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**Subject: Appointment of Township Supervisor Richard Breshnahan to Advisory Task Force for CapX2020 Routing Permit Application, PUC Docket No. E002, ET2/TL-09-1056**

Dear Mr. Birkholz:

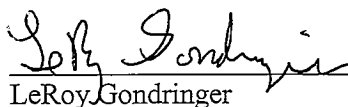
This letter is to supplement the application of Avon Township Supervisor Richard Breshnahan to participate, on behalf of Avon Township, on the Advisory Task Force for the Routing Permit referenced above. At its regular meeting on Wednesday, December 2, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to endorse Supervisor Breshnahan's application and appointed him to represent the Township on the Task Force.

As you know, the routing alternative which traverses Avon Township has been specifically identified by OES staff as "difficult." Specifically, OES staff has highlighted "a significant number of impacts encountered in the segment from St. Joseph through Freeport where the Applicants' preferred route does not parallel the Hwy. 94 corridor. The Applicants' preferred route attempts to avoid the difficult routing area through and around Collegeville and the Avon Hills area."

For over 20 years, Supervisor Breshnahan has participated in planning and zoning efforts in the Township. Over those same years, he has worked closely with Stearns County's environmental services staff to document the unique natural and cultural aspects of the Avon Hills area. He possesses a thorough understanding of the environmental and other concerns raised by the routing alternatives and will provide reasoned insight into the specific impacts and issues of local concern that should be assessed in the environmental review of this project. Further, because of his long history dealing with land use issues in the region of Stearns County affected by the Routing Permit Application, Supervisor Breshnahan is well suited to assist in determining potential route alternatives to be assessed during environmental review.

The Board of Supervisors hopes that you will favorably consider Supervisor Breshnahan's application. The Township looks forward to working with OES staff and the Applicants in ensuring a responsible route is selected and permitted for the project.

Sincerely,



LeRoy Gondringer  
Chairman, Avon Township Board of Supervisors