

APPENDIX J
PUBLIC COMMENT FORMS

THIS IS DEVALUING MY LAND



Public Comment Form

BAYFIELD SECOND CIRCUIT TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

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A Land Owner on City #29350

Comments – your comment can be about a specific location or a general comment about the project. Please include an address or map if your comment is about a specific location.

You folks have not considered ALL Alternatives/Options
You only want the easy way.

Options: ▸ Solar farm (Bayfield Area) to help Feed those who cry for power when there are outages

▸ Look @ a line dropped into lake from ASHLAND, WASHBURN Bayfield. You already have one in the drink from Bayfield to MANEWE Island!

▸ Look @ Buried/overhead combination!

Look @ Bigger Line on existing corridor.

How did you hear about the open house?

A cheap flyer in the mail.

I do a Re Route (Temp) from Iron River to Herfst, Corny – Bayfield – while you upgrade with Bigger Line on Existing!

it down everyone's else threat!

You Have UNMINDED the citizens who you impact - by the way the meetings or LACK OF where. NO TOWNSHIP meetings - get City Approval 1st - then RAIL ROD

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☒ Other: impact the beauty of the Road (Star Route Rd.)
we have a number of bicyclists, hikers that hike/bike on this
area of Star Route

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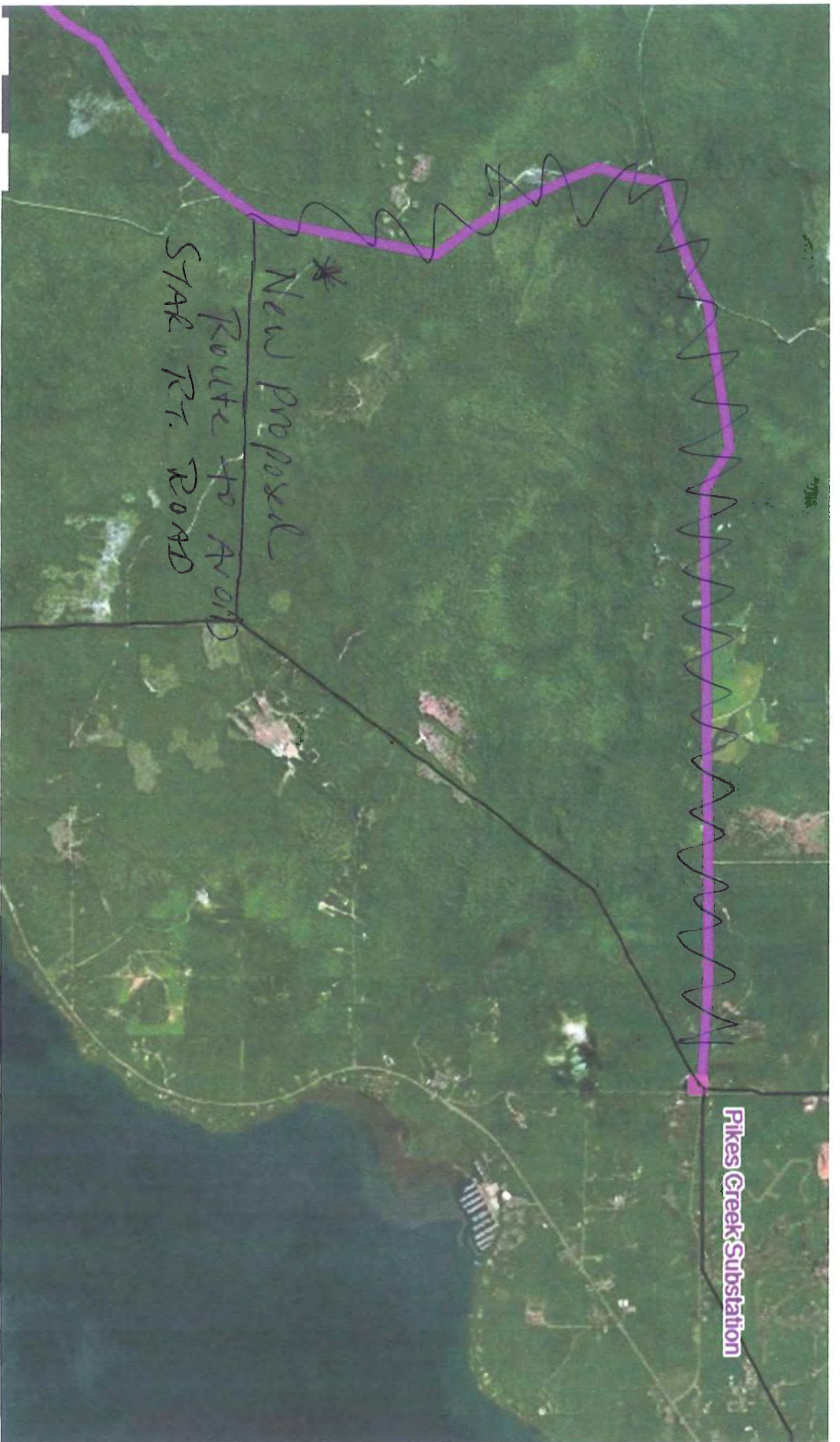
- I am very concerned about the negative impact of the current route proposal in Section 5, running from the Pike's Creek Substation to Jammers Hill Rd. There are a number of homes along this route. There has also been a draw to this Road for bicyclists and hikers coming to visit Bayfield. They bike on this Road to get to the Jug Jolly Trail. Having the very tall power lines and cutting into each side of the road will ruin the natural beauty that is the appeal for ourselves & the tourists that come to enjoy the pristine nature of this road.

How did you hear about the open house?

From County Board Member.

* Please see proposed route to avoid Star Rt. on attached map

Thank you!



Pikes Creek Substation

New Proposed

Route to Avoid
STAR RT. ROAD

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☒ Other: Avoid impacts to soccer complex that is an important asset to our community.

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My concern is that the easement is going to extend into existing soccer fields. The fields are laid out ~~using~~ taking into consideration the topography of the land. Moving fields is not an option. These fields serve the children of Bayfield, Washburn, and Ashland, and we host several tournaments and games that provide economic benefit to local businesses. Please consider this when making your decision –

Thank you,
Olaf Kirsten

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1. This Line will be very near my home and I would not want Herbicide used to keep it clear. Also I would like to grow vegetables under or near.
2. I have endangered birds migrate through my property spring & fall I want them protected.
3. I would like to be active in pole placement & pole configuration to minimize my visual interference.
4. How is valuation reached.
5. I assume my access drive would be put back to before construction condition.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>no impact on the non-human world</u> | |

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I doubt the need for this project.
Electric power from the existing line has been very reliable during the 40 yrs. that I have lived on the peninsula (Town of Bayfield).

Where is the need to double the electric capacity?
This is a farming, logging and low-keyed tourist economy. Which of these factors requires a doubling of capacity? ... the marinas?
Population has decreased on the peninsula ...
Why are you really building this line?

How did you hear about the open house?

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In the 26 years we've lived here, we've had very few outages and no major ones on BEC. I was told by Xcel, this loop is also used by BEC, so is this upgrade even needed? Maybe Xcel just needs better maintenance done. In the meeting in 2014 it seemed that if bigger lines were needed, it was a no-brainer to use the same right of way, and somewhat deceitful to drop this change of location on us with little time before application to the PSC. A price needs to be put on the environmental, aesthetic, and loss of use impacts instead of just the costs incurred to Xcel, which they say will be less using the greenway. We need to be more efficient with our land use for the benefit of all people: nature now & for the future.

How did you hear about the open house? Newspaper.

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Following existing transmission lines to the greatest extent possible would have much less impact to visual aesthetics, water resources, historic & cultural sites and impacts to other natural resources than would building a transmission line in a new location.

