We ask that alternatives be thoroughly explored. If this thing goes through, especially through an area that currently is rural and essentially pristine, the entire region will face declining property values and a damaged tourism industry, not to mention higher monthly

bills for ratepayers for decades to come. All this would be despite the fact that supply currently exceeds demand in Wisconsin, thanks to improved efficiency and individual generation systems. It makes no sense, and appears to benefit only those who want to build it.

John Donaldson



From: [john duffey](mailto:john.duffey)
To: comments@cardinalhickorycreekeis.us
Subject: Local Impact
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 11:30:07 AM

The CHC project, and others like it, jeopardize energy security by narrowing power supply to fewer and fewer "players". Likewise consumer choice and diversity is restricted. There is no tangible benefit to residents along the line, and indeed, we will probably bear much of the cost for CHC. And worse still is the environmental destruction of our unique region and the deflated property values that will accompany.

Thanks,
John Duffey

From: BERNARD C EASTERDAY
To: comments@CardinalHickoryCreekEIS.us
Subject: Public Scoping Cardinal-Hickory Creek Transmission Line Project
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 12:00:52 PM
Attachments: [Cardinal-Hickory Creek Scoping.pdf](#)

From: [REDACTED]
To: comments@cardinalhickorycreekeis.us
Subject: Cardinal-Hickory Creek EIS
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 9:45:56 PM
Attachments: [EIS.pdf](#)

January 2, 2017
SWCA Environmental Consultants
Attn Cardinal-Hickory Creek EIS
200 Bursca Dr.
Suite 207
Bridgeville, PA 15017

To Whom It May Concern:

We are contacting you concerning the proposed Cardinal-Hickory Creek transmission line.

We are Madison residents who own 3 acres of land 5 miles northwest of Dodgeville [REDACTED] [of 9]). As long-time admirers of the Driftless area, we had hoped to buy a place of our own some day, a retreat for our family and a place for our two growing sons to be in nature, climb a tree, shoot a bow and arrow, walk the dogs. Seven years ago, after an extensive search, we found a spot: 3 acres on a ridge, with a cabin, rock outcroppings and a sweet view across bucolic fields. Perfect for us. We are people of moderate means who scrimped and saved toward this goal; buying this modest place was a stretch for us, but a long-time dream for our family, so we did it. Finally, as of this past summer, we own it outright--just as we hear the news of the transmission line.

Our rural retreat is literally fully contained in the blue line of the proposed northern route. That is not an exaggeration. If the transmission line is built, the 150-foot swath of easement would likely cut through our 3 acres that is a long north-south property. 15-story high 345-kilovolt lines would tower over our property and/or that of our neighbors. Imagine that. We have many small acreage neighbors on this ridge, along with a few farmers who have more land that they depend upon for their livelihood. That's more than 10 families in about a quarter square mile that would be negatively impacted. There would be nowhere to hide from the line, plus the visual sight and electric field that emanates from it in all directions. Our retreat and lifelong dream, as well as our investment, would quite literally disappear.

We ask that you investigate whether another high-voltage power line is necessary. Has ATC/ITC proven the need? Our understanding is that energy use in Wisconsin is flat. This power line would cut a 125 mile path through an area that won't be serviced

directly, yet the people living in the shadows of these towers are the ones paying for them through increased electrical rates over the next thirty years. And this is the eighth rate-raising transmission line project in Wisconsin in a decade.

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We oppose the Cardinal-Hickory Creek transmission line.

Sincerely,

Amy Edge and Jack Sayre

January 2, 2017

SWCA Environmental Consultants
Attn Cardinal-Hickory Creek EIS
200 Bursca Dr.
Suite 207
Bridgeville, PA 15017

To Whom It May Concern:

We are contacting you concerning the proposed Cardinal-Hickory Creek transmission line.

We are Madison residents who own 3 acres of land 5 miles northwest of Dodgeville ([redacted] [of 9]). As long-time admirers of the Driftless area, we had hoped to buy a place of our own some day, a retreat for our family and a place for our two growing sons to be in nature, climb a tree, shoot a bow and arrow, walk the dogs. Seven years ago, after an extensive search, we found a spot: 3 acres on a ridge, with a cabin, rock outcroppings and a sweet view across bucolic fields. Perfect for us. We are people of moderate means who scrimped and saved toward this goal; buying this modest place was a stretch for us, but a long-time dream for our family, so we did it. Finally, as of this past summer, we own it outright--just as we hear the news of the transmission line.

Our rural retreat is literally fully contained in the blue line of the proposed northern route. That is not an exaggeration. If the transmission line is built, the 150-foot swath of easement would likely cut through our 3 acres that is a long north-south property. 15-story high 345-kilovolt lines would tower over our property and/or that of our neighbors. Imagine that. We have many small acreage neighbors on this ridge, along with a few farmers who have more land that they depend upon for their livelihood. That's more than 10 families in about a quarter square mile that would be negatively impacted. There would be nowhere to hide from the line, plus the visual sight and electric field that emanates from it in all directions. Our retreat and lifelong dream, as well as our investment, would quite literally disappear.

