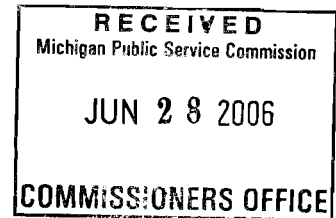
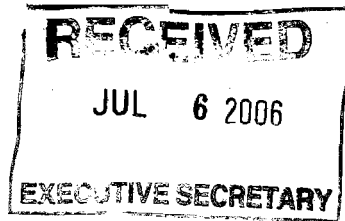


Re: U-14861

Ian and Kaye Hogg
8804 Maria Ct.
Howell, MI 48855
June 26, 2006



Peter Lark, Chairman
Michigan Public Service Commission
6545 Mercantile Way
Lansing, MI 48911

Dear Mr. Lark:

As residents of Hartland Estates subdivision on M-59 (Highland Rd.) in Hartland Township, we are writing to you regarding Case No. U-14861.

First, we want to thank you for denying the request of International Transmission Co. (ITC) for an expedited hearing in this case. We are glad to see that Hartland Township officials and representatives of other involved parties will be given a fair opportunity to fully review and present this case to the MPSC.

Second, we ask that as you continue to review this case, you consider the many valid concerns residents of Hartland Township have regarding these high voltage transmission lines coming through our neighborhoods. One of the great things about Hartland Township is that it remains a rural style community, even with all the expansion that is taking place in Livingston County. Aside from a water tower, there is no building over 2 stories tall in the Hartland area, and subdivisions are well spaced with lots of common elements, trees and buried utilities. We feel that as part of the Hartland community, we should have a say in any changes that are going to impact this environment.

One thing that we'd like for you to understand is that M-59 is a far cry from an industrial zoned area as ITC and MDOT might have you believe. Through Hartland Township the proposed transmission line route is lined with subdivisions and land that has been set aside for future subdivisions. There are no industrial complexes along the proposed route through Hartland Township, only subdivisions, a number of retail shops, and a preschool, senior center and performing arts center for the community. All of these will be negatively impacted by this transmission line project.

Our property and home backs up to our Hartland Estates subdivision-owned common area that runs along the north side of M-59. Our property line is only 400 ft. from the M-59 right of way. Many of our neighbors on Maria Ct. are only 100 ft. from the M-59 right of way. Many studies indicate that a minimum safe distance from transmission lines is 120-150 meters (400-500 ft), but preferably 500 meters (1600 ft). Too many homes along M-59 and Pleasant Valley Rd. will be dangerously close.

If ITC is allowed to erect their transmission lines along M-59 we will be directly and adversely affected. We currently look out our back windows to a lovely park-like setting with a grass-covered berm which shields us from views of M-59. It provides us with a variety of wildlife, including deer, a multitude of bird life and even makes for a great sledding hill in the winter and golf practice range in the summer. These power poles will destroy the view that we fell in love with when we bought this house 3 years ago. With such a beautiful view destroyed by the starkness of transmission lines, we greatly fear our property values will be diminished. Homes in our subdivision are already sitting on the market for months upon months. This power line project will ruin our chances of ever getting fair return on investment for our home in the future. While we fully understand that burying the lines will cause a lot of damage along the way with earth and tree removal, we see this as being an ultimately better solution in the long run. Grass, trees and shrubs can be replaced after the lines are buried. If poles are erected, our skyline will forever be scarred. It is one thing to purchase a house that is already next to a transmission line, but it's totally different to have it forced on you after you've already paid on a house that had no indications that it would ever be near a transmission line. No matter what ITC's representatives say about there being no definitive affect on housing value or health concerns, it cannot be denied that the community certainly has the perception that these lines are harmful and that can have nothing other than a negative impact on my home's value.

We also fear the many health concerns that come with having such high voltage power lines so close to our homes. We have two gorgeous children, ages 2 and 3 ½ years, and we are doing all that we can to raise them in a healthy, nurturing environment. While we understand that so many of the studies are inconclusive as to whether or not exposure to power lines is dangerous, we would rather not take that chance. Many studies 60 years ago said that smoking was safe and we all know how those were eventually overturned. We don't want to have our children exposed to excessive EMF transmissions only to find out in time that it really wasn't as safe as the power companies would have us believe today. We know that EMFs can still be transmitted through the ground, but the level is so greatly reduced that our houses then would be a safe distance from the transmission lines. Burying the lines is expensive. We understand that. But the power companies also need to understand just how priceless our children and the health of all those who live around us is.

ITC has not been forthright in what they've conveyed to our community. It may be due to the ineptitude of their public relations people or it may be intentional, but it's hard to trust what they say when they keep changing their story on why they chose certain routes or what the cost to bury the lines will be as compared to overhead poles. If they cannot be upfront with the communities impacted by the lines, how can we trust the information they provide to our township board members on the merits and justification of their proposal. As an example of their incomplete research of the proposed route, ITC said in their public information meeting that they were not aware that GM owned tracks of land from the Proving Grounds down to I-96, which would provide a convenient avenue for a

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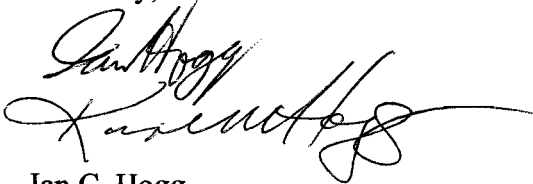
transmission line. We know that one or more directors of the company live along a shorter route that was rejected as an option, but at the public information meeting no one from ITC could give a reason why that route was not chosen.

As you review Case U-14861, please ensure that the concerns of the residents of Hartland Township are heard. Please ensure that this project is being done for the good of the entire community, not just for General Motor's benefit as it has been widely reported. We've heard that despite what ITC/DTE have told the public, there really are no plans to upgrade the substations in our area and that this project is strictly for GM's benefit. That should not be allowed to happen. Please ensure that all routes, especially shorter and less populated routes have been fully and properly considered and that the route through Hartland Township was not chosen merely for convenience and as a path of least-resistance. Please ensure that if the project goes forward, that all work is properly coordinated with the future expansion of M-59 so that homeowners along the route do not find themselves in a state of perpetual construction for the next several years. We do not understand why ITC would want to put these lines in now, only to have to pay to move them again in as few as 2 to 5 years when the road is expanded.

We fully support Hartland Township's Underground Construction of Utility Line Ordinance (Ordinance No. 59) and ask that you support our township's right to determine how utilities are constructed within its borders.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is 'Ian C. Hogg' and the second is 'Kaye M. Hogg'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ian C. Hogg
Kaye M. Hogg

cc: Laura Chappelle – Commissioner, MPSC
Monica Martinez – Commissioner, MPSC