You can not just look at the financial aspect of the line. All of the items listed above have a high value to local residents. Many of the people living in this area chose to live here because of the natural resources and beautiful scenery. Power outages in this area have been minimal over the past 20 years. Most people living in these areas are prepared to deal with the occasional outage. They prefer that over sacrificing visuals and natural resources to construct a new power line.

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Mailing from Xcel Energy.

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I urge you to find another route or to add onto the existing power grid. This route goes through too many acres of natural forested and wetlands, farms and the scenic Bayfield, Star Route, which has already been scarred by logging over the past 10 yrs.

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Facebook

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Thankyou for your attention to our concerns.

I want to insist that the new line follow the existing corridor, not create a new corridor.

I want you to using C.R. C all the way to Church Corner Rd rather than down S. Maple Hill Rd. C.R. C also has existing power poles and is an unpaved, black top road. S Maple Hill Rd is small, private, and has no overhead lines.

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I believe that the need for the project needs to be fully examined. We who live in a relatively rural area need to expect outages at times – most of us do. Not all complaints must be “fixed”. This project would result in significant adverse effects on the environment and would cost a lot of money that would eventually be passed to the public.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>don't need the redundancy</i> | |

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- public land has value (as does private land); use existing corridor if must*
- the redundancy isn't truly needed - at least I haven't heard ^{higher} valid reasons.*
- most people plan for occasional power outages; I feel I have very dependable service; redundancy won't help with natural events/ occurrences (such as last year's July 2017 storm)*
- please drop this whole idea!*

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from my neighbor

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It would appear that putting a line ~~in~~ the lake from Washburn to Bayfield with very little impact would be the best way to get this job done. Or using existing power lines right of way. Hate to see beautiful forest land and now it's just ugly —

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Neighbors

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The New Line Seems To be unnecessary
Since Solar, Wind, Mobile generators and Batteries
used Properly Could Eliminate the Need for a
New Line and Could Reduce Load From
Distant Power Generation @ 24/7. If you
would Look Harder at Decentralized
Solutions

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we are concerned about 50' right of way taking out significant woodland property. We live at 77270 Church Corner Rd. and have considerable frontage property along Church Corner Rd. It ~~we~~ may depreciate value of our land, as well as look unsightly in an otherwise beautiful area. ~~If~~ ~~the~~

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Mail circular - thanks for providing info.

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We will not allow access to our
land – you will have to go
through condemnation

Karin Koziel

You are going to take down all the
trees that block the sound &
visual of the road as well as decrease
the scenic beauty of our property
& the property value

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I have property and live on Church
Corner. not particularly concerned
about my property but do not want
a new right of way in my community
if at all possible.
want to better ~~th~~ understand
other route options, esp existing
right of way

How did you hear about the open house?

from mailing that I almost didn't open
but a friend from Madison pointed out

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I did not comment when I was here earlier. Then I went home & looked up at my electric pole & realized how very much smaller it is than your proposed poles. Your poles are HUGE!

My here-to-fore tree-lined country road will never be the same.

Why can you not locate these monsters along the main arteries??

Why tear up the pristine countryside when you could follow the main roads?

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radio

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We are satisfied with the current services and impact that we currently receive from Bayfield Electric. We disapprove and frown upon the fact this project would depreciate the value of our property. There are concerns that health would be affected by the input of the transmittor boxes. There are other routes that could be taken and sources that could be used to obtain your goal. Simply, put we do not want this on our property and did not receive satisfactory answers as to why the line jumps the highway and connects back to our property.

How did you hear about the open house?

We had a neighbor call us around 5:30 pm tonight to inform us of the open house this evening.

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Bayfield Electric has a line across
E.T.C. Would really be important to
follow that line - which is ⁱⁿ a wooded ^{with} no
residences across from our property.
We would totally be against having a line
in our front yard. This is our most
important issue.

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mailing

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>ALLOW FOR MULTI-GENERATIONS TO CONTINUE (FAR INTO THE FUTURE)</u>
<u>TO WORK THE LAND, RAISE THEIR FAMILIES AND THRIVE.</u> | |

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Though we have been residents for only 20+ years on the northern Bayfield County region we have great appreciation for the multi-generational families who are our neighbors. The Jetyer family is ~~not~~ now at least in the 5th generation in the area of the power line. 4 generations live here as dairy farmers, agriculture, and beef, hog and other. There is a greenhouse that serves our county and in every case all of the family members work together to get the products from farm field, milking operation to the market even after working in our schools, hospital and as town servants for the benefit of us all. All of this area has diverse members who "agree to disagree" and carry the load for one another i.e. have one another's back. They deserve to have the cleanest operation in supplying energy, with the least environmental disturbance and the greatest distance from their residences possible. My own family has enjoyed 20+ years - now 3 generations living here and we hope to die here - happy & healthy, too.

How did you hear about the open house?

From our neighbors on Bjork Rd.

Thank you for the opportunity to learn & updates and to give an input.

Marty Lipton Bjork Rd.
The Lipton

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I urge you to put off submitting the plan until all the Townships in the path of the new right away can weigh in this to the County Board.
give us a couple of more months
PLEASE!

How did you hear about the open house?

A neighbor through Facebook

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What About High speed internet?

How did you hear about the open house?

Paper

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I Live on Star Route Road -
one of the most beautiful
Roads in this state. This is a
big draw to this area with
Gerry Jolly trail and Fishing on
Pikes creek. This area should

How did you hear about the open house?

be protected for
all of us in this State - Why not
run the line on Whiting Road to
avoid ~~disturbing~~ this pristine Road
for all of us to enjoy! Please

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>proximity to developed</u>
<u>+ established soccer fields (10)</u> | |

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My name is Gina Kirsten + my husband, Olaf + I own land on County C. Your proposed route, following current Bayfield Electric Power lines, will run right through 10 soccer fields that we have established + developed for the past 18 years. Children from Washburn, Ashland, and Bayfield play on these fields. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, in Spring and Fall seasons, 200 children can be seen playing on these fields.

IF the proposed Xcel Line follows the current Bayfield Electric lines, the easement will double and we could possibly face having to move 6 soccer fields. We cannot do this.

I notice that the line crosses County C from north to south at the property lines of Avoil + Metzinger to the east and then recrosses back to the north shortly later, ~~then~~ runs along the established soccer fields and then crosses back from north to south actually on our land over to the south on the St. Germain's property.

I believe it would make more sense to keep the lines on the south side of County C and NOT on the soccer fields.

How did you hear about the open house?

Newspaper
Facebook
Visits + Calls from Neighbors
CONCERNED PARENTS

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My biggest concern is the use of herbicides to keep the vegetation clear under the lines. I appreciate all the info you have given me about the proposed project. The Area on Church corner drains into the Sioux River. The soil is very porous & contains many seeps. I am most concerned about the use of herbicides in this area.

Thank you

How did you hear about the open house?

A Neighbor & The Morning.

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John + Patricia OLSON
30635 Co Hwy C
WASHBURN, WI 54881

Our residence and land is located on the south side of County C. We would prefer to have the transmission line placed on the north side of the highway. Bayfield Electric has their line on the north side. We are currently served by Bayfield Electric. We have gardens and yard on the south side and would prefer to not be significantly impacted.

How did you hear about the open house?

We were sent a notice

Bayfield Second Circuit Proposed Route (Gina)



August 30, 2017

Segments

Proposed Route

Parcel Boundary

World Imagery

Low Resolution 15m Imagery

High Resolution 60cm Imagery

High Resolution 30cm Imagery

Citations

Sources: Esri, HERE, DeLorme, USGS, Intermap, INCREMENT P, NRCan, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), Esri Korea, Esri (Thailand),

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I doubt the need for this project.
Electric power from the existing line has been very reliable during the 40 yrs. that I have lived on the peninsula (Town of Bayfield).

