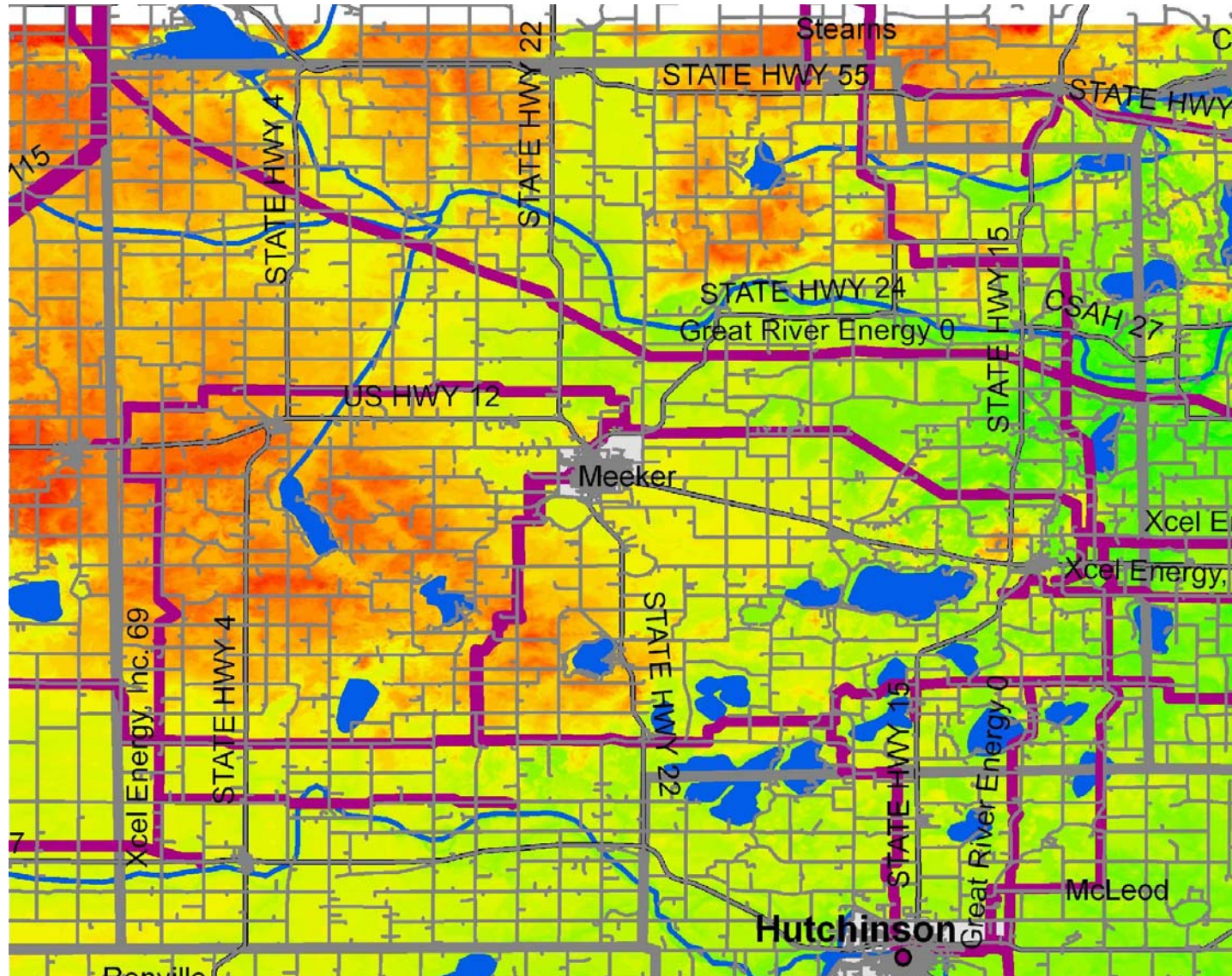


# Meeker County Topography

*Farming the Wind: Identifying "Best Bet" Locations for Wind Turbines*



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- Rules of Thumb for "Best-Bet" Locations**
- High elevation
  - Relatively unobstructed fetch conditions
  - Close proximity to existing transmission lines and substations to facilitate connection to grid OR proximity to large existing load
  - Existing transmission lines have capacity for additional power

Location of electrical transmission lines > 60 KVA provided by Land Management Information Center, St. Paul, MN.

