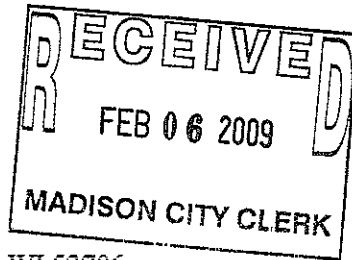


January 10, 2009

Mayor Dave Cielslewicz,
Office of the Mayor
Room 403 City-Council Building, Madison, WI 53706



Robert Armstrong
5313 Milward Drive
Madison, WI 53711

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I am contacting you regarding the proposed construction of the 345kV transmission line along the Beltline by ATC. I have enclosed a petition from the residents in the area located just west of Odana Golf Course, along with other informational literature. Obviously, there is a great concern regarding this construction project, within our neighborhood. One of the things that is of the greatest concerns is the arrogance and apparent lack of concern that ATC has for following permitting requirements and other items required by Wisconsin statutes. It is my understanding that ATC is required by law to address all possible routes for the proposed transmission lines. As you can see by the enclosed information, ATC has not addressed this item.

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Mayor Cielslewicz, I am aware that you have other items that require your attention. That being said, I am requesting that you use your office to ensure that the PSC requires ATC to follow all Wisconsin statutes and permitting requirements regarding said construction project.

I would like to thank you for taking time to address this issue.

Sincerely,

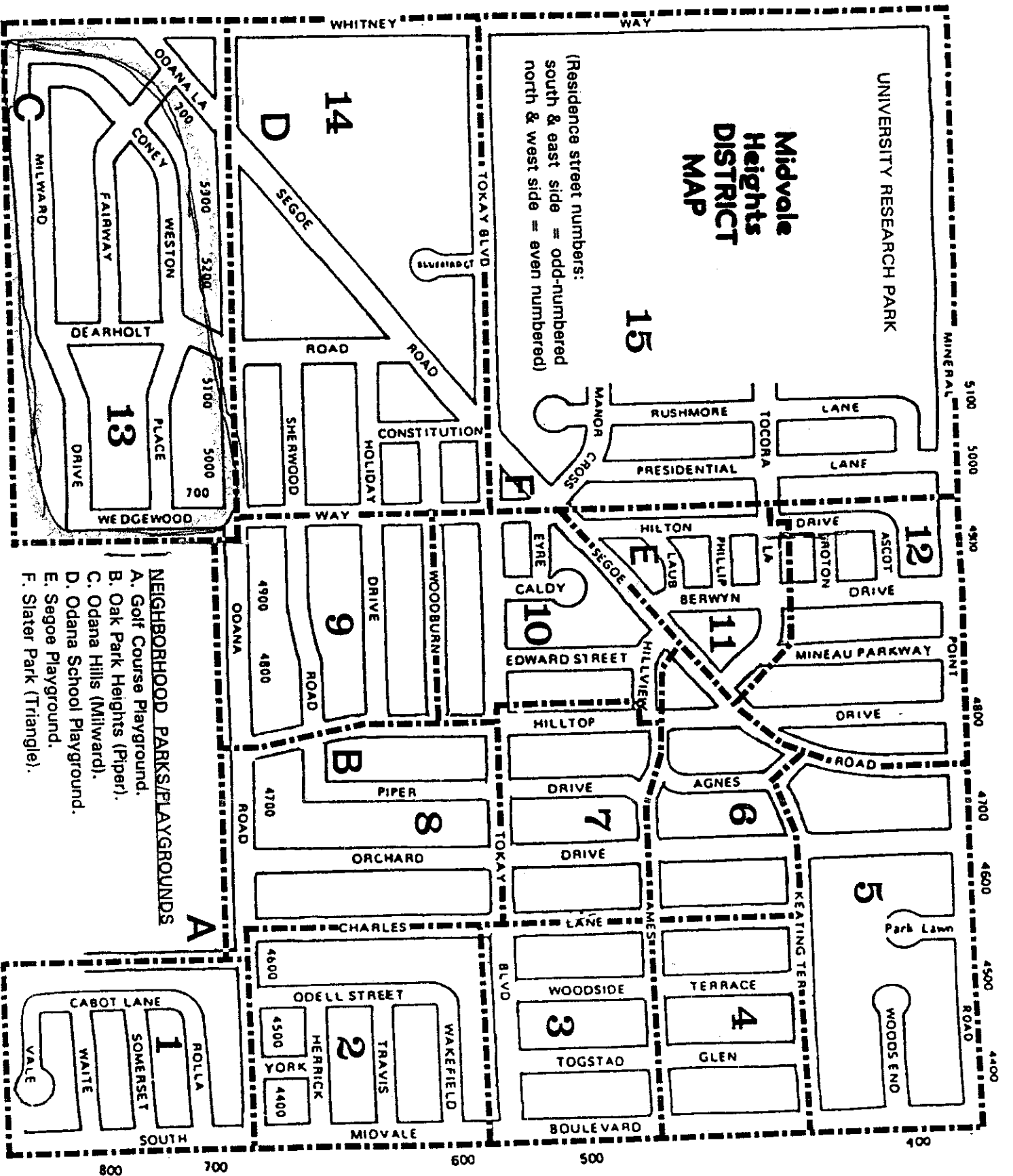
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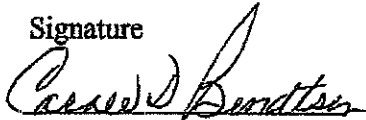





