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May 27, 2025

I am landowner and occupant of a residential property at N56W12974 Silver Spring Road, in the Village of Menomonee Falls Wisconsin whose land and house would be seriously impacted by construction of the new transmission line proposed by American Transmission Company (ATC). I oppose the location and route as well as the request for a large right-of-way or any easement on my property.

ATC is seeking a 75-100 foot Right-of-Way coming up to and over my house to construct a road which would devastate most of my property.

While I did receive the December 19, 2024 letter re Docket # 137-CE-212, my son reviewed the letter and documents posted online at the PSC and understood the project, as pertained to me was limited to, according to the letter, "modifications to **existing** 138kV transmission lines" and saw no cause for concern as the existing power line is on the other side of the road. I received (quote) "this letter to notify property owners **near** the proposed facilities" (emphasis added, unquote). This notice appears designed to obfuscate, not inform.

There is nothing alerting me that my property and my home are targeted for destruction.

As of this writing, I, the property owner, have still not been directly notified of any designs on my property. There has been no follow-up about core drilling or engineering studies, so I don't know on what basis ATC plans to drive pilings in my lawn. I am not sure what I am supposed to testify about when I have not been told anything.

I wonder how many other recipients of the December 19 letter, noted locations of electrical substations to be upgraded, saw "near" (emphasis added) which in my case means on, knew they were not near and, therefore, are not present this afternoon defending their homes. What happens when they discover what I've discovered and now know?

There are no utility easements on my property, so this is not a "modification of existing "lines." This is a new taking. [source: Village of Menomonee Falls]

Since the Silver Spring Road bridge was removed decades ago, there has been no reason to worry about road widening.

A Right-of-Way cleared of trees and other vegetation would be a devastating and unneeded destruction of private property, my property value, my quality of life.

I have a heavily wooded property, with many trees we have planted and nurtured to provide shading, cooling, screening views and muffling road and business noise. These are long term investments. Loss of these assets would negatively impact property value and quality of life. For many years an Ash tree at the end of the driveway has been treated to protect from Emerald Ash Borer and I've also treated several American Elms for Dutch Elm disease to maintain shade and cooling. Just last fall, we planted new evergreens to fill a gap. A 75-100 foot Right-of-Way would take Apple trees, Pear trees, 50 year old Evergreens, a grove of American Basswood, Flowering crabs, a Magnolia, Maples, Oaks, Black Willows numerous shrubs and several garden areas. A cleared Right-of-Way of even a small dimension would open the property and house to traffic noise from Silver Spring Drive, noise from businesses across the river, destroy the screening from such views, and open the south face of the land and house to solar heat gain, meaning: hotter summer temperatures, increased cooling costs, and ruin my insulated, isolated property described as an "urban wilderness on the Menomonee River" in a book titled Urban Wilderness, Exploring a Metropolitan Watershed, by photographer-author Eddee Daniels.

I have no information about the construction timeline. If landscaping, trees, bulbs and spring ephemerals can be moved, that would need to be done right now for construction planned for next year. How does ATC's cutting/poisoning/removal of vegetation affect what's left?

There is a steep bluff where my property drops to the Menomonee River, which would be negatively impacted and eroded as a result of removing mature trees, a couple of which we have reason to believe are 200 years old. We raised the erosion concern, but unfortunately have had no response from the PSC or heard much from the DNR.

This bluff is nearly vertical where ATC proposes to cross the Menomonee River. Are they going to be allowed to bulldoze this hill out of their way? Why wouldn't ATC cross the river where there is already is a road corridor at the former bridge site and dead end road?

There is a water course through my land where ATC plans construction. My property is highly contoured, hills and valleys. Is ATC going to be allowed to bulldoze, fill in, re-grade for their road-building?

My septic tank is within their proposed right of way, and the septic bed is just feet from the construction project. If ATC's heavy equipment or construction vibrations break old pipes, my home will be uninhabitable. Because of the hilliness of my property and lack of basement, I was unable to connect to sewer and water sometime in the 90's when Menomonee Falls extended sewer connections.

My home, therefore, relies on a private well. What are 60-foot deep pilings going to do the water table?

