

The Columbia Electric Transmission Line Project

Open House 9/30/2015

Constituent Comment Collection

An Open House was conducted on Sept. 30, 2015, at Rock Bridge High School with the purpose of providing the public with the most recent information and answering questions pertaining to preliminary pole structure designs and pole placement along the approved transmission line route. The approved route (known as Option A) extends from the Perche Substation to the Grindstone Substation, running along Scott Blvd., W. Vawter School Rd., Nifong Blvd. and Grindstone Pkwy.

The public was asked to provide feedback and submit questions through a formal comment process from Sept. 29 through Oct. 18, 2015, with the intent of providing all submissions to the project team engineers and the City Council. Paper comment forms were provided to attendees of the Open House and at a separate presentation with the Mill Creek Elementary School PTA. Additionally, an online comment form was available on the project's website, www.PoweringColumbia.com. Comments and questions submitted separately through the Contact page of the website have also been collected and included. All comments and questions received during this collection period have been compiled and included here.

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1	Ros Shanker	573-875-2035		Paper	9/30/2015	N		N					I am glad you decided to make this presentation. The length of time and station were good. My suggestion is that you have a 5 minute meeting every .5 hour to reveal the general plan and invite questions. Sometimes this method helps the public because they can hear of other questions that they might not have thought of and thereby glean good info- Ros		
2	Deb Faller		debra.s.faller@gmail.com	Paper	9/30/2015	Y	3500 Vawter School Rd	Y	Residence	CWL			We are pleased they won't be on our side of the road.		
3	Lvonne Pineda	573-445-9764	jicapinedas@hotmail.com	Paper	9/30/2015	Y	3300 W Vawter School Rd	Y	Residence	CWL					
4	Amy			Paper	9/30/2015	N		N			not really	Needed overview presentation. No clear path to take and booths crowded. So hard to get to booths. Didn't have advantage of hearing others questions	Why not do option B which is less populated, cheaper	Too large	Why would you think it's ok to put these giant dangerous gargantuan eyesores in someone's yard. Why not put it in more rural routes. Obtrusive & we are already stressed out- who needs more electromagnetic energy which has been proven dangerous
5	Angela & Adam Boster	573-4242592	hands of healing touch@gmail	Paper	9/30/2015	Y	39515 Forest Acres	Y	Residence	BEC			Unfair to homeowners in this route. Feels like we are backed in a corner		Bullshit
6	Patricia Kowalski	573-256-1295	pmk700@aol.com	Paper	9/30/2015	Y	700 New Market Place	Y	Residence	CWL	Y	I saw exactly where poles are being placed. The real estate (city person) confirmed that property values where these structures are built would be negatively affected- Thanks	I find it horrible that these poles are being put above ground in existing residential areas. This will decrease property values of our homes that we have worked hard to pay for. We researched diligently 16 years ago when we purchased our home. We looked to avoid this very thing. Now we are having it planted right near our home	WAY TOO Large! It'll be an eyesore to existing homes	This is a travesty to existing homes. These lines could be buried in existing residential areas! Or this could be taken a different route to avoid existing residential areas! I don't know how the city planners have the conscious to do this to property owners
7	Paul Bax	573-239-0898	paul00bax@gmail.com	Paper	9/30/2015	Y	2801 Pine Tree Lane	Y	Residence	BEC	Y	I was able to have discussions with city staff, hired engineers, real estate folks & the public	I am satisfied with the explanations I received this evening. It is positive that there will be less poles. The size of the new poles and EMFs are concerns. I voted for option B and that is my comment	They are ugly, but I don't know what else could be used... I voted for option B	I'm strongly considering selling my home. The EMF research provided is dated. However, I'd feel bad for whoever would buy my home. The city should have chosen a lesser populated route. Thanks.
8	Pat Fowler	573-256-6891		paper	9/30/2015	N		N					As a ratepayer I am concerned that we chose a combination of a reasonable cost and taking mitigating steps to alleviate the concerns of parents and the seniors (and their adult children who care for them) along the route.		
9	Susie Ailor	573-886-2880	ailors@health.missouri.edu	Paper	9/30/2015	N		N				Was troubling that the presentation at individual tables/ handouts were misleading	Should not be close to this many schools- feel that the council was not properly educated. Drawing of Mill Creek Elementary and its exposure potentially is misleading. Shows the building being rarely exposed, but playground is at the street with definite increase. Families will have an increase at home and at school for their children		Not 'in line' with good health and the community as a whole. Feel council was misled if not, they do not consider the potential harm for children a concern it should be
10	Edgar I Ailor III, M.D.	573-42400850	ailorphotography@aol.com	paper	9/30/2015	N		N					This route currently planned for a 161-KV Transmission line following Vawter School Rd & W Nifong goes right by Mill Creek School. The Graph showing the exposure to the electromagnetic field provided by Sega Inc. shows the north wall of the Mill Creek school electromagnetic exposure at .1 milligauss. What it doesn't show is the PLAYGROUND for Mill Creek is 50-75' from the transmission line with (from their graph) a 1.25-2 milligauss exposure. Our communities children & grand children are at that school 8 hours/day 5 days a week. There's evidence for the world health organization and NIH and other sources of an incidence for childhood leukemia with higher EMF exposure. We do not want a high voltage transmission line near our schools. We have to reconsider the route. A is not the best option		
11	Detelina Marinova		detelinam@hotmail.com	Paper	9/30/2015	N	3212 West Creek	Y	Residence		N	I felt it was a one way conversation. Citizens did not have a chance to voice their objections.	Route B needs to be adopted. Given the adverse effects of EMF and huge impact on residential, schools and pre-schools along route A Incomplete info on health effects was given to the public on City website (EPA & utilities) and to the city council when they voted (according to minutes). Route A was most expensive as well		Route B is cheaper, LESS developed and goes by NO schools
12	Carolyn Hawks	573-268-8543	ccardon@aol.com	Paper	9/30/2015	N		Y	Both	CWL	N		My objection is the selection of Option A. Option B goes by NO schools, much less dense population. I feel the city did not address the health issues, the forums were not publicized enough. There has been much new scientific research since the vote and I believe we should have a revote		
13	Melinda Jenne	573-356-3332	melindajenne@gmail.com	Paper	9/30/2015	N	3660 Scott Blvd	N					PLEASE RETHINK OPTION B! NO SCHOOLS NO DENSELY POPULATED NEIGHBORHOODS 3 MILLION CHEAPER		
14	Nancy & Dennis Palmer	573-864-8454	dennis@costalelectric.net	Paper	9/30/2015	Y	3908 Barrington Dr	Y	Business	BEC			We are concerned with the pole 26 location		
15	Earl & Kathy Bryant	573-442-1041	kbryant@centrytel.net	Paper	9/30/2015	Y	3909 Barrington Dr	Y	Residence	CWL	Y		I love that they are going on the south side of Nifong by our house. Thank you for not putting a pole in my bedroom		
16	Mary Dodds & Stan McCarthy	573-442-0167	tropstan@yahoo.com	Paper	9/30/2015	Y	Bedford walk	Y	Residence	CWL	N	Powerline is only part of the construction in the area	Will the area be like the Business Loop and be an eyesore and have to move lines again?		Need to coordinate with the proposed road expansion the city has planned Video speed needs to be slowed down

