

Working for citizens property rights and a sustainable energy future.

CITIZENS ENERGY TASK FORCE

**DID YOU KNOW THAT UTILITIES ARE EXEMPT FROM PROTECTIONS THAT ENSURE LANDOWNERS CAN GET A FAIR PRICE IN EMINENT DOMAIN? EVEN STATE AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS ARE NOT EXEMPT!
MINN. STAT. §117.189**

Protections for landowners in eminent domain enacted in 2006 do not apply when a “public service corporation” (utility or pipeline company), rather than a state or municipal agency, seeks condemnation. Minn. Stat. §117.189 caps the amount of reimbursement that these companies will be required to pay for an appraisal at \$500 (§117.189), exempts these companies from requirements to provide copies of appraisals to landowners during the negotiation process (§117.036) or to pay reasonable attorneys fees and costs if they end up in court because they have undervalued a property (§117.031).

The companies are also exempted from provisions that can provide damages to landowners for loss of a going concern (§117.186) and provide minimum compensation in certain circumstances (§117.187).

§117.189 PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION EXCEPTIONS.

Sections 117.031; 117.036; 117.055, subdivision 2, paragraph (b); 117.186; 117.187; 117.188; and 117.52, subdivisions 1a and 4, **do not apply to public service corporations.** For purposes of an award of appraisal fees under section 117.085, the fees awarded may not exceed \$500 for all types of property.

History: 2006 c 214 s 14

ADD YOUR VOICE to change the unfair eminent domain law, which exempts utilities from laws helping landowners to get a fair price in eminent domain.

WE NEED YOUR HELP to raise money, inform citizens and get the word out.

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY to have a voice in Minnesota’s energy future and to impact whether or not these lines will be built.

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