Where is the need to double the electric capacity?
This is a farming, logging and low-keyed tourist economy. Which of these factors requires a doubling of capacity? ... the marinas?
Population has decreased on the peninsula ...
Why are you really building this line?

How did you hear about the open house?

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In the 26 years we've lived here, we've had very few outages and no major ones on BEC. I was told by Xcel, this loop is also used by BEC, so is this upgrade even needed? Maybe Xcel just needs better maintenance done. In the meeting in 2014 it seemed that if bigger lines were needed, it was a no-brainer to use the same right of way, and somewhat deceitful to drop this change of location on us with little time before application to the PSC. A price needs to be put on the environmental, aesthetic, and loss of use impacts instead of just the costs incurred to Xcel, which they say will be less using the greenway. We need to be more efficient with our land use for the benefit of all people: nature now & for the future.

How did you hear about the open house? Newspaper.

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Following existing transmission lines to the greatest extent possible would have much less impact to visual aesthetics, water resources, historic & cultural sites and impacts to other natural resources than would building a transmission line in a new location.

You can not just look at the financial aspect of the line. All of the items listed above have a high value to local residents. Many of the people living in this area chose to live here because of the natural resources and beautiful scenery. Power outages in this area have been minimal over the past 20 years. Most people living in these areas are prepared to deal with the occasional outage. They prefer that over sacrificing visuals and natural resources to construct a new power line.

How did you hear about the open house?

Mailing from Xcel Energy.

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SOUNDS LIKE THIS SHOULD NOT CREATE
ANY ISSUES BY ME.

THANK YOU
FOR THE "HEADS UP"

JASON

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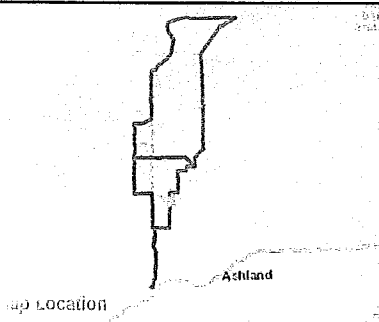
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If this project is to go forward our property of one acre would be cut in half leaving this land useless. This acre has been grandfather in as it was a one room school and a local nonprofit club house which we purchased in 1970 with plans for the future. We have paid taxes and have done some upgrades on property. This is a corner acer Meness Rd and Birch Rd. we will lose access to land on both sides. WE ARE NOT IN FAVOR OF PROJECT.

Mary Myatt



 Existing Transmission Centerline
 Existing Transmission Corridor
 Parcel Boundaries

Property Highlighted in ORANGE

MARY L MYOTT

30990 ENG0E RD , WASHBURN, WI 54891

Disclaimer: This information is believed to be correct, but is subject to change and carries no warranty.
Data courtesy of Xcel Energy, Bayfield County, Wisconsin DNR and ESRI.

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Requesting you utilize the proposed route.

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☐ Other: *Best To use Existing Big Lines Route Less cost and Less Visible*

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PLEASE TELL US HOW TO REACH YOU.

Contact Information

Name

Denny Nischak

Representing (optional)

Address

73185 ONDASSAGOW RD. City WASHBURN

State WI

ZIP

54891

E-mail

Daytime phone (715)

373-0455

Fold this form letter style if you choose to mail it without an envelope,
Make sure that your contact information is facing inward and to add postage when mailing.

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Alternative power generation should always be part of the conversation. If one alternative route favors the use (future/existing) solar/wind/etc farms then that is our preference. Bayfield County et al is unique to Wisconsin, no traffic lights, slower pace, less noise helps residents and tourists alike enjoy our natural + water resources so those too are our priorities EVEN if it means that we as land owners lose more land. The greater good considers all variables.

P.S. - We also own the parcel to East of our residence.

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I AM OPPOSED TO "PROPOSED ALIGNMENT." PLEASE
USE YOUR EXISTING TRANSMISSION CORRIDOR AND
EXPAND IT IF NECESSARY, ^{BUT IDEALLY} I WOULD LIKE TO SEE
MORE RESOURCES STENT ON CONSERVATION MEASURES.
DOESN'T IT MAKE MORE SENSE TO CLOSE THE DOORS
AND WINDOWS THAN PUTTING MORE LOGS ON THE FIRE?
ALSO, PURHAPS YOUR MONEY WOULD BE BETTER SPENT
INVESTING IN ALTERNATIVE (IE. WIND/SOLAR) ENERGY AND
LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE INSTEAD OF WASTING OUR MONEY
ON TECHNOLOGICAL MALFEASANCE. 

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I do not want this second circuit project at all, either on the old (existing site) or a new one. The existing site crosses my land already and takes a huge swath out of the forest. It disrupts my farming activities is very unsightly and hazardous. I don't want a big power line running across the top of my land. It will make it impossible to sell the 10 acres adjoining it if I want to do that. That will cost me about \$60,000.00 at least which I must be compensated by excell energy!!! We don't need this boondoggle!!!

Richard J. Young 12-8-17

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SEE ATTACHED LETTER AND MAP

Dear Ellen,

I thought I should respond to your proposed Bayfield Second Circuit Transmission Line Project. As you are aware I am one of the principal people and the contact spokesperson for BPEA. We clearly made our position known that we did not want to be presented with choosing routes that pit neighbor to neighbor. The best possible route if the transmission line is even needed in the first place is on the existing ROW. Using Xcel's evaluation criteria, this is re-affirmed. Also the DNR and PSC re-affirms this method of choosing routes. The existing route is all ready established and those that live on the ROW are well aware of possible modifications or alterations to the line.

In my personal situation aside from BPEA's view, to choose the road that I live on along with a town board supervisor and seems to play on the big corporation sticking it to those that cause trouble. Looking at your choice of running the line along DNR property from Church Corner Road east to County C along Old C Road is approximately 1/2 mile. Why did you not select the other possible route that goes east from the intersection of Church Corner and County C and continuing down Cty C and joining the proposed route near the soccer field towards Washburn. This is the other side of the DNR property and is the same approximate distance, 1/2 mile. There are no residents along this stretch of the road. {see inclosed map}.

BPEA is sincerely trying to work constructively and honestly with Xcel Energy and both you and Chris. We are continually gaining support from the town governments and the Bayfield County board. We are holding open meetings and forums along with engaging chamber of commerces and local business leaders.