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Last Name Eide First Name Debra

EIS Scoping Input
 Cardinal Hickory Creek
 PSCW Docket 05CE146

Individual Family Business Frequent Visitor

Street [REDACTED]
 City [REDACTED]

Information supplied for USDA/ RUS
 Environmental and Economic Impact
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Years of residence in area: 23 Positions held and/or responsibilities assumed in my community:

Member of Driftless Defenders, Art Teacher Wannakee Sch. Dist.
Building Rep. Wannakee Teachers Union, Negotiation Team Wannakee Teachers
 1. I have marked Impacts of concern regarding the high voltage transmission option: Union, Dept. Chair

Loss of Property Value	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Loss/diminished Environmental Assets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Loss of Tourism Related Business	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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2. Itemized concerns I have about the high voltage transmission proposal:

Environmental Impacts I am concerned about (water bodies, animals, plants, habitats)	Town located in
	<u>Dodgeville</u>
	<u>Township</u>
	<u>Iowa Co.</u>

Businesses negatively impacted by loss of tourism and arrested residential/ business growth.	Town located in

Cultural and health impacts of concern (religion, historical assets, age, health conditions)	Town located in

3. Energy Investment Priorities	Agree	Disagree
I am concerned about rising energy costs. I prefer investment in local, end-user improvements like energy efficiency over investments that increase dependency on utilities and create long term debt.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signature Debra Eide Date 11/2/16

I am Debra Eide. I grew up in Oregon, Illinois in northern Illinois, at the very southern tip of the driftless region, on a very large wooded acreage for which my father was forester. Nature has ALWAYS been a large part of my life, ALWAYS. I was a public school art teacher for 37 years, the last 19 in Wisconsin where I became more involved in Environmental Education, representing my teachers through teachers' union positions and our negotiation team. You see I also have a strong belief in FAIRNESS.

My husband and I have been driving an hour each way to our jobs just so we can live where we do, on the lip of the beautiful and vast Wyoming Valley. When we bought our home with a few acres, we purchased it WITHOUT huge towers and high voltage transmission lines. We moved here to escape that type of crowded, cluttered environment in the city. We moved to a unique and quite land, abundant with wildlife, forests, bluffs and prairies. We very much want our area to remain as it is. For the 23 years we have lived here we have cared for our forest habitat and the lives it supports. For 20 years we have been working on our prairie restoration, and most recently we have created a hopping wetlands habitat. With many many species of frogs, pickerel included. This summer a nest of hawks were hatched right at the edge of our woods. A fledgling landed on our deck rail.

You can see that we have a strong relationship with our land. Our property is long and narrow along County Road Z on the proposed northern ATC route. We are on the blue line. If a transmission line went through our land, it is so narrow that there would barely be anything left of the forest or prairie. And our home would be unhealthily close to the line. But it's not just our own property we are concerned for, this pristine driftless area has already been ravaged and stripped by drought, and then storms and tornadoes. It should not suffer further for the sake of private exploitation through the transmission line project. Is the need that great? Is there really a need at all?

I oppose the ATC, ITC and Dairyland Power, Cardinal-Hickory Creek 345 kilovolt transmission line project because:

- Alternatives to this line have not been adequately explored.
- Is it needed, except for making excessive and unfair profit?
- The environmental impact is enormous. Wildlife already struggling to hold on to the habitat will loose even more at the hands of man. But man can prevent this.
- It certainly is not aesthetically appealing.
- It will harm our tourism industry which is largely based on the beauty of this area.
- The history of this area doesn't include giant electric towers.
- Property values will suffer more than they already have.
- These lines are unhealthy. Who would want to live near one?
- Our people owning land and homes here will have to pay more in rate hikes and receive no advantage from this line, just a nasty scar on the land.

This transmission line is not the right thing to do.

Thank you,



Deb Eide

Active member of
Driftless Defenders

From: DD Eide
To: comments@cardinalhickorycreekeis.us
Subject: Proposed Power Line
Date: Monday, January 02, 2017 4:33:10 PM
Attachments: [Powerline.odt](#)

Please find my attached letter opposing the proposed Cardinal-Hickory Creek power line.

Thank you,
Duane Eide

To Rural Utility Service,

I had the great fortune to grow up in the drift-less in Northeast Iowa. As an adult in 1993 I returned to the drift-less area in Southwest Wisconsin just North of Governor Dodge State Park with my wife and two children. Besides the fact the last glacier did not scour the area, the drift-less area is a spiritual experience for me on a very personal level.

I am opposed to the proposed 345 KV Cardinal-Hickory Creek Transmission Line Project for the following reasons:

- (1) No evidence has been produced to show the transmission line is needed to meet increased demand. Statistics show supply is out-pacing demand.
- (2) Through a program with Alliant Energy, we pay a surcharge to receive half of our electricity from alternate sources. More emphasis in pursuing alternative sources of energy generation should be a priority.
- (3) The residents in the drift-less area in Southwest Wisconsin will be paying increased utility rates for a commodity from which we will receive no benefit.
- (4) The Southwest Wisconsin drift-less is a beautiful area that attracts enormous traffic volume for bicyclists, motor cyclists, auto road rallies, campers, vacationers and the annual Art Tour generating additional income to the area. People come to this area because of its beauty, variety for adventure and not to be reminded what has happened to the land where urban centers now reside.
- (5) Property values for the families that need to sacrifice land for the proposed routes will see a significant decrease in property valuations.
- (6) The environmental impact required to clear the land for the right of way for the proposed route will scar the earth, displace fowl and animal habitats, damage streams and waterways.
- (7) I am concerned about the impact that electromagnetic forces have on living organisms electric balance. More research is necessary to better understand the affect and make better social decisions.

