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- Iowa project plans and impacts should be considered in this docket as it is a phased and connected action.
- Setback for Iowa project, and Freeborn Co. preference, is 1,500 feet.
- Project and associated transmission land rights acquisition appears to be overstated – does project have rights to land sufficient to build project?
- Alternate turbine locations have not been provided.
- Timing and methods of bat monitoring are not sufficient to demonstrate bat activity during migration season.
- Can project comply with shadow flicker limit of less than 30 hours annually?
- Have all eagle nests in area been reported and impacts considered?
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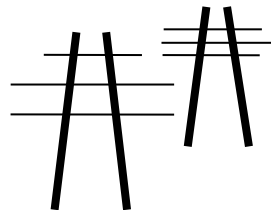
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