

04SR018

Mayor Shaw,

Paragraph 2 of SDCL 49-41B-22 states that "The facility will not pose a threat of serious injury to the environment " Paragraph 3 states "The facility will not substantially impair the health, safety or welfare of the inhabitants" Perhaps the PUC should have read the following articles on health risks associated with EMF before they approved the AC-DC-AC facility.

The following articles came off of the Midwest Rural Energy Council, (MREC) web page. MREC is an organization formed of utilities in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The first article is an Australian Government study on Electric and Magnetic Fields from Transmission Lines:

http://www.arpana.gov.au/is_50hz.htm

Refer to Human Studies Section in the Australian Government study. These studies have reported that children living near high current transmission and distribution lines had a higher cancer incidence than other children (*high currents produce strong magnetic fields*). One study has reported that adults living near high current transmission and distribution lines had a higher cancer incidence than other adults.

Indeed if you believe the study or dismiss it as poppycock, the fact remains that the facility does pose a threat, real or perceived and "The facility will unduly interfere with the orderly development of the region" which Paragraph 4 of 49-41B-22 states it shall not do.

Can the City of Rapid City enforce SDCL 49-41B-22 for the Millers, my tenants, myself and other property owners?

Let me know.

All the best,

Mike
Michael L. Gould
P.O. Box 819
Rapid City, SD 57709
Tel: 605 341 1221
Cell: 605 390 8888
email: mike@mlgould.com
Fax: 605 341 2048

1/11/2005