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17	Jennifer James	573-289-3044	tjennifer@mchsi.com	Paper	10/5/2015	N	2605 Pine Tree Ln	N	Residence	CWL	Y	I've attended many meetings in regard to this project. I'm frustrated that we are spending to bury utilities on the north side of nifong. Now if we are going to bury utilities spend the \$ to bury these.	I am concerned with the inconclusive studies and unknowns in relation to health and safety. I am concerned with the devaluation of properties along the path especially the north side of bedford walk and of the aesthetic consequences to a road that is still relatively attractive traveling west on nifong from providence.		In earlier meetings and in customer surveys primary concerns for determining the route leaned heavily toward long term reliable power trying to stay as far from residential as possible, environment & aesthetic and cost. Other than the reliable power, we seem to have abandoned the remainder of the primary goals of the project. This is disappointing and misleading. People on the north side of nifong purchased their property knowing there was a sizeable dedicated utility corridor. Their property values reflected that, the people on the southside did not.
18	Mardy and Lisa Eimers	573-673-3099	mardyeimers@gmail.com	Paper	10/5/2015	Y	3903 Deerfoot Way	Y	Residence	CWL			Option B and B2 do not affect schools, residences etc. and costs above the same, actually less. Yes life expectancy is less in B and B2 but it is certainly worth it given the health risks of A		
19	Matthew Hayes	573-356-1964	matthew.hayes@brightstarcare.com	Paper	10/5/2015	Y	4101 Watertown Pl	Y	Residence	BEC			Boone Electric Co-op customers were not sent surveys however the route goes right through their service area. These customer should have a vote in this especially the ones where the route is going.		
20	Niki Kriete	578-808-5721	snkriete@gmail.com	Online	9/30/2015	Y	205 E. Nifong	Y	Residence	CWL	Y	The open house was informative and gave us more of an idea of what to expect (worse than we first thought, the poles are larger). I don't really feel like your input really mattered as the representatives answering questions pretty much said that the pole placement would not be changing much. Also, two weeks is not enough time to consider the impact this will have on our property values.	There is room/easement on the north side of the Nifong/Bethel to Nifong/Forum area to run the lines next to mostly commercial properties. Properties in the Bedford Walk subdivision will be within fall distance of the poles. Mature trees buffering the traffic on Nifong will likely be cut down to run these lines. Properties values will be greatly affected. Typically, poles of this size are placed in a 100 foot easement. These poles will be stuck in a 10 foot easement.	We will have a pole in our backyard that is within fall distance of our house, comprising the safety of my children and our home. Having a pole behind our home will also make it more difficult to sell our home in the future as federal loans for homes with large power poles such as these will need to be reviewed by HUD.	
21	Jay Lindner	573-446-5500	jay@forumgroup.com	Online	9/30/2015	Y		Y	Business	CWL	Did not attend		Would like to know why the route has to cross Nifong to the north side for 2 poles between Peachtree drive and Providence before crossing back to the south side		
22	Teresa Thornbrook		nbheim@hotmail	Online	10/1/2015		4307 Montpelier Place						For once.....will the city please listen to the people!!!! We are trying to build back the trust from our city council members and the community members. If you disregard what the residents are saying it will only build deeper wounds and hateful feelings. Please think of others for once and don't put the electric service above ground and don't put it by the schools!!		
23	Jessica L. Bax	573-397-2046	jessica.letourneur@gmail.com	Online	10/1/2015		4502 Avondale Place						Please consider burying the proposed power lines that will be installed near Mill Creek Elementary. I am the parent of a Mill Creek child and am concerned about the health of my child and other children and adults in the area being affected by above-ground lines.		
24	Amy de Jong	573-999-0028	adejong@gocolumbiamo.com	Online	10/1/2015	Y		Y	Residence	CWL	Y	I didn't see very many happy faces at the Open House!	The poles are in my neighbors on Watertown Place backyard. It is ridiculous to place them next to residential areas when there are commercial properties across the street. The proposed pole placement will significantly affect property values in Bedford Walk.		
25	JR Lawless	573-443-8871	jr.lawless@edwardjones.com	Online	10/5/2015	N	3909 Deerfoot Way	Y	Business	CWL	Did not attend		This pole placement is immediately outside my office. I will not continue to do business at this location unless this pole placement is moved across the street. I am very disappointed in your organization concerning this issue. Not only will I have to move locations due to this line placement, it will ruin the aesthetic view of a major economic hub in this town. There are always alternatives and placing the largest, most powerful lines down a major thoroughfare is not only short cited but shows incredibly incompetent long term planning. My guess is this has been an issue to years and to blame the federal requirements on the decision to place this line down nifong is irresponsible. There is no doubt this will affect my business and force a very costly move. I can't imagine Clayton MO ever using the excuse of a federal mandate to place similar lines down Skinker blvd.... I have informed my landlord that we will be forced to move as my firm will not allow its employees to work directly under these lines. I would imagine that Columbia power and light would not cover the lawsuits that would be inevitable.		
26	Dieter Duff	573-529-1818	deiterduff@gmail.com	Online	10/5/2015	Y		N			Y				My wife and I, along with numerous other people, hope the city council will reconsider the route of the high voltage transmission line. We understand the need to upgrade and plan for the future, but why place these lines through developed residential areas when other options exist? Studies about potential health risks are not conclusive, and we would rather our family not be at risk. Additionally, our property value is almost certain to be affected negatively.

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27	Hannah Nichols		nicholshm@health.missouri.edu	Online	10/6/2015										I am writing to you to urge you to reconsider the planned route for high voltage power lines voted on by Council in 2013. It is my feeling that Columbia Water and Light did not provide adequate information to Council, disregarding the marked disadvantages of potential health risks (particularly to a number of school age children from Rock Bridge to Mill Creek) as well as substantial invasion on existing residential areas and businesses. Both Option B and Option B-2, as formerly proposed, offered a less expensive alternative on land already owned by the city. It also would substantially reduce the adverse impact on our citizens. Please take this under advisement. We ask for a revote. Thank you. Sincerely, Hannah Nichols
28	Karin Carratura	(573) 256-1392	karylew@gmail.com	Online	10/7/2015	N		N			N		I have children at Mill Creek Elementary. I would like to know, when another viable option is not located next to a school, why the current plan was selected. I understand you have access to studies that do not link these power lines to health issues. I also know there are studies that say it is a risk. Why take this risk with our children's lives, when another way is a valid option? Please revisit this. Ask the public again if they think it is worth risking the health of our children. Give them all the information and the potential drawback and see what they would support.	No	
29	Karin Carratura	(573) 256-1392	karylew@gmail.com	Online	10/8/2015	N		N			N		Can you, with a clear conscience, promise my children that attend Mill Creek are not at risk due to the placement of those wires by their playground? Are you ready to answer to them if you are wrong?	No	
30	Julie Allen	866.661.4473	robphotoimage@gmail.com	Online	10/8/2015	N		N					Please consider routing the power away from the schools.	No	
31	Annette Robbins	573-289-1118	comfortablecottage1@gmail.com	Online	10/8/2015	N		N			Y		The EMF is too great to be around schools. Look at the research. Be brave and do the right thing	No	
32	Michelle Laly	573.356.4262	michellecox5@hotmail.com	Online	10/8/2015	N	5203 Thornbrook Pkwy	N			Did not attend	I was unaware of the Open House and would love another opportunity to learn more about this, it's effects on the community, especially schools as my children attend RBHS, learn about "option B", and ask questions. Thank you!	I would like more information about the proposed pole placement and more information about alternatives.	No	
33	Kelly Durante	(573) 882-5131	durantek@missouri.edu	Online	10/8/2015	Y	1317 Sedona Villas Dr.	Y	Residence	CWL	Did not attend		I absolutely oppose plan B, which would bring high-power lines very close to my house at 5203 Thornbrook Pkwy. I prefer underground lines, then plan B-2, then plan A. Please do NOT go with plan B.	No	I absolutely oppose plan B, which would bring high-power lines very close to my house at 5203 Thornbrook Pkwy. I prefer underground lines, then plan B-2, then plan A. Please do NOT go with plan B.
34	David Allen	573-443-4656	prentallen@mchsi.com	Online	10/8/2015	Y	1318 Sedona Villas Dr.	Y	Residence	CWL	Y		No	No	The route chosen (Option A) passes by many residences and business on Nifong creating both a possible health risk and an ascetic eyesore. The alternative Option B not only does neither of those things but is also less expensive. Current scientific findings make the health risk more likely. For that reason alone the city council should revisit the plan.
35	David Allen	573-443-4657	prentallen@mchsi.com	Online	10/8/2015	Y		Y	Residence	CWL	Y		No	No	The proposed route (Option A) does not properly take into consideration possible health risks and aesthetic considerations while Option B poses neither of these problems and is also less expensive to construct than Option A. Recent scientific studies indicate that health risk of high power transmission lines are more probable than previously thought. For that reason alone, the city council should reconsider the plan.
36	Brooke Hoffman	(217) 779-6605	Spencbr3@hotmail.com	Online	10/8/2015	N		Y	Residence	BEC	Did not attend		Not okay to have by young children on playground at Mill Creek	No	
37	Jill Orr	573-424-9507	orrjill@hotmail.com	Online	10/8/2015	N	4512 Kirkdale Dr	N			Y		I do not feel it is safe to have these high voltage power lines placed in such a highly trafficked area - especially near Mill Creek School - when it seems clear there is another option.	No	
38	Shelly Blevins		jsablevins@midamerica.net	Online	10/8/2015		2504 St. Regis Ct								Please don't choose plan A. So scary that it goes nearby all those schools and preschools. I have children in those schools that HAVE to be there all day! If there is ANY possible health risk, it's not worth it! Plus our property values are going to go down because no one is going to want to buy a house in our area! We are willing to pay the extra cost for an alternate route!! Please, we are begging you to consider other options besides the route down Nifong!
39	Rob Wolverton	573-999-6551	robwolverton@anthonyproperty.com	Online	10/8/2015		Cornerstone Ct.								I do not believe the route discussion should be re-opened and Council should stay with the plan chosen.
40	Drew Clark		drew.hamish.clark@gmail.com	Online	10/8/2015		3261 S Greenfield Ct								I think this is a terrific idea. With all of the new construction going on in Columbia, I can only assume we are running up against the limits of the available electricity we would have (without risking brown/blackouts.) This seems like an excellent step to safeguarding my ability to make pop tarts with my air conditioning going full blast.

