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Subject: Re: [EXT] 765 power line

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My concern and reason for this letter is regarding the proposed 765 power line between 211 th and 212th street and power substation at 211 and 482 av.

This proposed powerline is going through 2 miles of my own family's farmland and 3 or so miles of land that we rent. But that's not the real problem. The real problem is it's 1/2 mile from my house and the substation is under a 1/2 mile from my (neighbor's house. Too be exact there are 5 house within 1/4 mile and more than 12 people living there. from the proposed substation.

1. There are Health risks for living, too close to transmission lines or power stations. Lots of research on this topic regarding health and well-being only a Google search away.

2. The land. why take our land this proposed powerline with 1 mile and a 250 foot easement. If it can't be farmed. It would use up to 33 acres of land for each mile. The question is here why should or can a multimillion corporation just come in and take it and pay everybody off and do their thing it's taking valuable farm land from hard-working Farmers that are already underpaid in so many ways.

3. Farming around power lines is dangerous. There are concerns of GPS systems not working correctly and being thrown off course or accidental contact and emergency service is not being able to handle such a response.

1. What will it do for the residents in South Dakota and for the state? Except take our land. Build a massive power plant and a massive power line in our back yards. To benefit other states and do nothing for the people and passes by.

2. The secondary problem is when the first line goes up They really never stop adding on.

What I am requesting for Brookings county to implement a 1/2 mile or 2700 feet setback from any resident, housing or barn.

you may ask why a such a high number?

Reason is population density. Brookings County has the population of 43.4 people per square mile. With a total of approximately 38,000 people. 5th most populated county in South Dakota.

In 2022 Deuel county passed a 2000 foot setback on any power line over 345kv.

As for Deuel county has 6.9 residents per square mile. Not even close too the population of Brookings county.

My proposed setback of 2700 ft is only 700 feet more that a county with only 4,400 residents in total. So I believe is not asking for that much more giving that Brookings is such a populated area.

Final thoughts, Too members of the voting committee please consider all this information that I've stated for the residence of this county in Alton Township. We are not in favor of this proposed line And substation we need your help to protect our land and our families.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration

Jonah