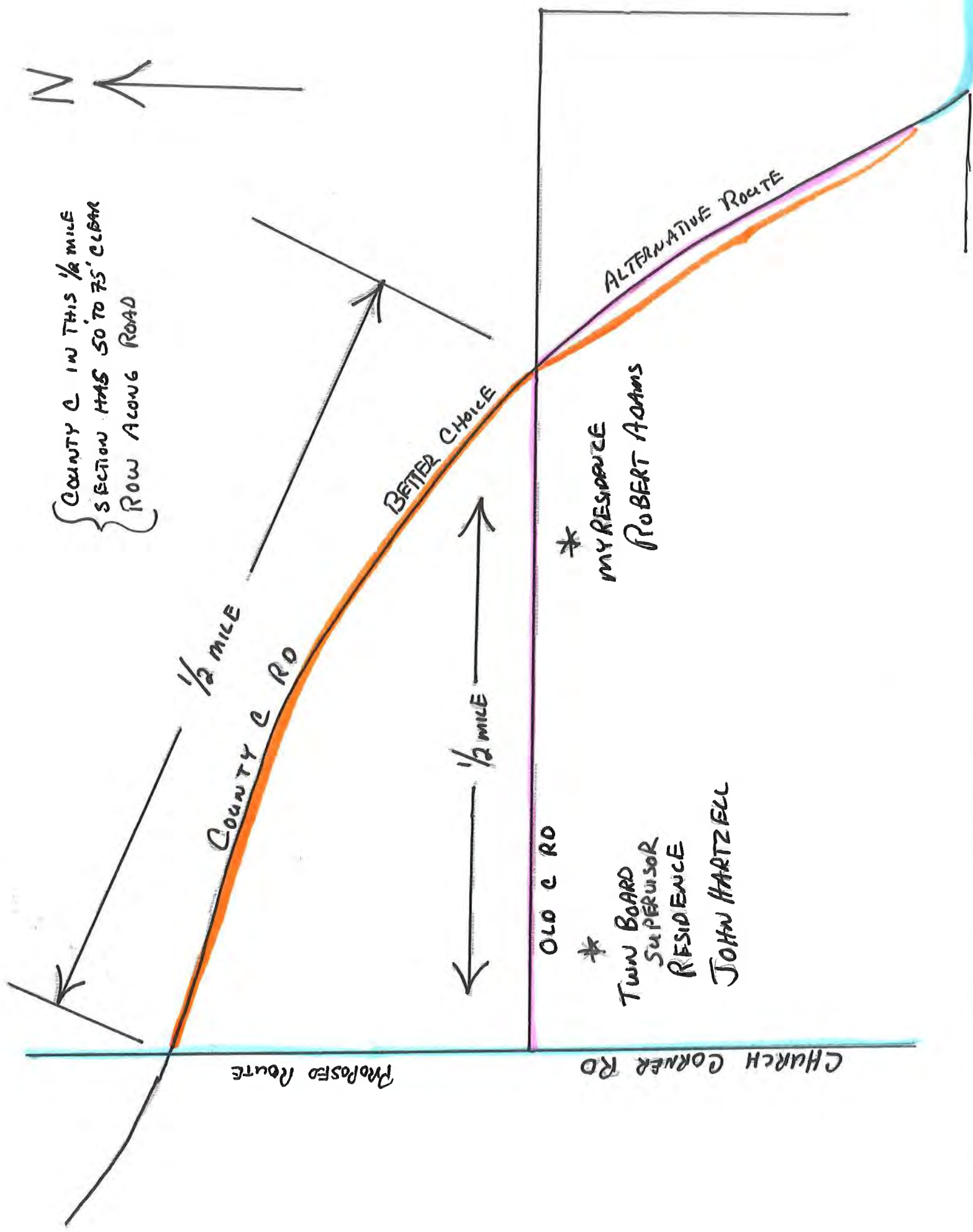
It would be a huge PR recognition for Xcel locally by looking at our ideas in a positive light and coming together in a forward thinking and sustainable conclusion. Bayfield County may be located at the extreme North Eastern boundary of Xcel Energy's vast territory, but the residents of this county want reliable energy provided in a modern technological method which may include alternatives and better ROW decisions.

Regards,

Robert Adams



{ COUNTY C IN THIS 1/2 MILE
SECTION HAS 50 TO 75' CLEAR
ROW ALONG ROAD



Proposed Route

CHURCH CORNER RD

1/2 MILE
COUNTY C RD

BETTER CHOICE

1/2 MILE

OLD C RD

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE

*
TOWN BOARD
SUPERVISOR
RESIDENCE
JOHN HARTZELL

*
MY RESIDENCE
ROBERT ADAMS

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I am concerned that it will be very close to my house and outbuilding, also that people will trespass and try to use it as a quicker route to County Rd C on TV's and snowmobiles

Sincerely,
Nick Sorusa

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Groves - Old C AH

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*Do not want larger poles on my land.
I have two poles on it all ready. I
think putting in the lake from Ashland
to Bayfield ~~the~~ would be better than larger
poles in my yard.*

*Charles D Groves
and
Suzanne Groves*

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if you put your polls or Line's
on my property How are

We Compensated

Not opposed to the line

Ellen Called to answer his question on 11-27

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11/21/17

I was at the August meeting in Washburn. After having time to consider the proposal I believe the existing corridor or most of it should be followed.

~~Both~~ routes start and stop at the same points. Most of the northern half of the existing route from north of Washburn/Friendly Valley Rd. to Star Route is already 50'-100' wide as you look north and south from the roads and hill tops.

This is a low population area with low or no growth expected in the next 50+ years that would cause line power to increase by significant amounts.

I am apposed to cutting a 50' swath through country that should remain as is. This proposed route would require logging from one end ~~to~~ the other which Bayfield County would approve, but with other forest it would be allowed to grow back. This certainly would not be allowed. So, 2-3 miles apart with 2 transmission lines makes no sense. Let's maintain this wilderness area as is.

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* Just maintain and do what's right by the existing corridor. You have capability, equipment, and people to make this the obvious choice.

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Because of our small amount of land, we wish to not have lines near our house.
Thank you.

Intersection of County C, S Maple Hill & Old C

Geske - Star Route

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Brevak - Proposed + Old + Old C

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Kiel / OLaughlin - Ordwayagon AH

Oppose Ordwayagon
Consider Solar



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I live at 29165 McKinley Rd (see enclosed map). My property lies along the newly proposed alternative. I do not think this line should be built on any of the newly laid out routes. I think that if this new transmission line must be built, it should follow the existing corridor. Since these lines have been in place for so long people have had the choice of whether they want to live near these existing lines or not. My family purchased this property five years ago and built a house here three years ago -- we would not have chosen to live on this property if the transmission line was here, or if we had known it was going to be built. I am concerned about the potential health hazards for my children living

and playing near these transmission lines. I am also concerned about the number of trees that will need to be cut down & the loss of habitat for the wild life.

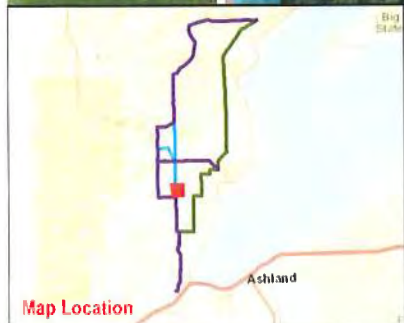
However, I don't simply want to make the "not in my backyard" argument. I think that Xcel should look into alternatives to increasing the electric reliability in this region, such as increasing solar production. Or if the transmission line must be built to build it along the existing lines.



Sincerely,



Kristi Kiel

715-373-0626



 Route Alternatives
 Parcel Boundaries

Property Highlighted in ORANGE

MATTHEW J OLAUGHLIN
KRISTI J KIEL
29165 MCKINLEY RD , WASHBURN, WI 54891

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McClary - Ordassagon AH

Oppose County
line near home



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we are not in favor of a new Spur Bury
Bury along Highway C. – Because of visual
impact and potential health hazards to
residents close to highway C.

we also are not in favor of increasing
the R.O.W. for a second line along the east
Boundary of our property. Increased EMF
radiation will impact & lessen our choice of
Building sites on our property and will
decrease our property value.

Anne McClary

Frank - ?

Supports project

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I'm in favor of a new power system if it keeps us from losing power so often. The projected line should be acceptable.

Wilke - existing, 2 sides

Oppose existing alignment
concern about
animal & human health



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11-17-17

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We are concerned about using the existing transmission lines because they would affect our property value with higher transmission in front of our yard and home. We also are concerned about the impact to animals and human health.

We planted our pine tree in 1973 and do not want them destroyed.

We want the new line to be west of Washburn according to the Poredo Proposed alignment and Not on the existing Transmission

Corridor Alternative. Please use the Initially Proposed Alignment. We have talked to Sage Tauber and Chris Boboltz about this before.

Beverly Wilke
Beverly Wilke

Harris Wilke
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SIoux RIVER CROSSING -

I THINK THE BEST ROUTE FOR THE LINE TO CROSS THE SIOUX RIVER IS THE PROPOSED ROUTE ALONG CHURCH CORNER ROAD. THE MAIN REASON IS THAT THERE IS A BRIDGE ALREADY IN PLACE. SECOND, THERE ARE ONLY TWO OR THREE RESIDENCES ALONG THE ENTIRE CHURCH CORNER ROAD, THEREFORE LITTLE LAND CLEARING WOULD NEED TO BE DONE, MINIMIZING ADVERSE IMPACTS TO LAND AND WATER RESOURCES.