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41	David Barnard		dave.barnard@hotmail.com	Online	10/6/2015										Thank you for the very informative website. I live near the transmission line route so this is helpful. Looks like a good plan.
42	Neil and Jenny Brothers	817-2984	tennis37@chartner.net	Online	10/8/2015	N		Y	Residence	CWL	Did not attend		Yes	No	We live a few blocks from the route, I work right along the route, and our three kids go to school at Mill Creek. We are very concerned these power lines are going in so close to us and to several schools and businesses, mostly for the possible health risks. We are also concerned about property values and the fact that this option is more expensive and the other option affects far fewer people and is more rural. The best option would be to choose a route where there are no schools or neighborhoods. If they do have to go by neighborhoods and schools, why can't the lines be buried along that path? The health of our citizens of Columbia should be the number one concern in a decision like this.
43	Mark and Christina Richards	573-447-2097	richardson1222@gmail.com	Online	10/8/2015	N		N					Yes, we are highly concerned about the proposed placement going over, through, around near our children's elementary school, Mill Creek Elementary. This seems terribly wrong and quite disturbing that it has passed as a viable option for where to place these poles. We are worried about our children--we have 3 currently in attendance at this school. We are worried about our teachers and staff.	No	
44	Brenna Schmardebeck	801-376-4976	bschmard@gmail.com	Online	10/8/2015	N		N			Did not attend		My children attend Mill Creek Elementary. I am very concerned about having high voltage power lines so close to so many children. Study after study shows the negative effects they can have and the increased odds of getting childhood leukemia with such exposure. I am confused that the city would choose as option A, a plan that puts a cancer causing eyesore right through the middle of a nice residential area. Please make the responsible choice and protect our children!!! There is another option; it may not be perfect, but it reduces exposure and long term effects.	No	I am sorry I did not attend the open house. We are relatively new to Columbia (just bought a house here!) and I didn't know about this until some people were talking about the meeting a day later. I have since updated myself on the situation and would like to make my opinion known.
45	Melinda Jenne	573-356-3332	melindajenne@gmail.com	Online	10/8/2015	N		N			Y		How are you going to place poles when you don't even have a plan for the road expansion. Water and Light said there was not a finalized road expansion map.	These are absolutely massive! They will ruin the look of our town. Fast forward 20 years, the South of Columbia will probably be the middle of Columbia. Please don't put these right down main roads, PLEASE RETHINK OPTION B!	I have attended open houses in the past month. We realized a lot of us never heard of this project because we are Boone electric customers. Please reconsider Option B. It is cheaper, it doesn't go over schools, it won't cut through several densely populated neighborhoods and it won't ruin the look of our town. It is not too late!
46	Nicole Bormann	573-303-4563	nicole.bormann@gmail.com	Online	10/8/2015	N		N			Did not attend		No	While I understand that growth of a city is never something a city can completely foresee, it seems short-sighted to have not assumed a need for such a power grid before this. That said, placing the lines DIRECTLY ON the same land that most residents send their children for the entire day seems completely insane. It is known that there are negative health effects from continuous exposure to such power lines. I have young children who will attend Mill Creek Elementary very soon and am appalled that this is something that the city is planning. Move the lines further south where the properties/schools have yet to develop so as to avoid this scenario down the line. Seems short sighted to say the least. STRONGLY OPPOSED and will be sure to request fellow parents to voice their concern.	Was just made aware of this proposal today. Not sure how this is something that wasn't made a bigger deal sooner, but welcome the opportunity to discuss further. Time to rethink this plan.
47	Zach Clark	573-823-1350	zrck99@gmail.com	Online	10/8/2015	N	4903 Fall Brook Drive	N			Did not attend		No	No	I'm very grateful for the proactive approach that the city is taking in order to keep the electrical grid reliable. Please proceed with the upgrades as quickly as possible.
48	Dawn Orr		dawn@edorr.com	Online	10/8/2015		3604 Ridgeview Drive								The city council needs to look at option B for power line placement. The residents of Columbia were not aware of the council's vote for option a. Many homes and schools will be affected by this. Please reconsider!
49	Julie Hendrix	314-922-4511	juliehendrix@mac.com	Online	10/8/2015			Y	Residence	BEC			Our house is possibly one of the closest properties to this project along the entire route! We are adamantly against this due to the health risks to us and our 8 year old son and the kids that play in the neighborhood right along the path of these powerlines! In addition, we've been told by experts that our home value will decline by at least 30%. This is unacceptable when other alternatives (option B) are cheaper and away from developed neighborhoods and schools. Our son also attends Mill Creek Elementary where he is at risk to additional exposure to the high voltage lines.	They are large and intrusive to our property.	Our house is possibly one of the closest properties to this project along the entire route! We are adamantly against this due to the health risks to us and our 8 year old son and the kids that play in the neighborhood right along the path of these powerlines! In addition, we've been told by experts that our home value will decline by at least 30%. This is unacceptable when other alternatives (option B) are cheaper and away from developed neighborhoods and schools. Our son also attends Mill Creek Elementary where he is at risk to additional exposure to the high voltage lines.
50	Marisa Hagler	573-808-6096	marisahagler@gmail.com	Online	10/9/2015	N		Y	Residence	BEC	Did not attend		I do not want this near my child's school and near our home!	No	It seems to me that Option B should definitely be the way to go! Let's think about our children!

