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Manitoba Clean Environment Commission
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Dear members of the Commission

Please let us begin by saying how much we appreciate the opportunity to express our views and to submit them to you.

We live just north of the community of La Broquerie and are part of the Municipality of St. Anne. We live on an 80 acre parcel that has been in the family since 1949. We have wanted to buy this acreage for over 30 years. We finally were able to purchase it and build our house on it in April 2012. In January 2013 we received the news that a new hydro line, the Manitoba Minnesota Transmission Project was proposed to be built and that it would be crossing on our land.

Ever since then we have opposed this line passing here. We have written letters to many people in government, assisted Manitoba Hydro open houses and have been very vocal when talking to people on how much we are devastated that this proposed line is scheduled to pass on our land.

We feel like victims because we are being forced to accept something we don't want, have never wanted and will never want. We also believe this is bullying because we are not given a choice according to MB Hydro. This is the route that they have preferred and we are only to accept it. This has caused us much stress. We spend a lot of time thinking and worrying about our future and the conditions we will be forced to endure such as noise pollution, constant humming from these AC hydro lines because if the line is built it will be less than 500 feet from our home.

We also worry about Electro Magnetic Fields. When we built our one story house it was with the intent of living here into our old age and now we worry that our health will suffer because of exposure to the constant EMF's from this line. We have heard all the data about it being safe but we just can't imagine it being safe if we live here for another 30 years. Who will guarantee that we will not be affected after that length of time? NOBODY CAN.

We are hoping that the line will be rerouted to the east on Crown Land where no humans, landowners or communities will be affected. We are counting on the CEC to help us with that in recommending this to the Minister.

Thank you.
Sincerely,

Albert and Monique Bédard