Opposed Church Corner Segment

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76325 Church corner Rd

* Do not come down Church Corner Rd, please!

DO NOT CUT DOWN
MY TREE'S

→ Prefer Old C &
Ondossagon Alternative

Do Not ~~dig~~ DIG HOLES
ON MY PROPERTY

Do Not Spray My Property
With chemicals

* Proposed Line is in 20 Foot Ditch by the way

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We made our comments early on when you held meetings at the courthouse.

We are opposed to this transmission line. It will greatly impact our soccer fields.

We cannot support this plan/route.

Miller - Proposed

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I BELIEVE THE NEW TRANSMISSION LINE SHOULD USE THE CURRENT EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE EXISTING LINE TO BAYFIELD. THIS WOULD MINIMIZE IMPACT TO NEW RESIDENCES, ECOSYSTEMS AND VISUAL EXPERIENCE OF RESIDENTS AND TOURISTS. XCEL EXPRESSED THAT PREFERENCE IN 2013. IT SHOULD BE THE PREFERRED ROUTE IN 2017, AS WELL. IF THIS CANNOT BE ACHIEVED, THE NEWLY PRESENTED ROUTE THAT FOLLOWS ONDOSAGOON ROAD STRAIGHT NORTH IS PREFERABLE TO THE WANNERO/CHURCH CORNER ROUTE.

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My Retirement home is only 100' from the proposed transmission line and I have serious reservations. Visually it will block my view to the north. Birch Run, a small stream that flows to Lake Superior is in its path. A current line 1/4 mile south is a better option, but Xcel is only worried about cost not the footprint of the new line. I oppose this line and have retained Council to help me protect my property.

Amundson - Ondassagon AH

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I live on Ondassagon Rd and last year experienced the loss of a majority of the trees in our front yard due to wind. We only have a few left.
Please don't cut them down!

Enegreen Amundson

East side of Ondassagon

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We operate a farm. This transmission line will impact our crop production as well as disrupting the wild life living in the sheltered areas of our property and disfiguring a beautiful piece of land.

We have a very highly maintained farm, with great care given to the visual aspects of it. This transmission line as proposed will impact our home, farm land and property values with its ugly superstructure. We spend many hours and much money keeping up the verges of the road and maintaining the property lines. It is highly objectional to us that the proposal will put your structure across the full width of our property. It will also impact land that we currently rely on for farm crop income, by making it harder to get our large machinery around those towers during harvest season. We believe that there is undeveloped acre available that would suffice for this project. Leave our land alone!

Don & Sharon Cook

Dave & Sherry Cook

October 2017

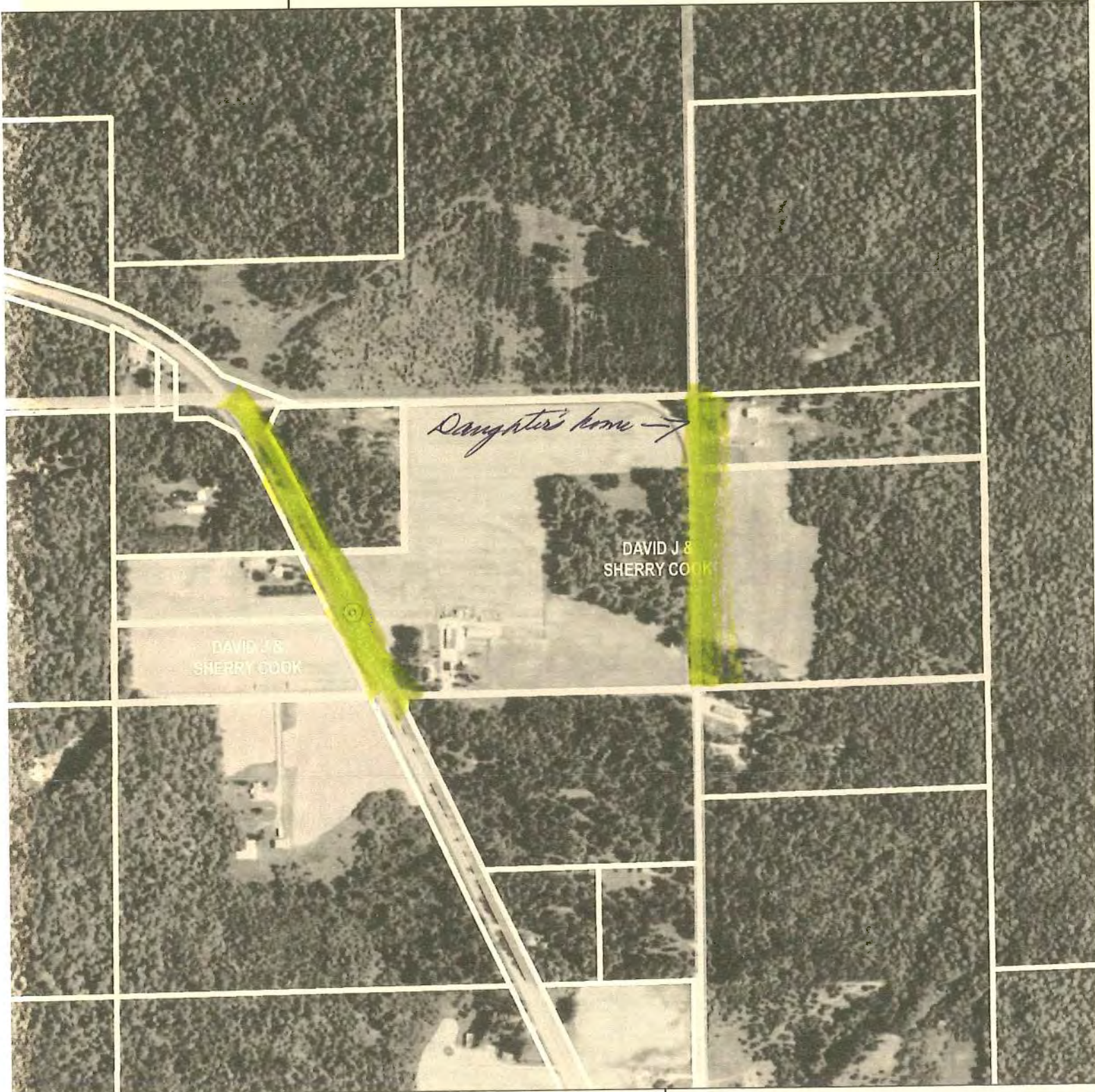


BAYFIELD SECOND CIRCUIT TRANSMISSION PROJECT

Transmission upgrade for Wisconsin's Bayfield Peninsula

MAP 2

0 150 300 600 Feet



Property Highlighted in

DAVID J & SHERRY COOK

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Thoreson - Proposed + Old + Old C Public Comment Form



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Appel - Star Route

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Comments – your comment can be about a specific location or a general comment about the project. Please include an address or map if your comment is about a specific location.

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BAYFIELD SECOND CIRCUIT TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

We need your input on the newly added route alternatives and alignment of the Project. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions about the proposed **Bayfield Second Circuit project** and return your completed comment form.

Please check the following issues that are important to you for energy upgrade siting.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimize visual impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Follow existing transmission lines, railroads or highways |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Avoid impacts to water resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Keep costs low |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Avoid historic and cultural sites | <input type="checkbox"/> Avoid interference with farm operations |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Avoid close proximity to residences | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Avoid impacts to natural resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

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Of the route alternatives presented (West/Greenfield Route or East/Existing Transmission Corridor Route) which do you prefer and why?

The West Route will impact every field down and several I rent. Thus 10% of my crop land will be impacted. a trap line and Existing Corridor would be better for My Farm

If you do not support either of the route alternatives presented please explain why and describe your preferred alternative.