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51	Jennifer Roderique	573-219-5195	JENNY80EV@GMAIL.COM	Online	10/9/2015	N	3809 Timber Run Drive	Y	Residence	BEC	Did not attend		I am writing to you to urge you to reconsider the planned route for high voltage power lines voted on by Council in 2013. It is my feeling that Columbia Water and Light did not provide adequate information to Council, disregarding the marked disadvantages of potential health risks (particularly to a number of school age children from Rock Bridge to Mill Creek) as well as substantial invasion on existing residential areas and businesses. Both Option B and Option B-2, as formerly proposed, offered a less expensive alternative on land already owned by the city. It also would substantially reduce the adverse impact on our citizens. Please take this under advisement. We ask for a revote. Thank you.	No	
52	Russell crane	573 4246823	Russelc61@gmail.com	Online	10/9/2015	Y	3701 Hunter Valley Drive	N			N		This has already been decided. We've been down this road before. There is no need to change the agreed upon route.	No	This fight should be shelved.
53	Jason and Sarah Swindle	573-815-0994	swin1@me.com	Online	10/11/2015	Y	3505 Ridgeview Drive	N			Did not attend		<p>Good afternoon. My wife and I are residents of Spring Creek subdivision (phase 1) and we'd like to voice our concern over the path of the recommended transmission line route. We have two children who attend Mill Creek and we own property not too far from the route.</p> <p>First, we are thankful for your service to our city. We realize that the city attempted to garner feedback and public discussion about this project several years ago, but as we have learned over the past few months, it appears the city's approach was flawed and potentially misleading.</p> <p>Our dissatisfaction primarily is this: potential health concerns have been acknowledged by city officials (so why risk even one child's health!?) and there IS an alternative, cheaper route with far less disruption.</p> <p>Here is a summary of our concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and safety of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Children in the 5 schools and daycares next to the route. * Residents in homes along the route. * Elderly in the various retirement communities built along the route NIH-referenced research studies show an increased risk of adverse health concerns, such as childhood leukemia, from exposure to EMF emitted from high voltage power lines. Home values in an entire neighborhood can be negatively impacted. We in Spring Creek have already seen been socked with the redistricting of school boundaries (e.g., per numerous real estate agents, potential buyers mark our neighborhood off the list when they discover they must drive their kids all the way to Jefferson Middle School) The aesthetics of these poles that will be 5-8 foot wide and 75-150' tall over established neighborhoods and roadways Plans to eventually widen Nifong have not been laid out, and therefore the pole placements could need to be relocated when the road project comes to fruition. <p>Given the problems presented above, it would be an abomination to not push forward with Option B. Option B was estimated to cost less, and would avoid many of the concerns that citizens have expressed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimated to be the least expensive route More rural route, which is more typical placement for high voltage lines No schools in its path Dramatically smaller residential exposure Preferred public route according to the City's Decision Matrix Future development can be planned around the lines, rather than lines being dropped into established neighborhoods <p>Thank you for your attention to this important matter.</p>		
54	Ron Usovsky	573-489-8781	ronusovsky@hotmail.com	Online	10/11/2015	Y	4304 Watertown Place	Y	Residence	BEC	Did not attend		These poles will be placed in homeowners backyards.	No	<p>We are truly concerned about the children at Millcreek School, Gentry School and the several Daycares along the route. The risk to the many adults along the route is also unknown. If there is a more rural route to take the lines, why was that not decided upon? This will also adversely affect property values along each side of the transmission lines. How far in dollars and distance this decreased valuation occurs is questionable but as you know, once the blight starts it can continue far and wide.</p> <p>Since the research regarding exposure to EMF is inconclusive but involves some health risk, the city will be involved in multiple lawsuits regarding health issues experienced along the route. If this transmission line placement comes to fruition, I would expect and will fight for a substantial reduction in our property taxes. This transmission line has the ability to negatively affect a multitude of Columbia residents quality of life. This is a poor choice for the routing and needs to be revisited and improved upon.</p>
55	Vicky Elliot		vle@burnsitech.com	Online	10/11/2015		3604 Ridgeview Drive								<p>My husband and I decided to retire in Columbia after careers in education and law enforcement in smaller communities. We felt comfortable that the home we purchased in a family friendly neighborhood would be a good investment. We had researched many communities and decided that Columbia exemplified progressive attitudes and offered a lot of amenities found in large cities, while preserving a lot of green space esthetics with the many parks and trails.</p> <p>We attended a forum a couple of years ago when Columbia Water & Light first presented plans for the expansion into the southern part of the city. We agreed with most of the attendees at the time that the power lines needed to be buried, to protect the home values and attractiveness of the area. We are very disappointed that no elected official or city employee seems to value our area residents' concerns. We understand this is a more expensive option but we are willing to pay more to protect our home's value.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Vicky Elliott</p>

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56	Kent & Julie Hendrix	573-673-6974	Kent.hendrix@me.com	Online	10/11/2015	Y		Y	Residence	BEC	N	I attended and was talked down to by almost every representative there. The power and light people have their mind made up and could care less what the people along the route think. It's a shame. So much for a democracy. The will of the people is not being followed in regards to the route. The city wants to just take the path of least resistance at the cost of health risk and home values.	I believe that the less expensive options that stay away from schools, hospitals and multiple neighborhood residences should be revisited. Less impact on the residential area at less of a cost and less chance of any exposure to children no matter what the current known risk is or isn't should be the #1 priority of the route.	I believe placing the poles down Nifong and Vawter school now or in the future is shortsighted. Taking into account the drop in home value and the fact that a road expansion that will happen in the future isn't even a consideration when looking at the route.	
57	Pat Hays	573-442-9033	pathays25@hotmail.com	Online	10/12/2015	N	3000 Trailside Drive Colum	N			Did not attend		This seems to be a very dangerous plan for our children and residents. I also feel the way the initial questionnaire was put to the public was very sneaky. This was certainly handled in a hush hush manner, knowing that the public would not like it. These lines need to be installed in a rural, sparsely populated area, NOT over and VERY NEAR our children. This is a common sense decision. Please do not install these lines down Nifong Road. The long term effects on our children will be disastrous, and on your shoulders. Find an alternate route!!!!!! Do your research!!!!!!	They do not need to be this large!!!!!!!	Please DO NOT install these lines!!!!!!
58	Sarah Schneider	660-888-9946	sschneider1981@icloud.com	Online	10/12/2015	Y	3813 Woods Edge Rd	Y	Residence	BEC	Did not attend	Thank you for soliciting feedback and taking the concerns of Columbia residents seriously.	The proposed route (Option A) would negatively impact my neighborhood, other neighborhoods on the route, and Mill Creek Elementary. Having these lines near us and our children could create potential health risks and aesthetically will impact our home values. I believe it is a bad idea for the future of this area of Columbia to build the lines as proposed. I would be in favor of Option B, which would do a much better job steering clear of established neighborhoods and schools. It is a superior choice for our community!	I believe the pole structure is fine as long as the route is amended to Option B (outside of established areas).	
59	Dan Davis	(573) 268-8894	dandavis33@icloud.com	Online	10/12/2015	Y		Y	Residence	CWL	Did not attend		It's stupid and idiotic. Thanks.	No	Don't do this please. Thank you.
60	Carol Hefner	(660) 651-4085	hefnercj@missouri.edu	Online	10/12/2015	N		N			Did not attend		I am very concerned about the proximity to both Gentry and Mill Creek Elementary. In my opinion there is too much conflicting information to make a decision about the safety of the EMF to these children who will be forced 5 days a week for 8+ hours a day to be in this proximity. Being wrong about the health affects of this 10-20 years from now is not worth the risk. It appears that option 2 was the most cost effective and also, unless I am reading the stats wrong also received the best least favorable score. I am not sure why the additional comments seemed to favor option A so highly but it could be a biased sampling. I personally know some parents who live in Cascades who were upset a few years ago that this would be going through their backyards...but other than that I didn't hear much information. I am very concerned about the potential for ill effects for my daughter who is a second grader at MCE and will attend Gentry. Please reconsider the options that will keep our public school children the most safe in their school.	No	I am in favor of option 2 or 2b.