Sincerely,
Duane Eide

From: [REDACTED]
To: comments@cardinalhickorycreekeis.us
Subject: Reasons for opposing the proposed CHC transmission line
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 4:16:43 PM

I am a resident of Iowa county in the driftless region of SW Wisconsin. Although my property is not directly on either of the proposed routes for this transmission line, I am concerned about the multitude of negative impacts that introducing high tension power lines throughout this area would have - the negative economic impact on the many area businesses that rely on visitors and tourism, the negative environment impacts on this unique geological area and its diverse species of plants and animals, not to mention the blight on the landscape that these towers will represent, and finally the property values of the farms and other residents of the area.

These consequences in themselves should be enough to disqualify this effort, but I could possibly come to terms with these disruptions, if it were not for the case that there does not appear to be any legitimate economic rationale for the project in the first place. As citizens, we are supposed to be prepared to sacrifice personal interests for the betterment of all. But in this case, there is no evidence that this project would bring any positive value to the people of Wisconsin or the surrounding areas. All data suggests that electricity usage has been flat for several years and projected to remain that way into the future. The project boasts of its use of alternative energy sources, but when pressed it becomes clear that there is no guarantee of any but minimal use of solar or wind resources and that under any circumstances the vast majority of electricity will come from coal. We don't need more power, and we certainly don't need to encourage more depletion of fossil fuels. On top of that, the people of WI will foot the bill for this project in the form of increased energy rates. As far as I have been able to determine, the only people who stand to profit from this project are the stakeholders and investors in the power companies themselves.

Please add my voice to the many others who are writing to urge the rejection of this project and to encourage the funding of projects aimed directly at improving the quality of life of all not the profit of a few.

Thank you for your attention and consideration,

David Elderbrock
[REDACTED]

Last Name Ellarson First Name Scott

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Cardinal Hickory Creek
PSCW Docket 05CE146

Individual Family Business Frequent Visitor

Additional information supplied for USDA/RUS
Environmental and Economic Impact
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Str [REDACTED]
Cit [REDACTED]

Years of residence in area: 45 Positions held and/or responsibilities assumed in my community:

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2. Itemized concerns I have about the high voltage transmission proposal:

Environmental Impacts I am concerned about (water bodies, animals, plants, habitats)	Town located in
<u>We have 2 identified Blanding Turtle,</u>	<u>Arena</u>
<u>Purple milkweed, Red headed wood</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>peckers on our property</u>	<u>"</u>
	<u>"</u>

Businesses negatively impacted by loss of tourism and arrested residential/business growth.	Town located in
<u>We rely on timber sales - Forest crop</u>	<u>Arena</u>
<u>& property is managed for timber production</u>	
<u>We also have 2 prairie restoration</u>	
<u>areas that we grow every year. We</u>	
<u>had hoped to market home sites</u>	
<u>in the future.</u>	

Cultural and health impacts of concern (religion, historical assets, age, health conditions)	Town located in
<u>We use the land to relax - hunt &</u>	<u>Arena</u>
<u>share with others including cub & boy scout</u>	

3. Energy Investment Priorities	Agree	Disagree
I am concerned about rising energy costs. I prefer investment in local, end-user improvements like energy efficiency over investments that increase dependency on utilities and create long term debt.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signature Scott Ellarson

Date 11-1-16

From: [REDACTED]
To: comments@cardinalhickorycreekeis.us
Subject: Ellarson, 7725 Sweeney Road, Barneveld WI 53507, Jean C. Ellarson Trust, Blackberry Hollow, LLC and Top Field, LLC
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 10:51:24 AM
Attachments: [Cardinal-Hickory_Creek letter\[14342\]\[14565\] final.docx](#)

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

December 15, 2016

Cardinal-Hickory Creek Transmission Line Project

Comments Regarding Preliminary Corridors

To Whom It May Concern,

We live at [REDACTED] and we're very concerned about the possibility of having a powerline placed on our 250 acre family property.

Our family has owned the property since 1964 and it is the central homestead for two families and our decedents. My father was Aldo Leopold's last PHD graduate student and a Professor of Wildlife Ecology at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. When he purchased the property in 1964, his vision was to turn a run-down over grazed and eroded dairy farm back into a vibrant productive ecosystem. That vision has succeeded immensely. Before Dad passed in 1993, he taught our family and so many others how important it is to nurture land back to its predevelopment state so future generations can experience nature. He was extremely proud of its natural biodiverse condition just as we are. Over the years, our family has worked many thousands of hours to maintain the health and biodiversity of our property.

We manage the property for timber production under the forest crop program and for biodiversity. The property was awarded the **Tree Farmer of the Year** award by the **Iowa County Land Conservation Committee** in 2002. The property includes two restored prairies on our ridge tops that we burn on an annual basis to maintain them. The area located between the timber and prairie is managed for oak opening and Red-headed Woodpecker habitat. We have been very successful in attracting and re-establishing a resident Red-headed Woodpecker population. We are very concerned with the thought of a 150' wide swath of mowed vegetation going through our property that we have managed for timber, prairie propagation, and oak savanna restoration along with successful Red-headed Woodpecker habitat restoration.

Our property has been featured on many photos published by the Aldo Leopold Foundation in their phenology calendar and in ***The Leopold Outlook*** magazine. The property hasn't had cattle on it for over 50 years and is a valuable contributor to area ground water and biodiversity.

