Milbank, Lake Albert, airport and quarry concerns

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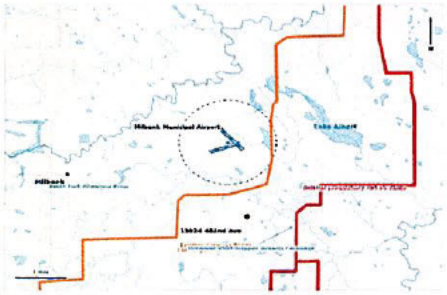
Request: Please place this comment in the PowerOn Midwest public record. We want a careful review before another major overhead line is approved near Milbank.

Our preference: Bury the line and look at other routes that avoid family farms, homes, watersheds, wetlands and wildlife areas, and stay farther from rural and town communities. Study the costs and land disturbance. If burial is ruled out, explain why and compare other routes.

Concerns:

- **Airport:** Review tower heights and wires with aviation officials and local farm-spraying pilots.
- **Water:** Protect Lake Albert, streams, wetlands and drainage from digging, runoff and access-road damage.
- **Quarries:** Check blasting, dust, truck traffic and access near the line using verified quarry boundaries.
- **Homes and farms:** Avoid homes and farmyards. Review noise, electrical fields, shelterbelt loss and damage to fields or drainage.
- **Community:** Look at all nearby power lines together and leave room for safe town and rural growth.

Action: Compare burial and routes farther from these areas. Ask for current maps and independent studies, and make the findings and promised protections public.



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Map note: August 2026 preliminary context from the corrected local packets. Check the current filed route. Map distances and boundaries are not surveyed findings.

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