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Map X-15

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing in response to the PowerOn Midwest EL26-026, 765 transmission power line proposed project that will be running alongside my property in Deuel County, Glenwood Township, section 22.

There are several reasons why I would be opposed to this project taking place alongside my property and they include:

First and foremost, this project will decrease the value of my property without any compensation whatsoever. This would be a major negative economic impact for me. The Proposed power line would run alongside the entire west property line of my land, which is approximately a mile long (see attached map X-15). Although there are no planned physical structures on my land, the power line is set entirely too close to my property, with there being no compensation. This transmission line will totally ruin the aesthetics and functionality of my property, and therefore the value in which it is worth.

Secondly, with the power line running alongside my west property line, my barbed wire fence would run underneath, or parallel to the power line for that full mile. After reading and discussing with others about this issue, it is found that long metal fences and gates running parallel to transmission lines can develop measurable voltage. Not all fences are grounded, such as metal cattle panels that are moved around by hand frequently. This would pose a major safety threat for my workers and I. Simple tasks, such as repairing fence and opening gates become hazardous.

Another economic impact concern I have is with virtual fencing, aerial spraying, and gps farming activities that I do on my property. All of which will be adversely affected by this transmission line. Any activities that I do with satellite acquisition will have interference from the transmission line. Aerial spraying is a must with the topography of the land and it becomes hazardous with powerlines to dodge for applicator, which is another safety and economic threat to my property.

Lastly, Deuel County regulates transmission lines to have a setback of 2,000 feet from any building site. My property has a building site with an expected inhabitant within that setback where the proposed transmission line will run (see attached map X-15). This would ultimately ruin the building site and pose health and safety issues for expected inhabitants. If this project forgoes this building site would be deemed unlivable in my opinion.

In conclusion, I am greatly opposed to the construction of this transmission line with the current routing alongside my property.

Sincerely,

Ben Johnson