News Articles and Letters to the Editor¹ Expressing Concerns About Above Ground High Voltage Power Lines in the Edmonton Capital Region and/or Supporting Burying of the Heartland Transmission Line²

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- “Morton: We Don’t Need Two New North-South Power Lines”. June 1, 2011 letter to the Calgary Herald editor by T. Morton.
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• “Heartland Hearings are Just a Kangaroo Court”. May 18, 2011 letter to the St. Albert Gazette editor by S. Tarapaski.

• “Leaks Raise Questions Over Power Projects”. May 17, 2011 article in the Calgary Herald by J. Fekete.


• “Power Line Under Gun; Route Altered”. May 6, 2011 article in the Sherwood Park News by M. Di Massa.

• “Land Agent’s Tactics Condemned at Hearing”. April 30, 2011 article in the Edmonton Journal by H. Brooymans.

• “Mayor Speaks to Controversy”. April 29, 2011 article in the Sherwood Park News by B. Proulx.


• “AUC Hears Thoughts on Line”. April 22, 2011 article in the Sherwood Park News by C. Griwkowsky.


• “MLA Rob Anderson Tries to Repeal Bill 50”. April 20, 2011 article in the Airdrie City View by T. Bacque.

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• “Charged Crowd at RETA Rally”. March 25, 2011 article in the Saint City News by G. Cook.


• MLA Input Sought for Power Lines”. March 15, 2011 article in the Sherwood Park News by B. Proulx.


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• Strathcona Changes Powerline Stance”. March 2, 2011 article in the St. Albert Gazette by R. Tumilty.


• “Cabinet Tour Makes Stop in City”. Feb. 18 article in the Saint City News by G. Cook.


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• “Electricity Should be Reliable, Not Expensive”. Dec. 15, 2010 letter to the St. Albert Gazette editor by W. Pacholok.


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² Not included here are the thousands of articles and letters leading up to the passage of Bill 19 and Bill 50. These articles and letters expressed concerns about private landowners’ rights, and the public being excluded from the needs assessment process as related to electricity transmission development in Alberta.

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