The West Line will Take out the frontage of 300 acres of My Property

Do you have any specific route information comments concerning the two alternative routes we plan to submit in our Certificate of Authority (CA) application that you would like the Wisconsin Public Service Commission and Xcel Energy to be aware of?

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Of the route alternatives presented (West/Greenfield Route or East/Existing Transmission Corridor Route) which do you prefer and why?

My Name is Joseph F Belsky. I live on Terwilliger Rd. I'm against the Bypass option in our field. I strongly agree with going with Bypass route on the West side of Terwilliger Rd. We agree you can remove tree's on the Terwilliger Rd as needed.

If you do not support either of the route alternatives presented please explain why and describe your preferred alternative.

We support the bypass route to be on the West side of the Terwilliger Rd.

Do you have any specific route information comments concerning the two alternative routes we plan to submit in our Certificate of Authority (CA) application that you would like the Wisconsin Public Service Commission and Xcel Energy to be aware of?

Strongly against the by pass option thru our land/fields.

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Of the route alternatives presented (West/Greenfield Route or East/Existing Transmission Corridor Route) which do you prefer and why?

IT Does Not matter to me, but my property is Affected either way

If you do not support either of the route alternatives presented please explain why and describe your preferred alternative.

Once Again I Am Supportive of either Alternatives

Do you have any specific route information comments concerning the two alternative routes we plan to submit in our Certificate of Authority (CA) application that you would like the Wisconsin Public Service Commission and Xcel Energy to be aware of?

I Live at 71715 Owl Dossagon Rd. I am on the bypass Route. This Temporary Line ~~we~~ could possibly take down 19 Trees I planted in 1981 for A Visual Screen. These Trees Are in A

Line if you have to Take one you take them All. Across the ^{ROAD (East Side)} ~~street~~ there is hunting land. No houses. Why can't you jog East for ~~a period time~~ A distance and

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Then Return to the West side To continue the Line. IT doesn't make sense to destroy trees For a Temporary Line. I would like to discuss this Further

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Of the route alternatives presented (West/Greenfield Route or East/Existing Transmission Corridor Route) which do you prefer and why?

If you do not support either of the route alternatives presented please explain why and describe your preferred alternative.

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ON THE BYPASS OPTION - SUGGEST LINE
BE RUN THROUGH OPEN FIELDS, WHEREVER
POSSIBLE, TO AVOID CUTTING DOWN TREES.

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Of the route alternatives presented (West/Greenfield Route or East/Existing Transmission Corridor Route) which do you prefer and why?

~~West~~ Neither

If you do not support either of the route alternatives presented please explain why and describe your preferred alternative.

Make your circuit loop solely on the west route. No need to re-do existing lines Down friendly Valley Rd & Big Rock Road.

Do you have any specific route information comments concerning the two alternative routes we plan to submit in our Certificate of Authority (CA) application that you would like the Wisconsin Public Service Commission and Xcel Energy to be aware of?

You are running these lines through a highly sensitive eco-system. This does not need to happen. Stay away from the watersheds.

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Of the route alternatives presented (West/Greenfield Route or East/Existing Transmission Corridor Route) which do you prefer and why?

West/Greenfield Route. I would end up losing 50% of my property, privacy (tree loss) & valuation of my property decreasing if East/Existing is approved

If you do not support either of the route alternatives presented please explain why and describe your preferred alternative.

Do you have any specific route information comments concerning the two alternative routes we plan to submit in our Certificate of Authority (CA) application that you would like the Wisconsin Public Service Commission and Xcel Energy to be aware of?

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Of the route alternatives presented (West/Greenfield Route or East/Existing Transmission Corridor Route) which do you prefer and why?

We prefer the West Route

We own the property where the ~~current~~ East route crosses Thompson Creek - it has a lot of topography that is highly ~~erodable~~ erodable + difficult accessibility for repairs.

If you do not support either of the route alternatives presented please explain why and describe your preferred alternative.

Do you have any specific route information comments concerning the two alternative routes we plan to submit in our Certificate of Authority (CA) application that you would like the Wisconsin Public Service Commission and Xcel Energy to be aware of?

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Of the route alternatives presented (West/Greenfield Route or East/Existing Transmission Corridor Route) which do you prefer and why?

WEST FOR ME IS PREFERRED, IT WILL MAKE ENERGY TRANSMISSION IN THIS AREA MORE RELIABLE

If you do not support either of the route alternatives presented please explain why and describe your preferred alternative.

I WOULD PREFER TO SEE THE IRON RIVER - BAYFIELD CORRIDOR MODERNIZED THEN TO CONSIDER RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT IN STORAGE ON THE BAYFIELD PENINSULA. I REALIZE THAT IDEA WAS DISMISSED BY XCEL LONG AGO HOWEVER.

Do you have any specific route information comments concerning the two alternative routes we plan to submit in our Certificate of Authority (CA) application that you would like the Wisconsin Public Service Commission and Xcel Energy to be aware of?

DOUBLE CIRCUIT ON EXISTING WILL BE MORE CHALLENGING AND HAVE MORE ENV. IMPACTS DUE TO ACCESS CONSTRAINTS AND EQUIPMENT MOVEMENT OVER WETLANDS

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Of the route alternatives presented (West/Greenfield Route or East/Existing Transmission Corridor Route) which do you prefer and why?

I do prefer the East Route, Less ^{Now} land impact

this is only a slight preference though.

I feel we all have worked well together.

We've listen to each other, you have given

us ~~that~~ what we needed to be informed. We may

all not be happy but when a need is there it must be

If you do not support either of the route alternatives presented please explain why and describe your preferred alternative.

filled as
best as
possible.

Do you have any specific route information comments concerning the two alternative routes we plan to submit in our Certificate of Authority (CA) application that you would like the Wisconsin Public Service Commission and Xcel Energy to be aware of?

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Of the route alternatives presented (West/Greenfield Route or East/Existing Transmission Corridor Route) which do you prefer and why?

East/Existing - because less landowners affected, less natural resources affected (i.e. 40 acres of county land would be taken out of timber production in western route in perpetuity); only 3 outages in 7 years on existing line; one less viewshed affected

If you do not support either of the route alternatives presented please explain why and describe your preferred alternative.

While you don't wish to discuss need, it's still something that's questionable.

Do you have any specific route information comments concerning the two alternative routes we plan to submit in our Certificate of Authority (CA) application that you would like the Wisconsin Public Service Commission and Xcel Energy to be aware of?

Please recognize the public participation with Xcel + outreach to Xcel regarding this project. The majority of the community supports use of the existing route (not all) but a large majority. We are all affected by a new greenfield line. The community wishes should weigh heavily in this decision.

Also can you tell us the acres of clearing that will be done for each route — recognizing that the bypass route can regenerate or be replanted
What are the financial details of each route? Can you share that info?

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Of the route alternatives presented (West/Greenfield Route or East/Existing Transmission Corridor Route) which do you prefer and why?

EAST/EXISTING CORRIDOR

If you do not support either of the route alternatives presented please explain why and describe your preferred alternative.

THE WESTERN LINE WOULD OPEN UP NEW LAND TO THIS TRANSMISSION LINE. I PREFER TO HAVE IT IN EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY RATHER THAN HAVING MORE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC LAND PUT UNDER RIGHT OF WAY.

Do you have any specific route information comments concerning the two alternative routes we plan to submit in our Certificate of Authority (CA) application that you would like the Wisconsin Public Service Commission and Xcel Energy to be aware of?

I REQUEST THAT XCEL ~~BE~~ ESTIMATE COSTS OF THE TWO ROUTES INCLUDING LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE. I WOULD ARGUE THAT HAVING ONE CORRIDOR, RATHER THAN TWO (SUCH AS PUTTING IN THE NEW WEST ROUTE) WOULD BE MORE EXPENSIVE IF 20-50 YEARS OF MAINTENANCE IS CONSIDERED.