The DNR has identified our property as home to the Blanding's Turtle, Blanchard's Cricket Frog, Ornate Box Turtle, Bull snakes and endangered Purple Milkweed.

We have four young men in the family that have all gone to UW Stevens Point majoring in the natural sciences and two of them are currently employed by the DNR in Dane and Iowa Counties. They are also

very concerned about the environmental impact of the mowing and de-vegetating for a powerline in a known habitat for endanger or threatened species.

We strongly endorse the idea holding off on the line and if it must be placed doing so in existing utility corridors.

We have decreased our energy consumption by using high efficiency electrical appliances including LED lighting, heating with wood, and have added insulation to our home to improve its efficiency.

Below is a partial list of trees, shrubs, vines, ferns, prairie wildflowers and woodland wildflower species found on our property.

Sincerely,

Scott Ellarson and Bruce Ellarson Co-Trustees of the Jean C Ellarson Trust; member/owners of Blackberry Hollow, LLC and Top Field, LLC located at: [REDACTED]

Additional contact information: [REDACTED]

Trees: Red oak, White oak, Black oak, Burr oak, American elm, Red elm, Black cherry, Choke cherry, Black walnut, Butternut, Shagbark hickory, Cottonwood, Trembling aspen, Large-toothed aspen, Balsam poplar, Silver maple, Box elder, Mulberry, White pine, Red pine, White spruce, Junipers, Green ash, Apple trees, Wild plum, Juneberry, White birch, Sycamore, Tamarack, Red maple, Basswood, Willow and Honey locust.

Shrubs & Vines: American hazel, Prickly ash, Grey dogwood, Silky dogwood, Elderberry, Buckthorn, New Jersey tea, Willow, Blackberry, Black raspberry, Red raspberry, Smooth sumac, Nannyberry, Witch hazel, Wild grape and Virginia creeper.

Ferns: Interrupted fern, Virginia grape fern, Cut leaf fern, Leather leafed grape fern, Maidenhair fern, Polypody fern, Florists fern and Lady fern.

Prairie Wildflowers and Grasses: Blazing star, Rough blazing star, Hoary puccoon, Smooth vervain, Oldfield thistle, 5 varieties of Aster, Prairie bush clover, , Bluebonnets, Pink Prairie phlox, Cup plant, Compass plant, Rosinweed, Prairie dock, Ironweed, Purple prairie clover, White prairie clover, Showy and stiff goldenrods, Dwyers weed, Rattlesnake master, Indian Paintbrush, Purple milkweed, Birdsfoot violet, Seneca snakeroot, Turks cap lily and Large white flowered false indigo. Little bluestem grass, Big bluestem grass, Prairie drop seed, Switchgrass, Indian grass, Cord grass and Pennsylvania sedge.

Woodland Wildflowers: Jacob's ladder, Rue anemone, Jack-in-the-pulpit, Common blue violet, Yellow violet, May apple, Red baneberry, White baneberry, Wild leek, Wild geranium, Bellwort, Trilliums (6 species), Spring beauty, Bloodroot, Hepatica, Indian pipe, Trout lily, Wild phlox, Large yellow lady slipper, Rattlesnake plantain, Adam and Eve orchid, and Showy orchis.

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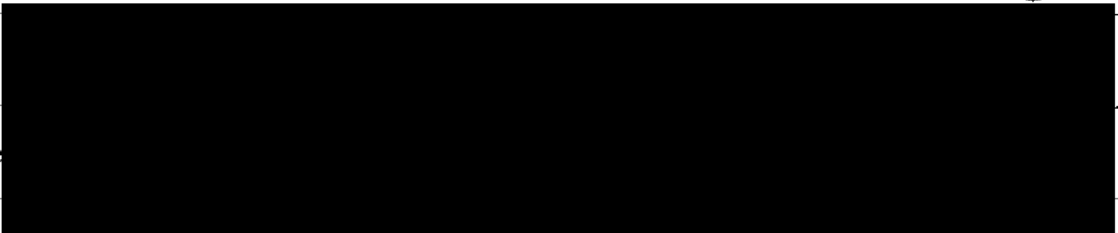
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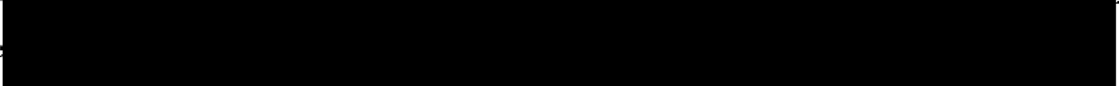
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Thank you for your assistance.

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Name: Louise A. Eperbach

Organization (if any): Seven Seeds Farm

Address: 

City/State: 

Email address: _____

Please note: Before including your address, telephone number, electronic mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, you should be aware that your entire comment (including your personal identifying information) may be made publicly available at any time. Although you can ask us in your comments to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service

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Comments: I am 69+ yrs old and

have lived between Spring Green and Dodgeville on Hwy 21. It is and has always been a beautiful area. I am opposed to large power lines spoiling the scenery. Our place is a 7 generation farm and in the difficult area we have a large herd of cattle grazing our pastures and do not want F M F's grazing our cattle or ourselves. I do not think there is any reason for these lines and big ugly poles. Should bury any lines that are currently on the poles. They are a pox upon the land.