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61	Renee Munns	573-874-9982	reneemunns@gmail.com	Online	10/12/2015	N		Y	Residence	CWL	Y	it was not that beneficial. To have contracted out the work and have those people talk to the public was disappointing. It felt like no one from the city was there to hear concerns. Each table had a different conversation going on at the same time. Anyone with concerns was not able to hear the concerns of others. Maybe that was the plan. I don't think it lead to any productive discussion. Sort of just "here's the information, sorry you can't do anything about it" No one can explain why Option B was chosen over A. If the project is going to cost so much, why does the entire city of Columbia not need to vote on it for some sort of bond? Are all residents going to have an increase in their electric bill?	I feel Option B should have been the best option as far as safety, cost, least disruptive to daily life (homes and schools along route), Nifong is a vital road to Columbia, why (with all the other traffic issues) would a major route be chosen for this sort of construction project? Nifong residents, businesses, schools, and other structures will be crippled by traffic during the construction period and the effects of the lines could be felt for a lifetime after. The risk to people's health, decreasing property value and overall aesthetics is not worth choosing option A.	They are huge! What is that going to do to the value of anything located on Nifong? It is no wonder they are usually placed along highways and in places where no one lives!	it was not that beneficial. To have contracted out the work and have those people talk to the public was disappointing. It felt like no one from the city was there to hear concerns. Each table had a different conversation going on at the same time. Anyone with concerns was not able to hear the concerns of others. Maybe that was the plan. I don't think it lead to any productive discussion. Sort of just "here's the information, sorry you can't do anything about it" No one can explain why Option B was chosen over A. If the project is going to cost so much, why does the entire city of Columbia not need to vote on it for some sort of bond? Are all residents going to have an increase in their electric bill? I feel Option B should have been the best option as far as safety, cost, least disruptive to daily life (homes and schools along route), Nifong is a vital road to Columbia, why (with all the other traffic issues) would a major route be chosen for this sort of construction project? Nifong residents, businesses, schools, and other structures will be crippled by traffic during the construction period and the effects of the lines could be felt for a lifetime after. The risk to people's health, decreasing property value and overall aesthetics is not worth choosing option A.
62	Jennifer Griffith	573-443-3693	jfer1975@centurytel.net	Online	10/12/2015	N		Y	Residence	CWL	N		I think in addition to the health concerns of it being along routes where all of my kids go to school they will also be an eyesore. Plus, why in God's name would you go through the middle of a residential area when you can go through a less developed area.		City Council needs to highly consider option B2. I totally get wanting to go with the option that last the longest but I think we need to take into account it is ridiculous to go through a residential area.
63	Jenny Anderson	573-424-0409	andersonjenny@gmail.com	Online	10/12/2015	N		Y	Residence	CWL	Did not attend		Please reconsider option B for these pole placements. I feel that we as the customer were not informed properly about this and don't want these lines going by the schools our kids attend and businesses that we frequent regularly. Not to mention what a huge eye sore this is going to be right through a major part of our city!! It's not worth the health risk to our community especially children and the elderly		
64	Julie Allen	573-825-4252	juliaorson@gmail.com	Online	10/12/2015	N		N					I urge the city and C W&L to use option B for pole placement on this project. It takes a less populated route and does not go by two major schools.		
65	Jessica Hoffman	573-619-3865	hoffmanjes135@gmail.com	Online	10/12/2015	Y		Y	Residence	BEC	Y		PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE do not place these along such a heavily traveled area including an elementary school! Route K is the option for placement.		Please do not place these down Nifong. If there is a less traveled and less expensive route - that should be the option to select.
66	Larry Freesemann	573-445-6577	laryfreeseman@gmail.com	Online	10/12/2015	N	2605 Pine Tree LN	N			Did not attend		I have lived near these type of poles for electric transmission. They ran along the interstate and in industrial areas not along residential areas which concerns me. I would hope the city is forward thinking and would widen the roads to accommodate the current traffic and future growth from Providence to Scott on Nifong and Vawter School Rd. Once these poles are in place it becomes even more difficult to expand the roads. Slowing and reducing growth in Southwest Columbia and tax revenue for the city.	I understand transmission lines and the size of the poles to carry the electrical. Placement in residential areas is a concern for people and property values.	If the poles are to be installed I would like to see the roads widened to carry the current and future traffic. along the route. Roads expansion would be even more difficult once the poles are installed. Please consider 4 lane road expansion from Providence to Scott Blvd.

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67	Mardy T Eimers	573-673-3099	mardyeimers@gmail.com	Online	10/12/2015	N	4109 Watertown PI	N			Y		No		Thanks for scheduling the open house at Mill Creek Elementary School; it was very, very helpful. My concerns about the power line placement are the following: 1. Health of residents, walkers/runners/bikers/drivers, elementary school kids: the studies that would cited were old and not up-to-date. There are more recent studies that suggest correlations with health effects. Other routes affected few people and cost about the same. Sure, life-expectancy not quite as high but worth the trade-off. 2. The survey was sent to many in Columbia who don't live in the area or even close to the area, so they have little concern as to where the line goes. Citizens' opinions who would be impacted the most were counted the same as those who live in north Columbia, for example. This does not make sense to me. 3. I believe those who responded to survey were mislead. Nothing was said about the size, magnitude, potential dangers, etc. of the lines. This is not being transparent. Citizens, even citizens along the route did not understand the size and magnitude of poles or potential health risks. Please consider revising the survey and who receives it. 4. I also think the Council was mislead. They received information from the perspective of electrical engineers, which is important, but not the only perspective. What about the human side of decisions? What about serious consideration of the other options--which frankly made a lot of sense and appeared to impact negatively fewer citizens. 5. The lines and poles will look terrible, especially down a street that looks reasonably good all things considered. Thanks for giving us a forum to respond and thanks for the open house. I feel all intentions are good
68	Dennis Crouch	573-289-6361	dcrouch@gmail.com	Online	10/12/2015	Y		Y	Residence	CWL	Did not attend		These appear to be overly close to residential zones. I would propose that you bury the lines when next to existing residential. I also don't understand what this will do to sidewalks.	These appear to be overly close to residential zones. I would propose that you bury the lines when next to existing residential.	These appear to be overly close to residential zones. I would propose that you bury the lines when next to existing residential.
69	Samantha States	573-864-3190	samstates@centurytel.net	Online	10/12/2015	N	3405 Ridgeview Drive	N			Y		I would not like the high voltage lines to go on this route. My kids attend mill creek elementary & I'm concerned about the health concerns with high voltage lines. I attended one of the meetings & think one of the other routes, which were less expensive to run would be a better option. I also think they would look horrible along Nifong, not to mention the loss in property value for the surrounding neighborhoods.	They are too industrial and bulky for Nifong. They would decrease property value along this route.	
70	Frank Aten	(314) 496-6357	fjaten@gmail.com	Online	10/12/2015	Y	3405 Ridgeview Drive	N			N		No	No	There is absolutely no reason option A should have been chosen versus option B. The entire process was a fraud on the citizens. Boone Co Op customers along the route receive no information prior. The citizens who chose option A also chose to have it buried if that was the option (questions were separate and deceptively presented. The 20+ year life versus 15-20 year life of Option A vs Option B is 1) statistically insignificant and 2) on a discounted CF basis makes B the best choice. For the city to put at risk the health and wealth (housing values that will depreciate considerably) for a more expensive option that residents either were not given proper disclosure is criminal.
71	Elizabeth Aten	314-496-6367	Epaten@gmail.com	Online	10/12/2015	Y		N			Y		EMF's are dangerous to humans. These poles should be run through nonresidential areas. Why would you impact children's lives this way? Why would a city take that kind of insane RISK?	These poles need to be twice the distance tall or buried in a concrete culvert underground.	The Engineering company taxpayer money paid for submitted this plan which the City Engineering Department approved and submitted to the City Council as THEIR recommendation. Screw Plan B which is the choice of taxpayers. Stupid sheep have no clue about the dangers to life and property values and that's the way Government wants it. The City is breeding great distrust and negative feelings it may never recover from. The first cluster of cancer and it's a massive class action suit.
72	Karen Carratura	(573) 256-1392	Karylew@gmail.com	Online	10/12/2015	N		Y	Residence	CWL	N		No	Please take into account the aesthetic of the neighborhoods that these poles will be invading when deciding on placement and size of the poles.	Please seek further input before breaking ground on this project.
73	Sara Gay	574-424-6350	saragayfamily@gmail.com	Online	10/12/2015	N		N			Did not attend		I am concerned about the health risks first and foremost to anyone in homes or schools/businesses along the route. Secondly, I think this will be an aesthetic nightmare and will lower property values along the route.	Yes, see previous	
74	Megan Keicher	573-639-0998	Megan.keicher@gmail.com	Online	10/12/2015	N		Y	Residence	CWL	N		No	No	
75	Karen Grieshaber	573-446-1380	grieshaber@att.net	Online	10/12/2015	N	4004fall ridge dr	N			Did not attend		I believe it's a horrible idea, I can't understand why the most populated and expensive route was chosen!	No	
76	Randy tschiggfrie	573-446-4755	Rantsc@centurytel.net	Online	10/13/2015	Y	Bedford Walk neighborhood - 4306 Champlain Ct	Y	Residence	BEC	Did not attend		The placement of the lines needs to be reconsidered. The appearance of the structures is not good and will affect property values.	Extremely large and they are an eyesore	