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Of the route alternatives presented (West/Greenfield Route or East/Existing Transmission Corridor Route) which do you prefer and why?

East - existing route - home owners purchased property knowing a power line was there. Also probably less land clearing.

If you do not support either of the route alternatives presented please explain why and describe your preferred alternative.

Request - Prior to PSC : (1) Please provide detailed cost/financial data for each route (2) Please provide information on quantity of land to be cleared in total for each alternative route.

Do you have any specific route information comments concerning the two alternative routes we plan to submit in our Certificate of Authority (CA) application that you would like the Wisconsin Public Service Commission and Xcel Energy to be aware of?

The existing route, though somewhat more difficult, makes the most sense in multiple ways. This is the preference of the majority of the towns + County Bayfield citizens. Please recommend this existing East route.

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Of the route alternatives presented (West/Greenfield Route or East/Existing Transmission Corridor Route) which do you prefer and why?

the East/Existing line

If you do not support either of the route alternatives presented please explain why and describe your preferred alternative.

Do you have any specific route information comments concerning the two alternative routes we plan to submit in our Certificate of Authority (CA) application that you would like the Wisconsin Public Service Commission and Xcel Energy to be aware of?

that the existing line will need to be replaced eventually, even if the West route is chosen. When "costing" out the routes that ^{cost} should be included with the West route.

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Of the route alternatives presented (West/Greenfield Route or East/Existing Transmission Corridor Route) which do you prefer and why?

East existing. feel an additional transmission corridor is unwarranted for benefits that have been identified

If you do not support either of the route alternatives presented please explain why and describe your preferred alternative.

Do you have any specific route information comments concerning the two alternative routes we plan to submit in our Certificate of Authority (CA) application that you would like the Wisconsin Public Service Commission and Xcel Energy to be aware of?

please exercise extremely ~~conservative~~ conservative clearing around big rock and star route. they are treasured scenic resources.

also, again please add present value calcs ~~turner~~ into cost to reflect value of

replacing existing circuit in east route option.

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Of the route alternatives presented (West/Greenfield Route or East/Existing Transmission Corridor Route) which do you prefer and why?

EASTERN ROUTE

If you do not support either of the route alternatives presented please explain why and describe your preferred alternative.

Do you have any specific route information comments concerning the two alternative routes we plan to submit in our Certificate of Authority (CA) application that you would like the Wisconsin Public Service Commission and Xcel Energy to be aware of?

I am unconvinced this \$30 million dollar peninsula redundant route is wise use of rate-payer money for the 10,000 people living on the peninsula. We can handle a power outage once-a-year inconvenience - Excels seeing the writing on the wall: money in transmission - not generation. No more pigs at the trough - cut em off.

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Of the route alternatives presented (West/Greenfield Route or East/Existing Transmission Corridor Route) which do you prefer and why?

East

If you do not support either of the route alternatives presented please explain why and describe your preferred alternative.

Do you have any specific route information comments concerning the two alternative routes we plan to submit in our Certificate of Authority (CA) application that you would like the Wisconsin Public Service Commission and Xcel Energy to be aware of?

no

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Of the route alternatives presented (West/Greenfield Route or East/Existing Transmission Corridor Route) which do you prefer and why?

East/Existing Transmission Route

If you do not support either of the route alternatives presented please explain why and describe your preferred alternative.

Something not presented above is the ^{completion of the} "rebuilding" the line from Bayfield to Cornucopia, Port Wing... on down to Iron River. This would provide redundancy.

Do you have any specific route information comments concerning the two alternative routes we plan to submit in our Certificate of Authority (CA) application that you would like the Wisconsin Public Service Commission and Xcel Energy to be aware of?

Where does solar fit in. It's the future for us all!

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Of the route alternatives presented (West/Greenfield Route or East/Existing Transmission Corridor Route) which do you prefer and why?

I prefer the Eastern Route. *[Signature]*

If you do not support either of the route alternatives presented please explain why and describe your preferred alternative.

Do you have any specific route information comments concerning the two alternative routes we plan to submit in our Certificate of Authority (CA) application that you would like the Wisconsin Public Service Commission and Xcel Energy to be aware of?

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Of the route alternatives presented (West/Greenfield Route or East/Existing Transmission Corridor Route) which do you prefer and why?

EAST/EXISTING
TRANSMISSION
CORRIDOR b/c it
has least environmental
impact

If you do not support either of the route alternatives presented please explain why and describe your preferred alternative.

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Of the route alternatives presented (West/Greenfield Route or East/Existing Transmission Corridor Route) which do you prefer and why?

*EAST
NOT PERMANENTLY ON MY PROPERTY.
I HAVE PROPERTY ON BOTH WEST ALTERNATIVE
& TEMPORARY BYPASS.*

If you do not support either of the route alternatives presented please explain why and describe your preferred alternative.

Do you have any specific route information comments concerning the two alternative routes we plan to submit in our Certificate of Authority (CA) application that you would like the Wisconsin Public Service Commission and Xcel Energy to be aware of?

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Of the route alternatives presented (West/Greenfield Route or East/Existing Transmission Corridor Route) which do you prefer and why?

It is A No Brainer to Keep it All in the EAST Existing Corridor! Why destroy more resources?

(I'm a LAND owner on the west Route (tap line to WAASHBURN))

If you do not support either of the route alternatives presented please explain why and describe your preferred alternative.

→ Prefer the EAST Existing Route
After temporary line is used - & removed Xcel will have plenty of extra poles/wire to use elsewhere. You save on costs there & also WIRE!!

Do you have any specific route information comments concerning the two alternative routes we plan to submit in our Certificate of Authority (CA) application that you would like the Wisconsin Public Service Commission and Xcel Energy to be aware of?

Please LISTEN to the Public's Concerns! They are your \$\$\$ Customers!
Bury line NEAR the homes you are affecting OWNERS

This cost should be considered in your planning process.
(been)

The Residents of this County & more moving here every month - ARE coming for a good reason. (Remote) setting.

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Of the route alternatives presented (West/Greenfield Route or East/Existing Transmission Corridor Route) which do you prefer and why?

East existing:

1. Smaller area cleared (mostly already cleared)
2. Remote roads in county forest are much less accessible after a storm + a low priority for town road crews.
3. Fewer homes affected by removal of screening vegetation and ugliness of line in yards.

If you do not support either of the route alternatives presented please explain why and describe your preferred alternative.

Do you have any specific route information comments concerning the two alternative routes we plan to submit in our Certificate of Authority (CA) application that you would like the Wisconsin Public Service Commission and Xcel Energy to be aware of?

1. I want to see the data for the PSC criteria for evaluating options.
2. It is important to include the present value for both options: the cost of replacing the west line needs to be included in BOTH options, not just the east line option.

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Of the route alternatives presented (West/Greenfield Route or East/Existing Transmission Corridor Route) which do you prefer and why?

Is it really needed?
if so I prefer East route
Because it impacts fewer local
residents homes

If you do not support either of the route alternatives presented please explain why and describe your preferred alternative.

I can't say I am in support
because I question if it
is necessary.

Do you have any specific route information comments concerning the two alternative routes we plan to submit in our Certificate of Authority (CA) application that you would like the Wisconsin Public Service Commission and Xcel Energy to be aware of?

Please impact the smallest
number of local residences
as possible.

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Of the route alternatives presented (West/Greenfield Route or East/Existing Transmission Corridor Route) which do you prefer and why?

We prefer the East route option. This choice would have less permanent impact on our property. We live very close to County C with gardens & yard adjacent to the road. Also, the line or bypass line needs to be placed on the NORTH side of the highway. My house is within 70 feet of road on the south side.