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Individual Family Business Frequent Visitor



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Cardinal Hickory Creek
 Mail to: SWCA Environmental Consultants
 Cardinal Hickory Creek EIS Comments
 200 Bursca Drive suite 207
 Bridgeville, PA 15017
 Or scan and email to
comments@CardinalHickoryCreekEIS.us
 Deadline: January 6, 2017

Notify/update me via email Yes / No _____
 Years of residence in area: 25 Positions held and/or responsibilities assumed in my community: _____

1. I have marked impacts that concern me regarding the high voltage transmission option:

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Use the reverse side or additional pages as needed.

2. Itemized concerns I have about the high voltage transmission proposal:

Environmental Impacts I am concerned about <u>(water bodies, animals, plants, habitats)</u>	Location by Municipality
	Town of Dodgeville Wisconsin

Businesses negatively impacted by loss of tourism and arrested residential/business growth.	Location by Municipality
Tourism farming Crops cattle No one want to buy land next to the metal men	

Cultural and health impacts of concern (religion, historical assets, age, health conditions)	Location by Municipality
Cancers miscarriage leukemia tumors all health issues	

3. Energy Investment Priorities

- A. I am concerned about rising energy costs. I prefer investment in end-user improvements like energy efficiency over investments that increase dependency on utilities and create long-term debt.
- B. I oppose all high voltage transmission options as they would inherently detract from the natural environment and local economies. Should any electrical need be determined, I support a blend of minimal impact alternatives such as targeted energy efficiency, modern load management and distributed generation including solar-support at existing substations.
- C. I request that the Environmental Impact Statement for this proposal include comprehensive, cost-benefit analysis of the lowest impact alternatives. The dollar amount applied to non-transmission investment options, studied alone and in combination, should equal the total cost of the high voltage transmission option assumed by all electric customers over 40 years including construction, financing, operation, maintenance and depreciation.

Signature Leslie A. Evans Date 1-2-17

I am aware that my comments, including my address and contact information, are subject to be included in the EIS report.

Last Name

First Name

Individual / Family / Business / Frequent Visitor

Street Address

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Do you own this property? Yes/No

Do you have a second residence? Yes/No

Do you have any other residences in the area? Yes/No

I have written in detail on the back of this page the high voltage lines in my opinion.

Fields & Noise	Electromagnetic	My Lifestyle	Other Health	Personal Health	Business Income	Property Value	Environmental Aspects	Values or Cultural Assets
							Radio & Ground Water	Religious, Personal
							Radiation & Water	Cultural & Art
							Radio & Ground Water	Local Economy
							Radio & Ground Water	With My Energy Goals
							Radio & Ground Water	High Energy Cost
							Radio & Ground Water	Outstanding Goals

I am concerned about the high voltage lines in my opinion.

Environmental Impact	Water	Soil	Air	Other

I am concerned about the high voltage lines in my opinion.

Business Negatively Impacted	Loss of Tourism	Business Growth

I am concerned about the high voltage lines in my opinion.

Cultural and Historical Values	Historical Landmarks

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Comments:

Wouldnt we better of spending the money on local wind or solar power

Wild life the health of animals have to be the same as humans or worst they can't get away from it endangered + plant life are in risk + animals

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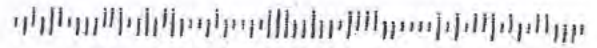
brain tumors
(they cause them) & in other parts
of body
Other health issues
They cause miscarriages/Would u want
this
Childhood leukemia/how would u
like your child to get this
Causes Cancer all different types
Wildlife & plants are affected
domestic Cattle & horse Dog Cats pigs etc
are all affected in the same way. Cancers
tumors miscarriages etc



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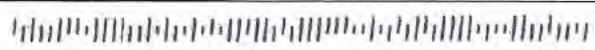


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Comments:

interference landing my airplane
kite flying dunes birds

Will this hurt are well its
442 deep you pound around that
and u will collapse it will a pay to
fix it we live in a historic house

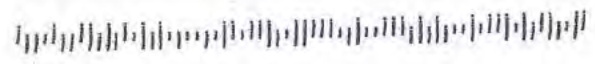
How about the electric Shocks
that they have been known for poor
animals and people



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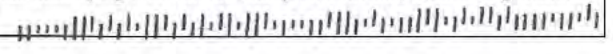


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Destruction of our
Environment

Spraying of herbicide

We just got eagles back and
hawks Bob White whiper wills
Red wing black bird I haven't
seen some of these bird for years
around here

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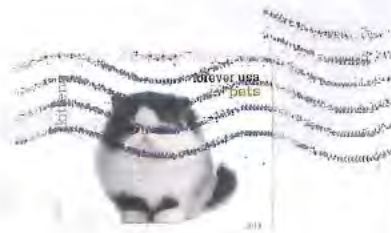
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Comments:

The Wind Noise on the lines this area is very high so the wind noise is going to be constant. hearing lost
thanks

Put it by Taliesin that's where it supposed to go. O it will ruin the beauty of Taliesin I don't give a shit about Taliesin it a burden on the taxpayers of Wis we don't get a damn thing from it put it there

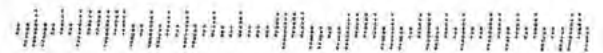
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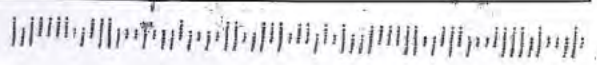


