From: Lawrence Wipf
To: PUC-PUC
Subject: [EXT] EL26-026 Power On Midwest
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Hi,
This is Lawrence Wipf. I email you some comments on EL26-026 .
Sorry, but forgot to provide info.

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From: Lawrence Wipf
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Subject: [EXT] Comments for EL26-026
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2026 9:22:08 PM

Hello PUC

I am Lawrence Wipf with the Rolland Colony, I represent the Colony and all its members.
Our community consists of 57 members with 50% being children.
We are a growing colony, and colonies can have up to 150 members.
Our community is just a ½ mile from this very large and powerful proposed transmission line, and a little
Over a 1/2 mile for the proposed substation.

Power on Midwest has made multiple attempts to get us to sign their easement agreements.
But we have been kindly saying, No Thanks.
We have kindly told them we cannot in good faith sign off on something that is going to be so
detrimental to our community and our livelihood.

Just a few of the reasons why. We have our own Schools and Playgrounds right within our Community,
and it just so happens that our schools and playgrounds would be the closest thing to the
Transmission lines and Substation. Also, we have a fairly large garden, for that produces vegetables and fruits
For our needs throughout the year. Our garden also happens to be one of the closest things to the proposed project.
With the substation only ½ mile in some parts.
Our children spend an enormous amount of time in the gardens, in the summertime doing school activities and such,
and in the wintertime in schools and playground areas.
It is very concerning and worrisome to us that all this would be in so close proximity to our schools and garden.
Our community all in all for that matter.

They're proposal packet has a list of sensitive areas that they say they avoid when choosing the routes for their transmission lines
And such, areas, such as Schools, Churches, Cemeteries, and Residences { especially large neighborhoods}.

Which all of the above and more consists in our community.

We are a farming and livestock operation . We run a large-scale livestock operation which is necessary for us in order to
Support that many members. Our Hog and Turkey barns have very sensitive feeding, ventilation, and scaling equipment.
We are worried it will interfere with the communication of that equipment and also the performance of our livestock.
We have Hogs, Turkeys, Cattle, and Bees on our farm.

We all know that in order to sustain and keep up to our daily needs and livelihood, a farm needs to expand and grow. Our future plans
Were to expand eastwards but how dare we build closer than we already are. ½ mile.
For above mentioned reasons.
This would greatly hinder or make impossible for us to expand our operation. We found out just recently we can't expand
or build anything on our west property due to shallow aquifers. As we wanted to build a hog barn but had to cancel that plan.

Also, our farming operation. It would complicate our farming operation in many ways.
Arial spraying. Hard to find somebody willing
To fly around powerlines, and this will be even worse due to size, and if you find a willing party you have to pay quite a bit extra due
To dangers of flying around powerlines. Manure injection, structures in our field would complicate that also, with having to maneuver
around structures with drag hoses. That will also be more expense for us if we can even find a willing party to work underneath them.
Planting, Ground spraying, Combining, and all other farm related activities that need to be done in our fields.
A lot of them are done with the reliance on auto guidance systems.
That concerns us that there will be interference to our systems and more advanced systems to come.

In Our Future plans are. Irrigation systems on properties where they are purposing transmission line structures. Additional hog barns are in our
Future plans. We are very concerned this proposed transmission line will prevail our property and limit, or make impossible the expansions and
the growth we would need for our community.

As they keep repeating, we all need and want electricity, which is true. So how about the need to keep farm ground, farm ground.
And the need to keep producing food. A person can survive without electricity , but not without food.

Also wanted to mention and make you aware how densely populated the neighborhood is around substation. If you go to substation location
And look around you can count 9 residential acreages . From ¼ to ½ mile being the furthest, and that's NOT including our community.

There are plenty more questions and concerns that we have, but I will end this message with kindly asking you take all our concerns serious
And do the right thing for us and our surrounding neighbors and communities, and everybody that's being affected by this. The number of
People, Groups, and communities that are opposing this project should be a loud and clear message for you.

Lawrence Wipf