

Pursuit Of Happiness
Cap X 2020 Transmission Line

Owning our home and living on a 40 acre farm, in a valley and feeling secluded. It has a beautiful view and a creek running through the property. Able to sit in the yard watching various wildlife; of deer, pheasant, turkey, and geese pass through. Spending time raising cattle and other multiple pets. Beginning our own family and loving every minute of it. Who could ask for more?

Over this past year we have received letters about Cap X 2020. It will be a 345kv transmission line from Brookings County, SD to Hampton, MN. The transmission line will have eight wires with towers 125-175 feet high, 30 feet deep, and a concrete base of seven feet. A land easement of 75 feet on each side of the tower is needed.

These transmission lines cause health risks, along with other hazards. Studies show living near power lines may increase childhood leukemia by 70%. Which is concerning for any parent, grandparent, or anyone who cares about the livelihood of child in our area. Transmission lines produce two types of fields-when put together they are called electro-magnetic fields(EMF). Magnetic fields can affect animal tissue which is why they are dangerous. A researcher found electric fields from power lines ionize particles in the air, which causes the particles to be carcinogenic. Researches are also finding links to breast cancer, infertility, miscarriages, brain cancer, Alzheimer's disease, Lou Gerhigs disease, heart problems and an increase in suicide from exposure to EMF's and power lines. The research also states that pregnant women should never go near and avoid driving under a transmission line due to the increased risk of miscarriage. Did I mention we were beginning our family. Studies also show people living near power lines have increased incidence in depression, regular headaches, insomnia, and dietary problems. My family's life and my life are more important than any transmission line will ever be.

The above risks apply to studies done on human life. What about the livestock, pets, and other animals? We raise cattle. Miscarriages would be a loss of a calf and devalues a cow. Should all their lives be shortened by added health risks. What about the dairy and hog farmers in our area? What will it mean for them? How will this affect our incomes off of livestock?

Remember my wonderful view from my yard, now picture a 150 foot transmission line added. Our small piece of property would be virtually worthless and the power line would reduce the amount of usable property we have. Studies have found in various states where transmission lines are, property values are decreasing by up to 14%. It would be nice to see Ivanhoe grow and to have younger people move to our area and raise families. With the health risks mentioned above and the eye sore of power line out my window, I would sure think twice.

There are also other dangers of living near transmission lines. If the lines break or towers fall, they would encroach more than the 75 foot easement-possibly 175 feet. We have all seen broken power lines and poles from the ice storms we get.

What about my rights as a person? Don't I get a say in something that impacts my life so immensely. Power lines affect the air that I breath, giving off EMF's which can cause multiple health problems, risks to animals, taking my property away and causing environmental hazards in my daily life. I should not have to be subjected to the health risks caused by transmission lines. I should not have to sacrifice all the things in life I have worked so hard on gaining. I have made Ivanhoe my home and created the life I wanted, and now some company thinks they have the right to come in and change it. They are able to take my land away due to the eminent domain rules stating they can. Long ago people came to America from other countries to have a better life. I was born and raised in America and worked hard for what I have and due to some law a company has the right to ruin my dreams. I don't smoke and rarely drink alcohol and lead a low risk lifestyle. Now a company wants to put a transmission line on my property and add potential life threatening health risks and hazards to my every day lifestyle. I can't think of a single reason the transmission lines are beneficial. Why can't we use this power in our area instead of transferring it out? Why can't the lines go through the middle of large fields away from people, animals, and natural resources like it does by White, SD. We are farmers too and I would rather lose land to keep this power line away from farm sites than to subject my family and animals to possible health risks and hazards. My family's livelihood is very important to me and these risks are a serious concern.

Please don't take my word for it. Explore the multiple websites for yourself and see what you may discover. You can do a broad search of health risks and power lines or go to individual websites like some that I used.

Capx2020.com powerlinefacts.com nocapx2020.info

I have a petition for the Cap X 2020 project- if you are interested in signing, please give me a call 694-1110. I am interested in hearing your views. Thanks for your time in listening.

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