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Destroys the beauty of the land.
And lives

Visual resources theres Great views into
the park down by Wisconsin river
there a rock house, School old Store
Old barns the Nature beauty is incredible

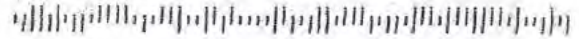
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interferes with my hunting because
I will be eating sick deer from
the power lines brain tumors + tumors
~~the power lines~~ health of wild life poison
the water stray voltage falling ice
noise, add to cancer of all sorts and
other health problems are u going to
pay my doc bills and explain to my kids
why u decided to kill me
We don't want it

put it by the Wisconsin
river that's where it's supposed
to go

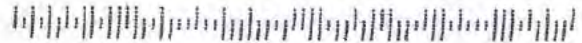
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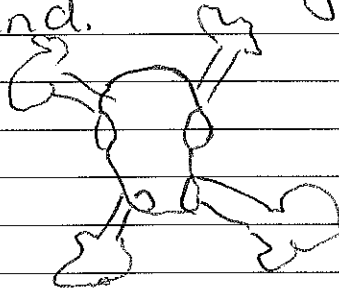
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Comments:

The inability to use the land because of bumper zones around the lines, destroy the little pcs of land that people worked all their lives to have, a little pcs of land in the country, farm land will be cut in half it will put a strain on the farmers health and well being and the inability to farm there land.



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Comments:

Will this affect my cell phone ~~service~~
or law enforcement radio reception radio tv
walkie talkies regular phone

Bethal We have a bible camp for
kids out on ZZ so u are putting
all the kids in Harms way of health
issues.

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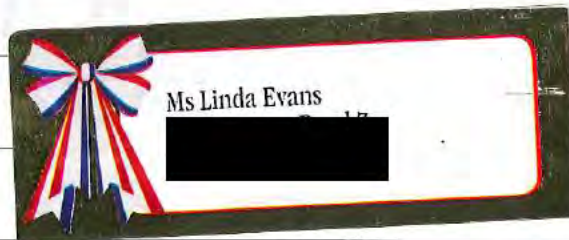
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Loss of Real Estate
Value

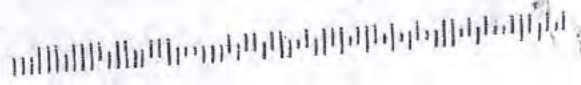
difficult to sell propty because
NO one wants to live by
these huge ugly and Noisy
lines, and have health
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Ice falling off lines hitting people and animals and property damage How is that helping the environment weeds growing underneath Scaring the land.

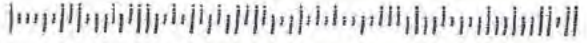
This is the Driftless Area glaciers never touched it why should you ~~scar~~ scar the land with something we don't need



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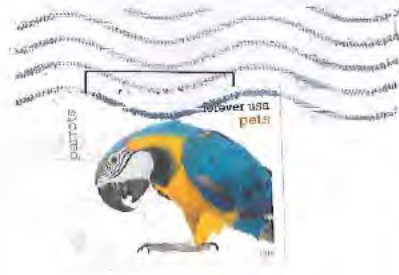
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Comments:

INCREASED ENERGY COST

FOR SOMETHING
WE WANT TO PROFIT
FROM

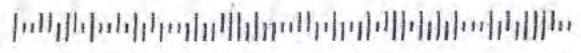
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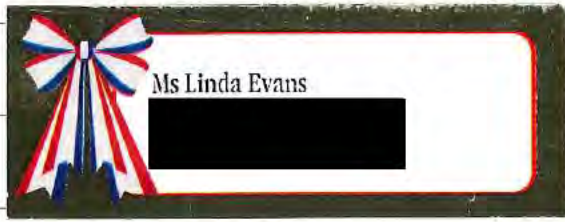
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Comments:

Negative Impact on
Tourism

loses its scenic appeal
for tourists

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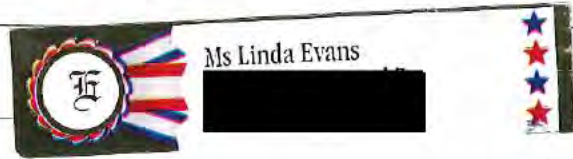
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Impact on tourism

Govern Dodge State Park
Where North Luthren Church stood
Old Rock House 1840s

Old Barns

School House

Old Country Bar Store

Old Cemeteries

Bethel Horizon Camp + Retreat Center

Cheese factory

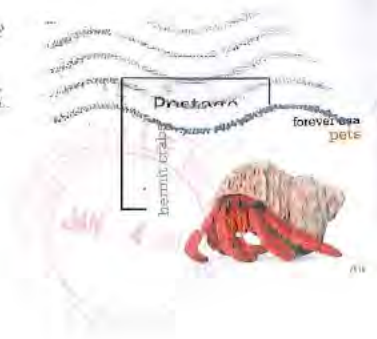
All things that bring money
in to the County or town of Dodgeville

Theres a look out to the River + Govern Dodge
Park

The power lines will take away
the appeal of this Area

It will destroy the history
of Pleasant Ridge

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Comments:

When I want to run
around naked I have to
worry about people watching
me privacy issue. perverts

Driftless Area maybe
u should care about the
beauty of the land for everyone
Not just for prophet

