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Hi Kevin,

My name is Cheri Meadows and I live in [REDACTED], Missouri. My house and land has been targeted by your Tiger Connector high-voltage transmission line. It is absolutely perplexing how your team managed to cross a 400 ft. piece of property with the only house on a one-mile stretch of road, but they did it. Maybe the Routing Team for the Project forgot they told the Missouri PSC that they would try to avoid residences?

What's even more astonishing, is that I've brought my concerns up to your representative, Jason Brown, who is unable or unwilling to tell me why my land was targeted for your line. Please let me share the details and concerns I have of my property having your line running across it:

1. My driveway is 1/4 mile long and is the only entry/exit to my house.
2. Because I'm the only house on a one-mile stretch of road, cats and dogs are dumped out often. I always take them in. I currently have nine of them. To protect them from being exposed to dangerous chemicals, I do not use any herbicides or pesticides in my pond, on my yard, driveway, or on my pets. For exercise, I walk them all down the drive daily, which I mow short, to limit tick exposure. The idea of suddenly having to walk under a high-voltage power line with my pets every day bothers me. The fact that you will be exposing my pets to powerful herbicides sprayed regularly across my property to keep the vegetation growth in check, also bothers me. During our walks, some of my pets drink out of or cool off in the ditches when there is water in them. That is a concern.
3. With so much open land around, I try to make my property as hospitable to wildlife as possible. I have deer, turkey, owls, quail, rabbits, squirrels, bats, and a variety of other wildlife that enjoy the land where you are wanting to put your line and 150 ft. easement. Between the healthy, mature trees, including cedar trees and thick undergrowth, it is an ideal area for wildlife to bed down (sleep), inhabit, hunt, and raise their young. Your line will cause a very large chunk of that habitat to be removed.
4. Besides the impact your line will have on the wildlife, it will also undoubtedly affect the beauty of my property and the property value will suffer from such an ugly invasion on my idyllic little slice of paradise.
5. Your line will be crossing over my existing electrical line that runs down my drive to my house, creating a potential safety hazard. (see the nine links below of transmission lines falling, sometimes for no reason and sometimes across other existing lines, such as mine)
6. A possible fire could result (according to my local electric cooperative) at my house if your line were to ever fall on top of their line. The driveway ever being blocked for fire and rescue services would be terrifying enough, but if my house were to catch fire, without electricity, my well pump wouldn't work, leaving me with no way to try to put a fire out myself.
7. My house is an earth contact home. That means three sides of it are concrete and there are no exits out of those sides. The front is wood framed with cedar siding. In case of a fire, I'd have to try to make sure all of my animals were out of the house and to prevent being homeless AND vehicle-less, also try to get my car out of the garage via a manual pull handle that is over the car and very hard to navigate in the best conditions due to the awkwardness of trying to pull it straight back over the length of the car to engage it. I only hope I'd have the time and ability to engage it in a dark, windowless garage when seconds count.
8. I have no outbuildings/camper/spare house on or off the property to live in in case of a fire. I would never, ever leave my animals behind to go stay at a motel and that's even if I was even able to get my car out of my burning house and it was possible to drive down my drive.
9. Where would a person with nine cats and dogs suddenly go live in case their house burnt down? Animals, especially cats, don't adapt well to major changes. No scenario, including suddenly living in a small trailer or camper on the property, which would be my only acceptable option while my house is rebuilt, would be a good one.
10. I am not a 75 year old woman on her last leg. I am young and intend to live here for at least the next 40 years. Having to worry about my house burning down or rebuild a burnt down house and worry again that your line will destroy what I have worked so hard to have and maintain is not how I want to spend the next 40+ years.

As you can see, I have many valid concerns with your line on my property. I cannot for the life of me, understand why you would potentially put my life or my property in jeopardy when there are literally hundreds of open acres approximately 500 or so feet south of my little sliver of land that would be more suitable for your line. The move would not jeopardize anyone's house or life, and unlike my property, very few trees or vegetation would have to be removed or maintained.

I am reaching out to every possible person, group, organization, and resource I can to stop you from endangering my life and property. I am hoping that by reaching out to you, you will look at the map and pictures I've attached as well as the links below and decide that your line should be moved where it won't endanger anyone.

You are welcome to call me or better yet, come visit my home and property to see for yourself why this place is so special to me and why I am willing to fight so hard to protect it from unnecessary potential harm.

Sincerely,
Cheri Meadows
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