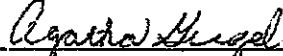


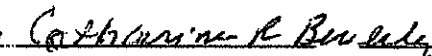

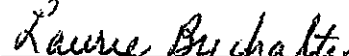


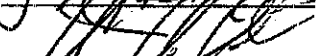
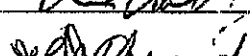
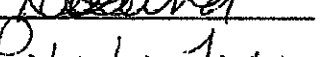

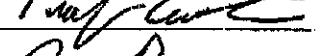


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Dear Neighbor,

As you may know, the American Transmission Company (ATC) is seeking approval to build a high voltage power transmission line from Rockdale to Middleton. Essentially, there are three main proposed routes with several variations. The one that impacts the Midvale Heights neighborhood directly would run for the entire length of the Beltline from I39/90 to US Hwy 14 in Middleton. This would place towers that are 120-130 feet high every few hundred feet all the way through the UW Arboretum, through the Odana Hills golf course and through the Whitney Way interchange (for comparison, the typical 500,000 gallon water tower is 128 feet tall).

The latest Midvale Messenger mentioned a letter that some of our neighbors received regarding a change in the Beltline route that has been requested by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WDOT), if this route is the chosen option. This modification involves carrying the line through Odana Hills Park rather than along the south side of the Beltline, as was the original plan. In order to maintain these towers a permanent road would be paved most of the length of the park, from Dearholt Drive to just under the westbound off-ramp. WDOT is generally opposed to the Beltline route due to safety, construction, and right-of-way concerns.

Apparently, anyone whose property is not within the 300 feet of the power line's route were not notified. This cut-off seems to be the norm in these matters as evidenced by the fact that the PSC/DOI joint environmental impact statement states that only 43 homes would be affected by the Beltline route! How many would be affected if the cut-off was 400 or 500 feet (or line-of-sight)?

Informing you of these new developments is one reason why you are being contacted. The other is to alert you that there is little time left to provide input on this issue. While the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) is required to have a final decision about the ATC proposal by early July, 2009, most likely input from the public will only be accepted up to Dec 29, 2008. If you wish to have your opinions -- whatever they might be -- read by the commission it is essential that you contact them before the end of this year (contact addresses are included on the attached sheet). Make sure to mention the docket number (#137-CE-147) in all correspondence to the PSC.

Since this a "state" matter, it is probably also a good idea to send copies of your opinions to Senator Risser and Representative Berceau. Even if these two have come out against an above-ground Beltline route, there is nothing like a ground swell of public opinion to strengthen their resolve. I also recommend that you send copies of your comments to Mayor Cieslewicz and Dane County Executive Falk, who have also written in favor of a buried cable, as well as to our alder and county supervisor. While you are at it, a copy to U.S. Representative Baldwin would not be a bad idea, even though this matter is not considered to be under federal jurisdiction. Letters to the newspaper might be effective as well.