It appears ATC is planning to build two of their 100 foot steel towers and 8 to 12 foot concrete platforms just feet from my kitchen window. Is that legal? It certainly is vindictive. That is also where my septic tank is located. We've heard rumors there are limits to how close power lines can be to a residence, but have been unable to track down and verify. I ask the PSC to consider the negative impacts such close proximity to high power electrical lines, which are known to (quote-unquote) "sing" may have on health.

I am an 89 year old woman who has lived at N56 nearly 60 years with plans of passing our home as my legacy to my son who has nurtured and cared for the landscape much of his life. Seeing the property cleared as proposed and towers planted outside the kitchen window would be mentally

and emotionally devastating to me and definitely harmful to our well and septic system.

Why doesn't ATC follow the existing transmission corridor of tall steel towers along railroad tracks just north of my home and the businesses east of me?

Or why ATC doesn't continue along Silver Spring Drive, one block South, which is a major thoroughfare, with wide median, ditch areas, large setbacks and industrial properties where a private residence would not be impacted.

There is no vegetation under existing power lines on the South side of Silver Spring Road, which is primarily parking lots. ATC maps show the line weaving across and back over the much larger Silver Spring Drive a mile and a half west of me, so a jog away from my property is not an unreasonable request to prevent damaging my home and lifelong investment.

I hope as a result of these hearings, my questions will be completely answered, alternatives considered, and failing that, a schedule that gives homeowners enough time-- at least an entire growing season to make adjustments to landscape-- and relocate from the demolition zone, before the Public Service Commission allows this proposal to continue forward. Thank you!

Sandra M. Seymour

Parking lot

Furthermore— across the road from my river bluff is a three-tiered macadam parking lot, lower two sections of which no company employees of the original occupant (Enerpac) or the current (StaffElectric) has ever parked. Land on the south side of Old Silver Spring Road slopes down gradually to the Menomonee unlike the steep bluff on my property on the north side.

Why doesn't ATC consider that more accessible empty parking lot as potential site for its 100-foot tall steel towers?

Another possible location is a vacant—for the past year-- manufacturing plant with a large parking lot east of the Butler Water Company. Why doesn't ATC consider that vacant lot as a possible tower site? Other than the fact ATC likely doesn't want to deal with the BigBoys, so to speak, rather powerless homeowners like me.

Directly across the road from me is a steep uphill slope, top of which is the Butler Water Company. That slope is an underground reservoir for 400,000 gallons of drinking water for the Village of Butler. Will it be endangered by heavy construction equipment rumbling around building "whatever" on my property.... whatever is needed to raise two 100-foot steel towers outside my kitchen?



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Frontispiece: View towards downtown Milwaukee from 35th St., Menomonee Valley.

Page viii: Painted turtle, Jacobus Park, Wauwatosa.