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77	Jill Kyle	573-443-7914	jill.kyle@usfoods.com	Online	10/13/2015	N	3603 Birch Bank Ct	Y	Residence	CWL	Did not attend		Concerned about the health risk and safety for Option A. Home values will definitely go down. At some point Nifong will need to be widened due to increase traffic. Option B is less expensive, will affect less residential homes and health risk. Option B is the best choice for Columbia	Underground the lines	
78	David & Barbara Anderson	(573) 355-4248	barbandave1@gmail.com	Online	10/13/2015	Y	3711 Woodrail on the Green	N					Because these are high voltage lines, we do feel option B would be a better choice to avoid the proximity to the schools, children in the area, and day cares. Please reconsider.	No	
79	Jess L NEWKIRK	(573) 808-3014	Jessnewkirk@hotmail.com	Online	10/13/2015	Y		Y	Residence	CWL	Did not attend		Please use option B as it will save money as Nifong is widened in the future, and impact less of the current population than along the other option.	No	How short sighted to build, option a and within a short period of time have to move again for proposed Nifong improvements.
80	Sara Fougere	(573) 999-1654	fougere@centurytel.net	Online	10/13/2015	N	3907 Deerfoot Way	Y	Residence	CWL	Did not attend		This is a danger to citizens and an eye sore for our community!	So ugly!	
81	Gene Austin	660-988-2060	gene.trumanbsu@gmail.com	Online	10/13/2015	Y	3006 Ballard Mill Dr.	N			Y		I realize the time for feedback on the route is past and funds have already been spent doing soil samples, etc for the pole placement along this route. However, I would hope the city would listen to the concerned citizens that oppose this route that goes along neighborhoods, schools, churches and retirement homes. I attended the CP&L meeting at Mill Creek on Oct 5 and several issues were raised. 1. The survey results that was presented to the council included was from a survey that very few people along the route took part in and with an overall response that was very low - <3% of those surveyed I believe. Also, I do not recall getting a survey and the people that did, said they received it the week before Christmas. I believe that is really poor planning if that is the case. Also, the survey did not really clarify what was really happening. I know for those involved in the project transmission lines (the words used in the survey) means the high power lines that are being installed. Until I started researching, I did not know that name symbolized something different that the distribution lines that are already in my backyard. 2. The research provided on the effects of EMF is extremely dated. This was immediately noticed at the MCE meeting and pointed out. Referencing that old of research does not seem wise to me since there have been significant research since 1997 (date of research provided) some of which says there is a correlation between EMF and various health issues in people. 3. I realize going around the city will cost more in the long run. From the report given at MCE by CP&L personnel, the initial cost is a little lower but it will not address our electrical distribution needs for as long (10-20 years vice >20 years) so the overall cost to get to the same place will be higher. I also discovered that burying these high power cables is not a very good option either - due to heat and frequent splicing of cables. That was helpful information. I still believe the other route is a better option even if it will be more expensive in the long run. It will minimize the potential health impact along the Option A route - even though some do not believe this is a concern - as well as any loss of property value because of these lines. I found several recent cases where people won settlements with power companies because they lost property value. It just seems the possibility of that along with possible health issues and potential lawsuits that could result makes it unwise to use option A vice an option that takes it around the city. In the end, it may be much more costly to use Option A than the other options. Thank you.		
82	Jenny Chism	(618) 530-0990	jenny.chism@gmail.com	Online	10/13/2015	Y	4101	N			Did not attend		There is a major health concern regarding the placement of these poles. There are too many schools and neighborhoods near this placement route.	There must be a better alternative.	Please do not ruin the landscape of this community, but more importantly, please consider the long-term health of its members.
83	Judy Hunter	573-234-1840	sisjr60@gmail.com	Online	10/13/2015	Y	2605 Pine Tree Lane	N					No	No	
84	Lisa Eimers	573-234-1114	lisaeimers2@gmail.com	Online	10/13/2015	Y	4101 Southrn Pine Ct.	Y	Residence	BEC	Y		My comments are broader than pole placement; my feeling is that this project is being pushed through way too quickly and without enough resident input.	No	The conversation absolutely needs to continue with regard to the many options available, such as burying the lines. There is no reason this should be decided on our behalves, when the payment it would result in annually would come from us, anyway. We should have a say in how it's decided, especially if we're the ones who would pay for it. I don't perceive I am alone in the willingness to consider paying more to have them buried if indeed this is the best route.
85	Orville Hunter	573-234-1840	hunterj.huntero@gmail.com	Online	10/13/2015	Y		Y	Residence	BEC	Did not attend		Electromagnetic fields are a suspected carcinogen. The extremely high voltage line near an elementary school is a potential cause of childhood cancer, which we must guard against.	No	
86	Abbey Upton	(573) 214-3280	aupton@cpsk12.org	Online	10/13/2015	N	4102 Roxbury Place	N			N		I work at Mill Creek Elementary and am very concerned about my students being near these poles/wires.	No	
87	Jack&Valerie Reiske	573-442-9821	Vreiske@gmail.com	Online	10/13/2015	Y		Y	Residence	CWL	Did not attend		The chosen route would affect property values. The lines are near a school.	No	
88	Christy Flood	573-447-8070	cflood@phillipshardy.com	Online	10/13/2015	N	3609 Blue Cedar Ln.	Y	Residence	CWL	Did not attend		As a parent of children who currently, and will in the future, attend both Mill Creek Elementary and Gentry Middle School, I have the following concerns with the chosen route (Option A): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and safety of the children in the many schools and daycares along the route. • Health and safety of residents in homes along the route. • NIH-referenced research studies show an increased risk of adverse health concerns, such as childhood leukemia, from exposure to EMF emitted from high voltage power lines. • Home values in the surrounding areas neighborhood can be negatively impacted. • Plans to eventually widen Nifong have not been laid out, and therefore the pole placements could need to be relocated when the road project comes to fruition. • Health and safety of the elderly in the various retirement communities built along the route. • The aesthetics of these poles that will be 5-8 foot wide and 75-150' tall over established neighborhoods and roadways. <p>I urge both City Power & Light and the City Council to consider the route proposed in Option B which was estimated to cost less, and would avoid many of the concerns I, among other citizens, have expressed. The route proposed in Option B is a better solution because of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No schools in its path. • Dramatically smaller residential exposure. • More rural route, which is more typical placement for high voltage lines. • Estimated to be the least expensive route. • Preferred public route according to the City's Decision Matrix. • Future development can be planned around the lines, rather than lines being dropped into established neighborhoods. <p>Most important to me, ABOVE ANYTHING, is the health and safety of my children. I feel that the proposed installation of high voltage power lines along the route in Option A is an UNNECESSARY risk to the health and safety of my children. Please reconsider the route proposed in Option B for the installation of high voltage power lines in southwest Columbia.</p>		
89	Debbie Taylor	573-864-3380	debbie.taylor0130@gmail.com	Online	10/13/2015	Y	2708 Pine Tree Lane	Y	Residence	CWL	Did not attend		Placement comments: Please consider Option B - this neighborhood and elementary school is not the place for these lines! Option B was estimated to cost less, and would avoid many of the concerns that citizens have expressed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No schools in its path - Dramatically smaller residential exposure - More rural route, which is more typical placement for high voltage lines - Estimated to be the least expensive route - Preferred public route according to the City's Decision Matrix - Future development can be planned around the lines, rather than lines being dropped into established neighborhoods 	No	