If you do not support either of the route alternatives presented please explain why and describe your preferred alternative.

Do you have any specific route information comments concerning the two alternative routes we plan to submit in our Certificate of Authority (CA) application that you would like the Wisconsin Public Service Commission and Xcel Energy to be aware of?

We can live with a temporary bypass line but not the permanent line proposed with the West route option.

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Of the route alternatives presented (West/Greenfield Route or East/Existing Transmission Corridor Route) which do you prefer and why?

Eastern Route - using existing right of ways and transmission routes that are still in existence makes more sense than building an expensive new structure and impacting new properties and land owners.

If you do not support either of the route alternatives presented please explain why and describe your preferred alternative.

Do you have any specific route information comments concerning the two alternative routes we plan to submit in our Certificate of Authority (CA) application that you would like the Wisconsin Public Service Commission and Xcel Energy to be aware of?

The Eastern route will definitely impact our farm in an uncomfortable way by transecting a lg. portion of our land. We maintain the frontage to that property and we have given permission to the Snowmobile Club to run their trail through that area. We also maintain a parkland area along County C to promote the area wildlife. Using the existing lines on the north and East Side of Old C will also impact our property, but

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as there are existing lines, we would be at night with that. There are many more and poles already in existing on the East route that the impact on the landowners should be negligible, why would you put up a whole new line and add to the

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Of the route alternatives presented (West/Greenfield Route or East/Existing Transmission Corridor Route) which do you prefer and why?

prefer Eastern line (existing already)
Hwy C is a major biking route. ^{both the route} It's country
attractive because of the rural setting. A
large transmission line would spoil the
rural quality of the road for biking & other

If you do not support either of the route alternatives presented please explain why and describe your preferred alternative.

tourism. It also seems wasteful to
establish a whole new line when
the existing line could be used
with much less new environmental
impact.

Do you have any specific route information comments concerning the two alternative routes we plan to submit in our Certificate of Authority (CA) application that you would like the Wisconsin Public Service Commission and Xcel Energy to be aware of?

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Of the route alternatives presented (West/Greenfield Route or East/Existing Transmission Corridor Route) which do you prefer and why?

Prefer the East/Existing Transmission Corridor Route.
Less expensive and less impact on us personally.

If you do not support either of the route alternatives presented please explain why and describe your preferred alternative.

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Of the route alternatives presented (West/Greenfield Route or East/Existing Transmission Corridor Route) which do you prefer and why? *Preferred →*

The West Route will be 100' from my house. The Poles will be difficult to install. The trees that will be removed are some of the tallest maples around.

If you do not support either of the route alternatives presented please explain why and describe your preferred alternative.

Do you have any specific route information comments concerning the two alternative routes we plan to submit in our Certificate of Authority (CA) application that you would like the Wisconsin Public Service Commission and Xcel Energy to be aware of?

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East Route
Town property on Church corner and
am building a new house if the east
line is chosen. The east line effects much
less people & homes

If you do not support either of the route alternatives presented please explain why and describe your preferred alternative.

Do you have any specific route information comments concerning the two alternative routes we plan to submit in our Certificate of Authority (CA) application that you would like the Wisconsin Public Service Commission and Xcel Energy to be aware of?

East Route

Heine, Ellen L

Subject: RE: comments on Bayfield second circuit project

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Dear Ellen,

I recieved your letter dated Sept. 17, 2018. My husband Tim and I currently live in Vermont and will not be able to attend the open house on Sept. 24. However, I do have some comments and questions.

We are not in favor of the East route alternative since that line runs the entire length of our North/South property boundary.

Our main concern is the possible negative health effects due to EMF exposure, specifically the magnetic field strength. We are currently in the process of site preparation/ septic design/ road installation for a primary residence (for us) on our property. Even though we have a 40 acre lot, a good portion of the 40 acres is not suitable for a residence. The area that is best suited for a house is the area that runs along that North/South boundary. We are already concerned about possible health effects due to EMF exposure from the existing transmission line, so are not in favor of increasing the voltage of that line.

I have included some information I have gathered about Electro Magnetic Fields in relation to power lines, and some possible ways to mitigate the strength of the magnetic field. I won't pretend to understand all of it , but wonder if you can tell me what the current load is on the existing line and what the current load will be on the future, upgraded line.

Could you also comment on the possible mitigations that are mentioned and whether Xcel Energy will use any of these (or other) methods to decrease magnetic field strength

Thank You,

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PLEASE SEE INCLOSED LETTER

Bob Adams
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Dear Ellen,

October 8, 2018

I am writing to you through the public comment form about my concerns to the proposed routing of the Second Circuit Transmission line as a property owner along the Western route. I have lived on Old C Road for nearly 50 years. Most of that time I was the only residence on the road. Now there are two with John Hartzel arriving about 15 years ago. In the early 1990's the DNR which owns the land along the complete North side of the road decided to do some modifications to the forest. Their decision was to clear cut the forest and re-plant with hardwoods. I approached the DNR on their decision and through the following year we jointly came up with a better option. We agreed that to create a more respected image of the DNR and a more sound management approach, a buffer of road side Oaks and Maples would be left to allow the trees to mature producing an aesthetically pleasing road canopy. The interior forest was selectively cut of poplars to allow for regeneration of the oaks and maples. Now 30 years later the resulting plan has proven to be very successful. The road is quite pleasing with mature trees providing a tunnel canopy look. The interior forest has regenerated with hardwoods. Through this process the DNR Forestry division sent a letter to both the local Washburn DNR foresters and myself for a job well done. The letter stated that cooperation with local landowners is what gives a positive image to a large organization like the DNR. Further more the advice offered by adjacent landowners always proves valuable in the decision making process.

Another concern is the steep ravine and hillside along the upper portion of the road. Originally the road was constructed by laying logs side by side and filling them over with sand. This is called a corduroy road. For decades the road would wash out every spring. As the trees started to mature, the root systems began to stabilize the sides of the road. This road has not washed out for years now. When I say washed out I mean you could loose a dump truck in the hole. Old C drains the complete hillside to the South and West. The DNR's land is the wet land before entering the Sioux and Four Mile rivers. It is part of the DNR's Four Mile Creek Conservation Wet Land Area.

I would like to see this route moved to the other side of the 80 acre DNR parcel that runs along County C. The line would run down Church Corner Road to the intersection with County C then East along County C to Washburn. There is already a very large ROW on both sides of County C that is cleared. Also there are not any residences along this 1/2 mile section. It is approximately the same distance as routing down Old C Road. With this option the small country road, Old C Road would be spared of any environmental impact from the mature trees being cut and the resulting erosion to the road. It is the same agency that would issue permits since both roads are on the 80 acre DNR parcel. Also this would eliminate one large corner pole at the intersection of County C and Old C Road since the line would have a straight run to Washburn.

This whole process of the Second Circuit Transmission Line has been very challenging. I became involved many years ago with Xcel's proposed 115Kv line and now currently the 35Kv line. In both cases it did not effect me directly. My involvement was for the respect and attitude of the rural character of the Northern part of Bayfield County. Now ironically it will run along the quite almost neglected road that I live on. Both John Hartzell, the other resident, a Town of Washburn Supervisor and myself feel very strange about this routing choice when there is a much better choice right near by. It is my preferred choice along with BPEA's to use the Eastern Route. As I write this letter it is the weekend of the Bayfield Apple Festival. All the major roads are packed with traffic. Also many people coming to the festival drive the small country roads to appreciate the forest and tree colors. I think it helps to re-center peoples understanding of the wild nature and the beauty of the forest.

This would be a great image booster for Xcel. We are a small part of the vast territory that Xcel works in but every bit as important. Xcel is in the local news quite often and more citizens have become aware of their role concerning the utility that provides electricity to the area. It is Xcel's mission statement that we hear. "Responsibility by Nature" Thank you again for your attention to my concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bob Adams".