Pieces of a Puzzle

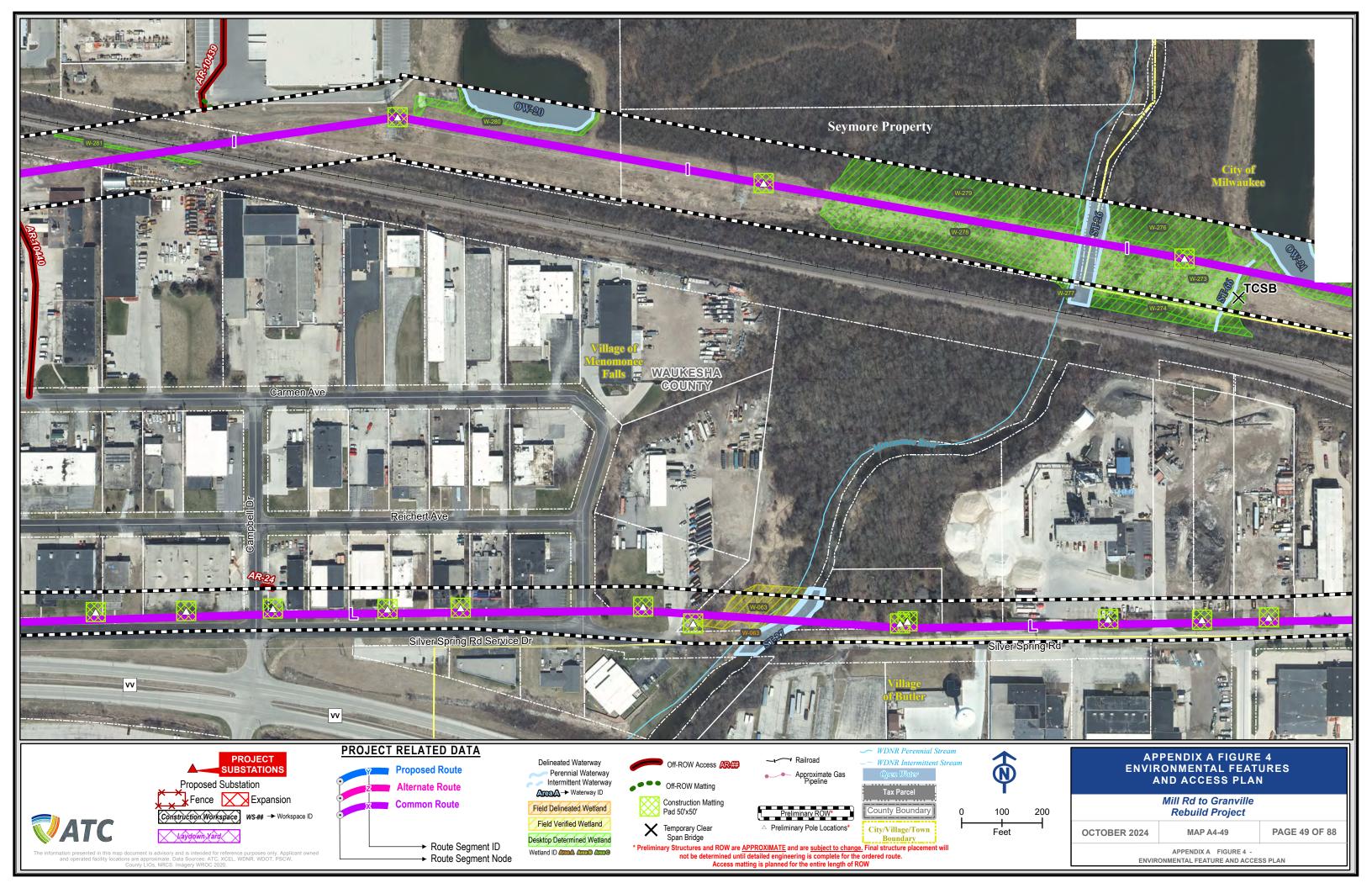
Once again "urban" intertwines with "wilderness" in unforeseen juxtapositions. I'd expected a short stretch of steep, rocky slope, a trashy hillside dumping ground that would be difficult to traverse. After carefully descending the precipitous, loosely graveled railroad embankment, I quickly discover a deer trail near the water's edge that leads easily to an enchanting lowland meadow in a wide bend of the river. Although a low stone and concrete levee braces the riverbank where it is most vulnerable, rising water would overflow it, inundating the meadow completely. What I take to be a doghouse, now crushed on one side and settling gently into the soft earth, must have fallen victim to such a deluge. Faded barn-red paint has peeled up in places to reveal stark white underneath. It was well cared for before being swept from its foundations. Walking around I discover a circular opening about a foot in diameter. There is no other entrance. Probably it was a chicken coop; now it is a quietly disintegrating vestige of a vanishing agrarian past.

An even stranger artifact disturbs the sylvan character of the scene. Centered in the grassy lea of the riverbend is a kind of charcoal grate atop a steel pipe, similar to those found at picnic areas in parks. Though a mere two feet tall, it stands erect and sturdy, a commanding presence in the clearing despite its rusty and corroded condition. But, since it doesn't appear to have been used as a grill, its purpose is as baffling as its oddly precise positioning.

Guarded by the twin bulwarks of a massive railroad bridge and a divided four-lane overpass and dominated by the steep escarpment, this stretch of riverbottom feels remarkably remote. It is, therefore, especially surprising to find a snug dwelling hidden in a secluded dell between industrial sites above. A path leading down to the water and an overturned canoe are testaments to the owners' appreciation of their riverfront location. It is further testament to the magnetism of nature that, despite its remoteness, the residents feel sufficiently besieged to have posted "no trespassing" signs prominently at the edges of their private enclave.

The tensions of urban wilderness coexist in this place like intermingled pieces of different puzzles: agricultural, industrial, residential, private, and public. But the challenge is not to disentangle and separate the diverse images; it is to find a way to fit together all of the pieces into a new and harmonious whole.