We will return during the weekend of Dec 13-14 with a petition to sign in opposition to the above-ground route along the Beltline and, in particular, a route through Odana Hills Park and the Arboretum. Please contact one of us if you are interested in helping to obtain signatures.

Sincerely,

Eric Cabot, 5318 Milward Drive, 772-3378, ecabot@yahoo.com
Gary Lynch, 5322 Milward Drive, 358-5322
Bob Armstrong, 5313 Milward Drive, 278-0318

While we don't presume to guess at your own positions on these matters, here are some of ours. Feel free to use any of these ideas in your comments to the PSC and elected representatives.

1. Why the beltline route and why hasn't ATC studied building a plant west or north of

Madison?

Why not piggy-back on already approved routes or other proposed routes?

Fewer homes would be within 300 feet of the route from Albion rather than Rockdale.

AIC claims that the need for the power line is caused by the rapid growth in communities in south central Dane county. Wouldn't it be more appropriate to route the power line through those communities? Why must we shoulder the burden of their lack of planning for future energy demands?

Just because we purchased homes near a noisy highway, it doesn't mean that we bought into every project that neighboring communities want to dump on us. Our neighborhood is not an industrial wasteland!

A beltline route doesn't exactly hide the eyesore of such a major power line. Fewer people will see the lines and poles on a daily basis if a more southerly route is chosen.

2. What will be the impact on our property values?

Estimates are projected to be a 4 to 6% decrease.

b. Easements through farm lands would be compensated. We as urban homeowners would not.

c. Rural routing would most likely go along established roads rather than farm lands.

d. The proportionate decrease in property values would be smaller for large properties (for example farms) rather than city lots.

3. We are concerned about the potential for unhealthy electronic interference and stray voltage.

Isn't it more important to consider the effects on the health of humans rather than farm animals? Not that the health of farm animals is not a concern.

4. The impact on the Arboretum will be enormous.

We invite you to go to the Arboretum visitor center and gaze south towards the tall evergreens that flank the beltline. Now imagine several metal towers standing 2-3 times higher than the tree line.

5. As if the power line weren't bad enough, the current proposition to install a road through the middle of Odana Hills Park is an outrage.

We must actively fend off any encroachments on our parks because they are a precious resource with which we are entrusted. It is our responsibility to protect them for the sake of future generations.

6. ATC favors the beltline route because it is cheaper and is unwilling to compromise by placing any part of the line underground.

We strongly feel that if any Beltline route is selected that the power lines should be installed underground at least from a point east of the Arboretum to a point to the west of Whitney Way.

Contact Addresses

Please include PSC Docket Number 137-CE-147 in all correspondence

1. Wisconsin Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

620 N. Whitney Way, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, WI 53707
266-5481

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http://psc.wi.gov/apps/erf_search/content/result.aspx

File a comment:

http://psc.wi.gov/apps/erf_public/comment/comment.aspx?util=137&case=CE&num=147

2. Madison Common Council, District 20 R

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district20@cityofmadison.com
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Or contact at: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/mayor/contactMayor.cfm>
266-4611

4. County Supervisor

Carousel Andrea Bayrd
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5. Dane County Executive

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6. Assembly District 76

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266-5350, FAX: 282-3676

7. Wisconsin State Senate District 26

Fred Risser
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8. Federal Representative

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9. Wisconsin State Journal

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Height Comparisons

Height of
intersection lights* at
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130 feet