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90	Tamara Stam	573-446-8457	stamtamara@gmail.com	Online	10/13/2015	N		N			Did not attend		This route (Plan A) along Nifong Boulevard is connected to beautiful homes and properties close to Mill Creek Elementary School and to an MKTrail entrance, and thus is used regularly by many pedestrians, i.e., school children, fitness walkers, joggers, and bicycles. Placement of large poles is not only potentially unhealthy to residents, but definitely would mar the beauty of the street that many people use to walk to school, church, the trail, and to neighbor's homes. It is exactly the wrong way to use this route aesthetically. Burial of the lines makes much more sense aesthetically. Such a route used recreationally by many should be beautified, not uglified.	Burial is better. These poles are ugly and would mar the beauty of Nifong Boulevard.	It would be better to bury those lines.
91	Joe Rivera	573.673.1500	jriviera@machens.com	Online	10/13/2015	N	2800 Woodberry Court	Y	Residence	CWL	Did not attend		Knowing the health risks especially to children why would you even consider placing the route by an elementary school or dense population. I just moved to the neighborhood near the route and did not know about the open house.	same as above	
92	Susan Nordberg	445-5646	snordberg@cpsk12.org	Online	10/13/2015	Y		Y	Residence	BEC	Did not attend		I wish the council would reconsider placing these poles so relatively close to schools, retirement centers, peaceful neighborhoods and soon a branch of Boone Hospital. Surely, there are other alternatives to consider of the proposed placement of these poles.	They are so tall, and thick which will detract from the lovely nature environment running the length of Nifong.	Please be smart and keep the poles away from educational and residential buildings.
93	Mark Farnen	573-424-1782	mfarnen@mchsi.com	Online	10/13/2015	N		N			Y	It was informative since this was the first time we got to see the whole pole placement suggestion. The staff was very polite and intelligent. However, there were several questions and issues that remain, so I don't want to say that I came away from the open house completely satisfied with the answers. I have articulated many of those concerns in an earlier section of this comment form - and some are pretty serious. Also, in many instances, staff had to answer that "the question you asked can only be answered by the council". I do not know when that opportunity will present itself or if such a hearing has been scheduled so that this issue can get a full hearing with ALL council members in attendance and prepared to answer	Property Owner Participation and The Process: It is clear that property owners along or near the proposed transmission line route have been actively involved in this project and have expressed their support and concerns regarding the implementation of this project since at least 2010. To be clear, property owners from throughout the city, and in the areas where new transmission lines have been proposed, indicated that they agreed with the city that a reliable power source was needed and wanted; that the solution for providing that power should be a long term solution; and that the city should be conscious of costs. There were also a significant number of concerns expressed in the early stages of this process, and the process itself was incremental in nature and did not reflect the full impact of ANY proposed route in the early stages of discussion. There are three things that should be considered in this regard. First, when residents agreed to these broad "concepts" about new transmission lines, very few details were available. NO information was available from the city at the time of the first hearings about pole height; pole placement; pole spacing; exact route; impact on home and property values; associated health risks from electrical shock or EMF emissions or the plan to bury some existing lines, but not the high voltage lines. In essence, citizens were participating in a "blind" process whereby general concepts were discussed without full knowledge of the ultimate impact of those discussions being known. Secondly, many people who are in close proximity to proposed transmission line routes were not sent the surveys that are currently being cited in city presentations about the new transmission line routes. The reason is simple. Most surveys were distributed as an enclosure in city electric utility billing notices. Unfortunately, many people who are citizens of Columbia and who live in close proximity to the newly proposed route receive their power from Boone Electric, and never receive bills from the City of Columbia. It can be argued - and has been argued by city staff members - that this process was well publicized and all the information and surveys were available on the city website. While that may be true, let's consider the city's recent decision to spend \$63,000 to distribute the City of Columbia's Citizen Handbook to all households in Columbia. One justification for this project was that "many people do not receive the newspaper and most people do not get their information about the city from the website", and that contacting citizens with this type of important information BY MAIL was justified and appropriate. The same justification could be made that the extra effort regarding contact of impacted neighbors should have and could have been made on a project of this magnitude and potential impact, regardless of whether or not the city ordinances require such notice by mail. Third, the criteria for choosing routes and pole locations seemed to change over time. Initially, the discussion about route selection focused on the concepts of long-term power solutions, reliable power and cost. Public concerns about proximity to residential structures (including apartment buildings), proximity to schools and churches, the aesthetic and environmental impact of transmission lines, and to a lesser extent, proximity to businesses were all raised during preliminary discussions. By the time a plan for power pole placement was revealed to the public, however, the criteria seemed to be much different. The NEW criteria listed on the City's website regarding route and pole placement are listed as follows: "working around underground utilities, location of street intersections; soil stability; easement rights/ space lengths between each pole." NONE of these criteria were discussed as requirements in earlier discussions - and apparently, the criteria that are of great importance to neighbors and landowners - specifically, proximity to existing residences, impacts on property values and aesthetics, health and safety - have been ignored or given little consideration when determining a detailed route and pole placement proposal. Insufficient Notice: It should be noted that the process of choosing a conceptual route spanned several years and consisted of many public meetings and discussions. However, the devil is often in the details, and a detailed map and description of how the proposed Option A route would be implemented and how it would impact various stakeholders was not made public until September 30 of this year. Preparation of this proposal took more than six months. It was presented "as is" online followed by an open house meeting at Rock Bridge High School. One other meeting for concerned citizens in the Mill Creek neighborhood was also held. The problem is, after months of preparation by city staff, the general public was given only 14 days to prepare a comprehensive response to this proposal, and the mechanism is primarily by means of comment cards distributed at the two public meetings held. For such a complex proposal, this amount of time is woefully insufficient and gives the impression that the current proposal is a done deal, regardless of the comments and criticisms that may be received in this short window of time. A plan and expenditure of public funds of this magnitude should be entitled to a complete and fair hearing and public vetting - including a debate and discussion that involves the ultimate decision makers on this question and with the ability of the general public to have time to request and receive answers regarding the most fundamental concerns expressed. Disadvantages Of The Current Proposal: In its report to the City Council, city staff indicated that the route selection known as Option A had "NO DISADVANTAGES". It is clear that this statement is not		
94	kelly gunter	(573) 219-9161	kellygunter@mac.com	Online	10/14/2015	N	5203 Thornbrook Pkwy-- (potentially VERY close to plan B route)	Y	Residence	BEC			I do not want these placed along Nifong. There are too many families that live along the route and with all of the negative impact this will have health and otherwise, this is not the best placement.	No	Please rethink the placement and do what is best for the community and families that live in this area. Don't just pick the cheapest option.
95	Bill Durante	(573) 882-3886	durantew@missouri.edu	Online	10/14/2015	Y		Y	Residence	CWL	Did not attend		I do not want lines near my house, so I am firmly against plan B. Underground, plan A or plan B2 are all equally acceptable to me.	No	I do not want lines near my house, so I am firmly against plan B. Underground, plan A or plan B2 are all equally acceptable to me.
96	Debra Carcamo	(314) 956-5234	demagruder@hotmail.com	Online	10/14/2015	N	3606 Ridgeview Dr	Y	Residence	CWL	Did not attend		I've been told that you are considering a plan B which will bring the poles very close to my neighborhood, Thornbrook. I do not want these poles near my neighborhood because I am concerned about the health of my children and resale value of my home.	Please consider burying the poles.	
97	Chris Ashton	573-999-6964	christopher_ashton@us.afac.com	Online	10/14/2015		1215 Tartan Place								I understand the plan is to take the high voltage power lines directly down Vawter School Road which basically puts a pole in my backyard. I've been advised the impact on my home value as well as those in the Spring Creek neighborhood will be negatively affected by 20%-50%. Obviously I don't want that but this neighborhood provides a sizeable tax base for the city so decreasing Property values isn't good for anyone. There are also differing opinions on health concerns living near high voltage and this plan not only puts us at risk but also Mill Creek Elementary School. All of this seems unnecessary because I know there are three options and the other two put the High Voltage lines through more rural areas that don't immediately affect existing homes and schools. The other options will also provide the ability to develop housing plans around the lines, reducing the negative effect.

