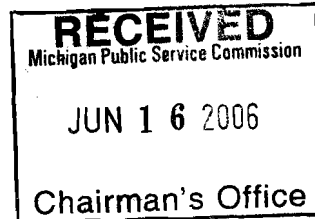


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Regarding: Case No U-14861

Dear Commissioner Peter Lark

We ask that you not approve ITC's petition to indiscriminately install these poles through the heart of our community. We also ask that you oppose ITC's request for an expedited schedule at this time. All of the Hartland home owners and businesses alike are distressed by the potential of being greeted by a forest of 120+ ft steel power towers lining what has become Hartland's main street. We all talk of property values going down but even the developers of a large shopping mall planned here in Hartland has said he will back out if these poles go in front of his development. This will prove to be another economic blow to our community, when the economy is already bad.

Ones first impression of our town coming off of 23, will be destroyed by massive steel poles lined up like death sticks lining the roads of imperial Rome thousands of years ago. We already have 60 ft wooden poles to the south of M59. Now we will have even higher steel towers on the other side of the street to the north. It will be like driving through an electrified tunnel, better yet a toaster...

I know of no other Town in Michigan that has allowed such an eyesore to be erected through their town center, the focus of their community, their pride and joy. I'm all for planned development but this type of indiscriminate infrastructure is wrong. I assume it is being done by ITC because it is cheap and expedient. But everyone in Hartland will have to pay a huge price just to feed GM more power and we will for years to come.

We know that EMF is dangerous take a moment to read the following MSU study <http://newsroom.msu.edu/site/indexer/883/content.htm> . The issue has always been, trying to show the link between power lines and cancer. Whether this leads to cancer or not is not the sole issue in and of itself. **EMF damages cells.** Your department is entrusted with our overall safety and that of our children. I believe you must error on the side of caution in this case. If there is the slightest chance of danger you must veto this petition. We don't want to read a study 10 years from now that makes the link to cancer or anything else, as has been the case so many times in the past. It is just a question of time and science will prove a link. Too many sub divisions in Hartland will be under these lines and will be adversely impacted by these power lines. We have families here with pace maker, young children and pregnant mothers worried and may be possibly affected.

Too many articles around the world have told us that EMF effect people and animals adversely for what ever reason. Countries have legislated restriction to put high power lines close to residential home, why are we the last to see the bad effects of these poles. In America unlike other countries I was always told that every human was infinitely important, that we leave no one behind. Well don't leave us behind because it is simply cheaper for ITC to roll through our town. I do not buy the argument that some should suffer, for the greater good of others as ITC keep telling us. Where are those inalienable rights to live a happy and healthy life granted every American, if this passes.

Why can't ITC use existing lines or bury them where they can't hurt anyone. The township has shown that there are shorter routes for ITC to take, that impact less people. ITC has done not shown what damage these poles will have when they are moved to the north when M59 is widened. Besides why should the people of Michigan finance the moving of these poles again in just two years when M59 is widened, what sense does that make to tax payers. Do it right the first time, put them underground. Obviously ITC wants to make use of the easements they purchased years ago for the sake of expediency. These easements were voted on when all this land were corn fields. Not a thriving community. Why should utilities be able to destroy a town in the name of progress? Other cities have lines in the ground, why them and not us.

Common sense would be, that based on the study above, that if humans are adversely impacted the many endangered species in the area, will as well. Common sense would also state that given the tremendous controversy around the world (not just here) on this issue that some problems are looming. Where there is smoke, there is fire. Sciences may not agree on that conclusion, but they too have let us down in the past, just to recapitulate years later when they find the problem did in fact exist..

Please don't let the citizens of our community down. Stop this before someone gets diagnosed with a terrible ailment.

Thank you
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