Retracing my steps, I spy the soaring form of a red-tailed hawk, nearly large enough to pass for an eagle. A second, smaller one wafts across its path on an updraft. Both peer intently into the unruffled grasses of the meadow, then silently pass on by, continuing in opposite directions.



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I am here in support of Sandra Seymour, a residential property owner on Silver Spring Road in the Village of Menomonee Falls, I was told segment L, whose land and house would be seriously impacted by the takings proposed by American Transmission Company (ATC).

She did receive the Public Service Commission letter of December 19, 2024. I have to say, this is not my first experience with some sort of notice arriving between Thanksgiving and Christmas when people are focused on other things.

I reviewed the letter and understood the project was limited to, I quote the letter, "modifications to **existing** 138kV transmission lines." Power lines exist on the other side of the street although I don't think they're 138kV. Again I quote "this letter to notify property owners **near** the proposed facilities" [emphasis added]. This is not notification. This is deception. This is not doing the public any service because it's a lie.

Nothing in this letter says your property is going to be taken from you, and destroyed. Nothing about a 100 right-of-way for building a road that will cover much or most of the property.

We only became aware when agents representing ATC arrived at **my** house in Mequon in mid-March [13, 2025], with a letter dated January 31 and that's not a joke. They wanted my permission to access a property---I don't own. Real geniuses working on this. I asked several times why they were asking me, but they did not answer. I asked about power lines, I asked about poles and they said they didn't know anything about that. I don't know if they dishonest, or just that dumb. I was told ATC wanted "20 feet", which is blatantly untrue.

I have to wonder how many other people have no idea what is going to happen to them because they have been deceived and lied to.

A business up the road and an official in the village planning department thought it would be an underground cable. A neighboring village official though it would be wooden poles. Other comments on file with the PSC from the village [from Amy Bennett, Planning Manager, Village of Menomonee Falls] note "a lack of accurate information related to the project." So it's not just me that's a victim of your scam.

The dishonesty is reason enough for this project to be opposed by anyone who has morals.

As of today, the actual property owner has still not been directly informed of any designs on her private property. But we are supposed to show up at this charade of a public hearing to give input.

My family's property is not a waste space in need of improving by bulldozing and paving. This is a property my family has lived on and I have helped care for more than 50 years.

We enhance the property to welcome wildlife. With my father, who has since passed, we planted a native Midwest prairie meadow that's now doomed. I sweep the lawn for snakes and frogs before mowing the grass, so you can imagine how I feel about the evil doers running a road over the land and across the front patio.

There is a steep bluff where the property drops to the Menomonee River, which would be negatively impacted and eroded by construction work and removal of native vegetation and mature trees, at least one of which I have reason to believe is a 200 years old Oak tree, based on similar trees I've seen dated. And another probably of similar age.

When I was young this Oak tree had a piece of barbed wire sticking out of it. Still in there somewhere. When this land was farmed or grazed, that tree was too big to be eaten by livestock, and too small to cut for wood, but it was the right size for a fence post. And since then the hillside has not been grazed, mowed or trampled by human destruction.

I don't know if we can talk about old growth Trout Lily. While the colony spreads across much of the property, it is entirely within the path of destruction. But the steep bluff slope is the only place it flowers. I don't know if that is because of its association with other native plant roots and mycorrhizal networks with the Oaks, the Basswood, and other shrubs. This is a remnant population from God's green creation. When we hear so much about the loss of habitat, loss of species, and degradation of environmental quality, these few remaining places, these last standing individuals are what we need to leave in place.

We have worked to keep out unwanted, problematic plants like buckthorn and garlic mustard, which would easily populate following the mass extermination for road construction.

ATC promises to restore the corridor, but only to "good condition". Seriously How do you restore a 200 year old oak tree to good condition after building a road over it?

Does the Commission know why the new line doesn't continue to follow an existing transmission corridor along the railroad tracks, without cutting new corridors, and slumifying new areas of the community?

Does the Commission why the line does not continue to follow Silver Spring Drive which is a major thoroughfare, with wide median, ditch areas, large setbacks and industrial properties, and is the direction the line is going?

Maybe as a result of this hearing, the Public Service Commission will correct it's sin of omission, and act to insure complete and correct information is given to all impacted property owners while they still have time to react; Transmission lines will be restricted to existing corridors, and our home and values will not be destroyed.

Geoffrey Seymour

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