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98	Kimberly Hughes		kimandbert@gmail.com	Online	10/14/2015		1307 Lea Verde Ct								I am disgusted how this option A was slid under the table past our citizens in this area as well as how this was presented to the City Council. Even your art renderings give a false impression. This issue should be brought back in front of the City of Columbia and its affected citizens and businesses in a fair and unbiased manner. The optional route B is more cost effective and considering your mapping plots, the most appropriate for this type of transmission line.
99	Mike Hogan	(573) 228-8253	mhogan@cpsk12.org	Online	10/14/2015		3803 Blue Cedar Lane								Have talked by telephone to Connie and Jeff White regarding route by my house. Was suggested that I also submit concerns through this means. Drainage issues around Structure 54 where drain pipe exists. Talked about working with residents who are directly affected by construction regarding fixing any issues that may arise on property from new power line construction. Would like to ask to reconsider placement of poles from South Side on this route section and put on North Side where current distribution lines are located as more space between poles and road exists than on South Side. Went to Open House at RBHS, was told that I could use device to check current EMF levels but have not been contacted, please call. Thank you
100	Nancy	(573) 882-9522	nancelator3@gmail.com	Online	10/14/2015	Y		Y	Residence	CWL			I feel very strongly about the close placement of these poles being in close proximity to more than one elementary school and subdivisions with many children; there are known health implications especially to children; seems that option B would be better.	No	
101	Stacey Dennis	573-673-8567	Staceydennis06@hotmail.com	Online	10/15/2015	N		Y	Residence	BEC	Y		This project needs to take an alternate route away from the mill creek elementary school and existing homes!	No	I learned that the project in its entirety was not presented to the city counsel and placing these poles close to schools pose a threat to our children!
102	Sounak Chakraborty	(573) 823-6974	sounakc@gmail.com	Online	10/16/2015	N		Y	Residence	CWL	Did not attend		Please stick with option A. That is the best route you have chosen. I heard some residents of Mill Creek are trying to lobby to move to Option B route but that will be a very poor choice.	No	
103	Amanda Miller	573-489-7394	mandymill@gmail.com	Online	10/16/2015	N		N			Did not attend		No	No	I am extremely frustrated with the attempts by some to re-open discussion concerning the transmission line route. I live in the Cascades and my home is one that backs to Route K. We went through this process over two years ago in a well-publicized public comment process. I still believe that the option that was chosen better fits the City's stated preference for routing through commercial areas rather than residential. In addition, those of us in the Cascades (and I would think many along Route K) are not even City electric customers. It seems many residents of Columbia want reliable power, but want the transmission lines that supply it to be someone else's problem. Thank you for this opportunity to provide comment.
104	John Glascock (as communicated to Laura Nauser & passed on to Tad Johnson)														2 poles, one right outside of Jeff Smith's retirement project and one near Kent in Springcreek subdivision second or third house going west -- can we move the poles?
105	Jamie Duggab		colinjam1@icloud.com	Online	10/16/2015		Thornbrook Rdg								In regards to the new high voltage power lines, please do not allow plan B to happen!! This will place these lines within eyesight of my home and literally in people's backyards that live in the Steeplechase Subdivision! Plan B2 or A is a much better option!!
106	Debra Carcamo	(314) 956-5234	demagruder@hotmail.com	Online	10/16/2015		Misty Grove Ct								Please consider option B2 for the new high voltage power lines. Our community does not want those power lines near our neighborhood or the new school. They could be hazardous to our health and they will effect resale value of our homes. Please consider option B2, not B.
107	Kristi Gregg	573-289-7623	greggk@missouri.edu	Online	10/16/2015		5423 steeplechase drive								I would like for you to consider routes A or B-2. My son is very upset that families are being put at risk for these new power lines. Route B is not desirable.
108	Michael Hall	(573) 999-7821	mmhall@columbiacivilengineering.com	Online	10/16/2015		4805 Garden Grove dr								I wanted to make a point to CW&L in SUPPORT of the current option A route for the high voltage power line. From an engineering (I am a local civil engineer and NOT a CW&L or City employee) standpoint 1. the plans are 30% done 2. there is no ROW acquisition with the option a route. The Mill Creek folks keep saying option b is cheaper, but there is no easement acquisition in those figures! 3. In addition, we need people to know that with option B, CW&L will need a 60-100' wide easement. Finally, the 69 kV route noted on option b connects to a station that was installed in the late 60's and would be out of capacity almost upon installation (i.e. throwing good money after bad). Thank you for consideration

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109	Teri Smith	(573) 424-8896	teririnkesmith@gmail.com	Online	10/18/2015										<p>I am confused about the new power lines. It is my understanding option A was approved but there are many conversations about the mill creek PTA working on petitions to change the plans. Can you please update me on this? I am not in favor of Option B as it affects homeowners. I agree option A is not great either but a decision was made. Is it feasible they will change their minds due to this petition?</p> <p>Thank you. There is a lot of misinformation floating around south Columbia.</p>
110	Cary Colbert	573-442-4240	carycolbert@centurylink.net	Online	10/8/2015	N		Y	Residence	CWL	Did not attend		All options have not been properly considered not have property value effects and most importantly safety concerns.	No	This needs to be revisited and the more rural route needs to be strongly considered!