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Contradiction?

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I was one of the people involved with the Heartland Transmission proposal that picked our property as a possible route for the new high voltage line to Redwater.

We attended a couple of meetings sponsored by RETA. The general consensus among property owners at both meetings was to put the lines underground.

Another issue that was presented was the fact that underground lines would not be susceptible to the wrath of nature, such as ice storms, tornadoes or high winds.

The power people were of the opinion that underground lines are not necessary and the cost is far too high. What I find ironic is that AltaLink took out a full page ad in the Sherwood Park News that shows a toppled high voltage transmission tower. The heading underneath reads: "This spring, weather damaged transmission lines throughout central and southern Alberta, temporarily disrupting power to thousands of Albertans." This appears to be a great advertisement for underground lines.

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