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Dear Springdale Resident,

As you may be aware, the American Transmission Company (ATC) is proposing to build a 345-kilovolt power line from Middleton to Dubuque, Iowa. The two preliminary corridors for the power line include one that runs through the western part of the Town of Springdale. A map of the corridor that could affect Springdale is shown on the back of this letter. A complete, color-coded map of both corridors can be found on ATC's website at **[www.cardinal-hickorycreek.com](http://www.cardinal-hickorycreek.com)**.

The town board has authorized a citizen committee, the Springdale Committee on Utilities in the Rural Environment (SCURE), which is studying the proposed power line's potential impact on Springdale and its residents. Currently, we are gathering information about the appropriateness of siting the power line through Springdale. We expect to provide information to ATC and to the Public Service Commission (PSC), the state agency that will make the final decision about the line's location, at the right time during the process for each. All members of the public will also have an opportunity to submit comments during scheduled public comment periods, and the committee will let you know when and how to participate.

You can make a real difference in our work on behalf of Springdale. First, please let us know if you are aware of any notable assets or features within or near the proposed corridor through Springdale. This information will be very important to us as we craft meaningful responses to the potential corridor through Springdale. Please send an email to **[townofspringdale@mhtc.net](mailto:townofspringdale@mhtc.net)** with as much detail as you can provide about any of the following:

- Waterways (rivers and streams)
- Wetlands
- Important wildlife communities or endangered species
- Unique geological formations
- Cemeteries
- Schools or daycare centers
- Archaeological, historic or sacred sites
- Airstrips
- Parks or recreation areas
- Communication towers
- Landscape or other features of an unusual aesthetic quality
- Planned development

The process for determining the power line's final route is expected to last into 2019 or beyond. We'd like to keep you informed of new developments and notify you when ATC or the PSC is accepting public comments. Please send an email to **[townofspringdale@mhtc.net](mailto:townofspringdale@mhtc.net)** or call Vicki Anderson, Town Clerk, at **437-6230** if you'd like to be added to our notification list. You can also check the Town website at **[www.townofspringdale.org](http://www.townofspringdale.org)** for background information and updates from the local committee.

Town residents are also welcome to sit in on our committee meetings, which are typically held the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. Please check the town website or the postings at Town Hall to verify the date and time of our next meeting. If you're interested in helping the committee with our work, please connect with us by attending a meeting or sending an email to the address above.

The proposed power line could alter the character of our town forever. We hope you will participate in the process, and look forward to updating you as the proposal from ATC moves forward.

Thank you,

The Springdale Committee on Utilities in the Rural Environment