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SOUL of Wisconsin has recently acquired close to one acre of land in the Town of Midway, directly in the path of the proposed Arrowhead to Weston Transmission Line. SOUL Inc., has a branch group in the Duluth area, known as SOUL of Midway. This land transaction firmly cements the relationship between the two states in regards to the transmission line, as both are more than ever invested in the struggle to stop this project. SOUL's concerns not only relate to an environmentally favorable look at low voltage upgrades, local generation, coupled with both electrical efficiency and renewable resources. SOUL contends that this project will set both states on a course that will lead to an entrapment for ratepayers, as they are forced to fund bulk power transferring projects through their states, but will provide no immediate benefits for the local customers. This is certainly the case in Minnesota with the Arrowhead-Weston Project.

"We are awaiting utility contact to inform SOUL that our land is being sought for a right-of-way", stated Tom Kreager, President of SOUL. "While we anticipate the contact will come from Minnesota Power (MP), we are unsure about who actually is financing the offers, as MP had told their shareholders in 2003 they were no longer financing this project. We are, however, 100% committed to standing with the Minnesotans who continue to say no line."

The American Transmission Company (ATC) is not a utility in Minnesota, but will own and operate the line. This is but one of many controversial issues surrounding this project. Local offers for land in this area have begin to be made, and many of the landowners have reported being offered over 50% less than the current valuation of their land. Residents nearby the transmission line corridor have expressed concern about the devaluation of their property, and the ability to resell property nearby such a corridor. Some assessors have indicated valuations of total properties may be reduced by 37%.

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