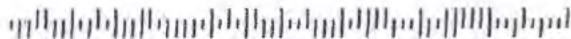
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Damage to property from people running in and out of your land when you don't want them there loss of privacy

plant growth is proven to show that the voltage is bad so what does it do to human

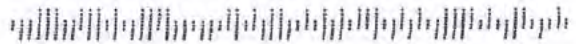
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Comments:

The Town of Dodgeville does not / dont back this project. This will hurt us financilly

Air Quality will bring the voltage close to the ground

We have a lot of lighting in this area so that will be striking the poles and putting us more indanger

Tornado went thru this Area 2 years ago were still cleaning that mess up we dont need another mess

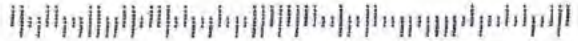
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Comments:

There is a lot of
Nesting birds in are area
We see eagle on our land
Bob white whperwills Hawks
Robin geese etc which will impact
ther flight and Nesting under the
poles will be a death trap

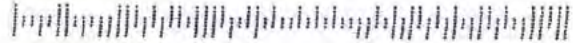
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Comments:

~~Deep~~

It will add anxiety and health problem to me and my family and take are livelihood that we worked for all are lives. Dreams will be no more the beauty will be gone.

partition the parks so everyone can enjoy it even you I bet u won't visit that park put in the lakes so people can fish under them so they can enjoy the beauty

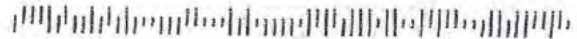
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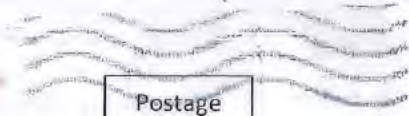
Comments:

devalue my land. Want to buy
this property next to these beauty
of High Lines! Hell NO!

Think some one going to
want to live next to
them Hell NO.

We got are taxbill with land Value So
Now that Im in this transmission line area
my land is not at fair market Value
because my Value has dropped alot
No one wants to buy with that
Ugly shit out the front door

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Comments:

Has Atc really proven there is a Need for
Another transmission line in this Area

Environmental Justice It will be a hazard
to the environment plants animals
Water add Noise to the environment danger
from falling Ice physical, mental, emotional
anxiety, land value there is NO benefit
for the people just Corporate greed.

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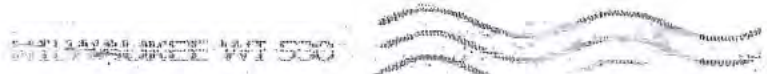
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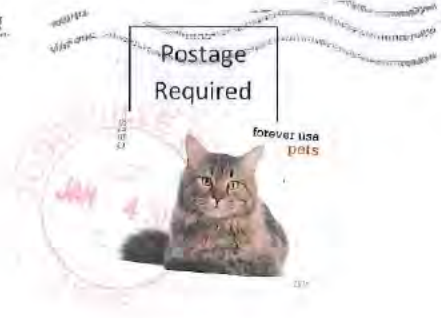
destroys the options to do what I want with my land

(Statistics)
Show crop growth is impaired by these high voltage lines

Miscarriages
Leukemia
Cancer
Other health issues

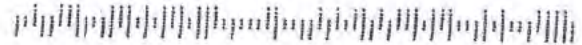
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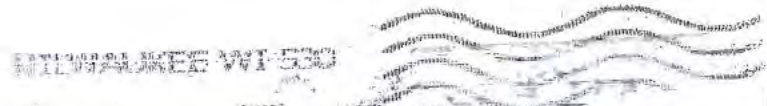
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Comments:

We are in a old community area there is a log house school house old rock ^{house} early 1840 place that a church stood all on the pleasant ridge area old country store bar a church group that brings in thousand of tourist and kids camp + govern Dodge State Park all in one area. Cheese factory

Farmland growth of crops cattle horse and wildlife are all going to be affected by this splitting of the land. land loss for farming cows grazing and people drinking that cancerous milk and cheese electric shocks miscarriage of calfs + wildlife

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Comments:

Are there better alter natives than
another String of ugly power lines

Surface and ground water - poison
the water system

Last Name _____ First Name _____

[] Individual [X] Family [] Business [] Frequent Visitor



Notify/update me via email Yes / No

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Years of residence in area: 25 Positions held and/or responsibilities assumed in my community:

1. I have marked impacts that concern me regarding the high voltage transmission option:

Loss of Property Value	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Loss of Environmental Assets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Loss of Tourism Related Business	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Loss of Business Income	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Effects on Rare/Endangered Habitats	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Impacts on Rising Energy Costs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effects on My Personal Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Effects on Rare/Endangered Animals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Conflicts with My Energy Goals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effects on Others Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Effects on Rare/Endangered Plants	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Compromises on Local Economy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effects on My Livestock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Effects on Raptors & Waterfowl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Loss/diminished Cultural Assets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effects of Electromagnetic Fields & Noise	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Effects on Surface & Ground Water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Impacts on Religious, Personal Values or Cultural Assets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Use the reverse side or additional pages as needed.