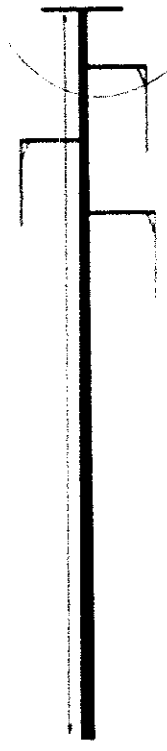
7 feet

Average Height
500,000 Gallon
Water Storage Tank
120 feet



44 feet

Average Height
Typical Single Circuit
Steel 345 kV Structure
170 feet



33 feet

Average Height
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60 feet



35 feet

Average Height
Electric Distribution
Pole
50 feet



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Typical Barn
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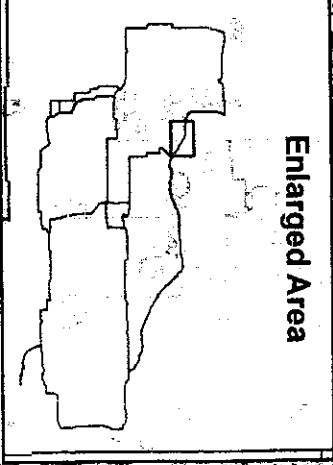
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Possible Permanent Access Road

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December 26, 2008

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Madison, WI 53707-7854

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Re: Application of ATC to Construct a New 345 kV Transmission Line from the Rockdale Substation to the West Middleton Substation, Dane County, Wisconsin
PSC Docket #137-CE-147

To Whom It May Concern:

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 - 1.5 Why is there a proposed route along the West Beltline when this impacted area will not benefit by the proposed transmission lines?
2. No independent study has been conducted to determine if the proposed Rockdale to West Middleton Project is actually necessary. The need analysis was conducted by ATC which stands to profit if the proposed project is approved. In a Dane County advisory referendum in November, 2006, Dane County voters overwhelmingly approved an advisory referendum calling for the independent study to determine the actual energy needs in the area.
3. A letter from the PSC dated September 25, 2008 had the appearance that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WDOT) supported a proposed West Beltline route. It is our contention that the WDOT only supports a route along the northern side of the West Beltline in an effort to protect its interest in case the Beltline route is the final route. The WDOI is ultimately against said route as supported by a report released March 9, 2007 (PSC Reference #70642). This report stated that the WDOI was against the West Beltline route due to the following:
 - 3.1 Conflicts with future Beltline expansion projects.
 - 3.2 Major inconveniences to the public during construction activities.
 - 3.3 Safety concerns due to the proximity of power structures in relation to traffic lanes.
 - 3.4 Limited availability of utility easements within the Beltline right-of-way.

4. An above-ground route along the Beltline is unacceptable because of the combined environmental and aesthetic impacts and perceived health risks will invariably lead to sharp decreases in property values in this heavily populated area. Additionally, there would be adverse impacts on the Arboretum and Odana Hills Park, both of which are natural wildlife refuges that predate the highway. Protecting these lands for future generations is well worth the additional cost of installing the powerlines underground. What are the health risks associated with the proposed transmission lines as related to stray voltage and EMF? It is our opinion that these potential health risks would have less of an impact to humans if the transmission lines were routed through areas that are less densely populated.
5. Why were only a limited number of property owners potentially impacted by the proposed transmission line construction project through Odana Hills Park notified of the proposed change as outlined in the PSC letter dated September 25, 2008 that would move the transmission lines from south of the Beltline to the north side? With over 60 houses in the immediate area, only about 10 property owners were aware of this proposed change. There are over 70 signatures with addresses attached. Please include all attached property owners in all future PSC and ATC correspondence and meeting notifications.
6. The property for Odana Hills Park was donated to the City of Madison for recreational purposes. There are deed restrictions on this property that controls the use of said property or the control of the property will return to the family that donated it to the City. Please ensure that the deed restrictions or covenants are upheld and said property continues to serve the public as originally intended.

Of all of the property owners that were contacted during the petition process, only four did not sign the petition. There were several property owners that were not home the weekend of December 13th and 14th. However, with over 70 signatures on the enclosed petitions, it is apparent that there is overwhelming opposition to the proposed 345 kV transmission line construction project along the West Beltline highway. It is requested that the above issues be addressed and taken into consideration during the transmission line approval process. It is also requested that a response be submitted to each listed property owner for listed item.

I would like to thank you in advance for your involvement in the proposed ATC 345 kV transmission line project review, as well as taking time to review and respond to the listed concerns and objections. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,


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Enclosures

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