

**Minnesota leads the country in the number of stray voltage cases landing in courts. Minnesota has seen an increasing number of questionable cases brought to court due to the increase in consultants looking to benefit financially from a lawsuit. How do you believe these issues should be addressed in Minnesota? What qualifications should people who testify on stray voltage cases have?**

**Falk:** Frankly, I'm open to solutions that both sides can agree to - utilities and livestock producers. In reality, we have three co-equal branches of government: legislative, executive, and judicial. One branch of government may not infringe upon the powers and decision-making abilities of the others. This issue is squarely before the judicial branch of government. I don't believe that I should decide who can or cannot appear before a judge. Furthermore, the judge has the responsibility to determine which qualifications a witness may or may not have.

**Miller:** Sound science with peer review should be evidence of stray voltage. Unfortunately, our state's laws on civil cases open the door to abuse by profiteers. We need to improve tort law rules or this will continue to go on.