2. Itemized concerns I have about the high voltage transmission proposal:

Environmental Impacts I am concerned about (water bodies, animals, plants, habitats) Location by Municipality

Businesses negatively impacted by loss of tourism and arrested residential/business growth. Location by Municipality

Tourism farming Crops Cattle value of the land	

Cultural and health impacts of concern (religion, historical assets, age, health conditions) Location by Municipality

Cancer, tumors, leukemia, miscarriage health issue for animals to	

3. Energy Investment Priorities

A. I am concerned about rising energy costs. I prefer investment in end-user improvements like energy efficiency over investments that increase dependency on utilities and create long-term debt.

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Signature Linda Was Date 1-2-17

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Please accept the enclosed seven (7) scoping input sheets. I personally observed and am acquainted with each of the signatories. Also please note the "energy investment priorities" the signers circled at the bottom of the page.

Thank you,



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Effects on Others Health	Effects on Rare/Endangered Plants	Compromises on Local Economy
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Signature William A. Fenucci Date 12/3/16

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Subject: Fwd: Cardinal-Hickory Creek Transmission Line Project
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 4:42:25 PM
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Also, please DO NOT include personal info--home address, phone number or parcel address anywhere in public comments. Was meant only as a way to identify specific area affected.

Thank you,

Matt Ford

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From: Matt Ford [REDACTED]
Date: Fri, Jan 6, 2017 at 3:34 PM
Subject: Cardinal-Hickory Creek Transmission Line Project
To: comments@cardinalhickorycreekeis.us

Hello ~

As landowners in the Town of Vermont between Mt. Horeb and Black Earth, WI, I, along with my brothers Jonathan and Timothy Ford, are the owners of 147 acres of beautiful rolling hills in what is called the Driftless Area of Wisconsin, so named because the landscape was untouched by glaciers in the most recent Ice Age. We are third generation owners having inherited the land following the death of our mother in 2006 and have taken great care to preserve the land in its most natural state.

Located at [REDACTED] in the Town of Vermont, our property is made up of beautiful rolling hills filled with hundreds of oak, walnut, ash, elm and aspen trees. A multitude of wild animals and plants, including whitetail deer, wild turkey, ruffed grouse and a whole chorus of songbirds make their home here. A favorite activity each spring is hunting wild morel mushrooms and the hardwoods provide beautiful colors to the treetops each fall. Through great effort, we have cleared 40 acres of the land for farming, which provides a small income to help pay the taxes and other projects we undertake each year. We have also spent many seasons hunting wild game, enjoying time spent outdoors with friends & family and meals of venison and turkey throughout the year. Large, undeveloped tracts of land like this are becoming increasingly rare.

Surrounded by majestic bluffs to the south and east, our property is situated in the Black Earth Creek Watershed. Underground springs bubble to the surface, marking the beginning of one of the many small streams that eventually flow to the Black Earth Creek, a revered, class 1 cold-

water trout-fishing stream enjoyed by fisherman of all ages. Intensive effort has been made by various groups throughout the watershed area to improve habitat, limit storm water and limit farm field runoff that might otherwise have negative impact.

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Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 4:34:18 PM
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Cardinal-Hickory Creek Transmission Line Project
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Comments:

We are very concerned about stray voltage.
We have a dairy farm in projected area,
And also have a 12 yr old daughter, who we
feel will be harmed by the high voltage.
we also have an airport landing strip on
our farm for ag. use to check crops
and feel this may interfere.

From: [REDACTED]
To: comments@CardinalHickorycreekEIS.us
Subject: comment
Date: Thursday, December 29, 2016 8:06:18 PM

We are opposed to the electric line going in Iowa County Wi. We have a working dairy farm in the area and an airport we use for agriculture use and feel the line will disturb both along with our health and our animals health. How will our airport affect your towers? And how will the towers affect my airport? Will the power lines affect cell phone service? We live in a beautiful valley and feel the line could go in a better place. Has ATC proven there is a need for another transmission line in this area? Our airport coordinates are latitude [REDACTED] [REDACTED] located in Section 10 T7N,R4E Town of Arena Iowa County Wi. The name of the Airport is Forseth Field. Sincerely David Forseth and Family [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Last Name Friedman First Name Albert

[] Individual [] Family [] Business [] Frequent Visitor

Street [REDACTED]
 City [REDACTED]

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Years of residence in area: 11 Positions held and/or responsibilities assumed in my community:

1. I have marked impacts of concern regarding the high voltage transmission option:

Loss of Property Value	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Loss/diminished Environmental Assets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Loss of Tourism Related Business	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Loss of Business Income	<input type="checkbox"/>	Affects on Rare & Endangered Habitats	<input type="checkbox"/>	Impacts on Rising Energy Costs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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2. Itemized concerns I have about the high voltage transmission proposal:

Environmental Impacts I am concerned about (water bodies, animals, plants, habitats)	Town located in
<u>Creation and long term maintenance of new and extensive rights of ways</u>	<u>Wyoming</u>
Businesses negatively impacted by loss of tourism and arrested residential/business growth.	Town located in
Cultural and health impacts of concern (religion, historical assets, age, health conditions)	Town located in
<u>DAMAGE to unique driftless landscape</u>	<u>Wyoming</u>

3. Energy Investment Priorities

4. As an electric customer, I prefer investments in targeted energy efficiency, load management and distributed generation such as solar-support at substations instead of high voltage transmission and request that the EIS include comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of these non transmission alternatives.

Agree	Disagree
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signature Albert C. Friedman Date 12/15/16

I am aware that my comments, including my address and contact information, are subject to be included in the EIS report.

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