



City of Saint Croix Falls

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March 31, 2009

Ms. Rene Daniels
Congressman Obey
Wausau, Wisconsin.

Dear Ms. Daniels:

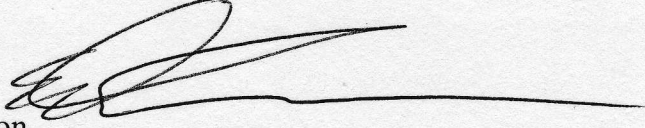
Enclosed please find the original Settlement Agreement between the Cities of Taylors Falls, Minnesota, Saint Croix Falls, Wisconsin and X-Cel Energy, dated September 2000. In this agreement X-Cel agree to bury their high voltage transmission line through the communities especially as it crosses the Wild & Scenic Saint Croix River.

Also enclosed please find a letter from X-Cel Energy dated March 26, 2009 whereby X-Cel explains its subversion of the original Settlement Agreement. X-Cel now plans to overhead the power line from the top of the bluff in downtown Taylors Falls and across the Saint Croix River. This overheading down the bluff to the rivers edge is in direct violation of the original agreement.

This original agreement was the result of a four year community effort that including over one-hundred thousand dollars in legal fees for Taylors Falls and Saint Croix Falls. I met with Taylors Falls Mayor Buchite this afternoon. We both looked at each-other and said: "I guess we were fools in trusting a corporation to abide by their word and signed commitment." We have no power to fight them. We are not in a position to incur legal expenses. I am sure outrage in the community will soon erupt. Our only hope is for Congressman Obey and Oberstar to intervene.

This is perhaps the greatest outrage I have experienced in my professional career.

Sincerely,


Ed Emerson
City Administrator

Gateway to the Scenic Wild River

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