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Attached please find a pdf letter addressing my concerns regarding the proposed Populus to Ben Lomond 345kV Transmission Line Project through Box Elder County. I am writing to you with hopes that you will use your authority to help the Box Elder County residents, such as my family and me.

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Thank you very much for your time.

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In Re: Populus to Ben Lomond 345kV Transmission Line Project, Area 26

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing to address an issue that is devastating to Box Elder County residents' way of life- the proposed Populus to Ben Lomond 345kV Transmission Line Project, Area 26 (hereinafter referred to as the "Power Line Project") proposed by Rocky Mountain Power ("RMP"). We, as residents of Box Elder County, desperately need your help and your intervention!

When I was a young girl growing up in Idaho, on every trip to Utah, when driving through Willard, I admired the beautiful Willard mountains and dreamed of living near them. Seven (7) years ago, when my family and I moved to Willard and purchased a home at the base of the mountains, I felt my dream had come true. My husband works in Salt Lake, and I work in Ogden; however, we chose to live in Willard because of the views of the mountains and the lake (Willard Bay), and because we believed Willard to be a safe place to raise our family. Now all that is at risk because of a large corporate bully that has few governmental limitations.

My understanding is that Utah law provides that power lines must be placed in an area that will have the least negative impact on the fewest people; however, RMP proposes building the Power Line Project through residential areas and has been pompously unwilling to even consider alternate routes. Several Box Elder County residents have spent many hours working on alternate route proposals, but RMP refuses to heed the pleas of the Box Elder residents whose lives are being transformed negatively.

One of the alternate routes proposed is that RMP use existing corridors. RMP tells the residents of Box Elder County that it is unable to do this; however, it plans to use the same existing corridor in Weber and Davis Counties. Why the different treatment for Box Elder? And who among you is willing to fight for your constituents and stand up for the "little guy?"

Another proposed alternate route is through federal and uninhabited private property. RMP tells us that this route is also unacceptable because it requires studies and approvals that would delay the timeline set by RMP. Why should RMP's self-imposed timeline be allowed to interfere with the way of life that the Box Elder County residents have chosen, and for which we pay taxes?

RMP has been unfair and unyielding to the Box Elder County residents throughout this entire process. Their plans have been veiled in secrecy and deceit from RMP's lack of notification to residents to its sketchy and contradictory information. We feel it is the lack of governmental checks and balances imposed on this "Goliath" corporation that allows RMP to bulldoze its way through our communities unapologetically.

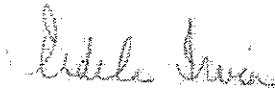
The Power Line Project will negatively impact our life in Box Elder County in the following ways:

- Irreversibly damaging the scenic grandeur of the mountains for which Willard and Perry are known and loved;
- Posing health risks to our families;
- Interfering with the stability of the mountainside and an existing parallel gas line;
- Traveling over and through existing dairy farms and wild animal habitats (mountain goats, cougars, deer, bobcats, raccoons, eagles, etc.);
- Forcing people from their homes (eminent domain should not be allowed for private corporations, especially when alternate routes are available);
- Reducing the property value of the homes near the Power Line Project; and
- Adding yet another unsightly power corridor between Interstate 15 and Highway 89 to a narrow area which already has five (5) power corridors;

The harm being caused to Box Elder County residents is not because of a lack of due diligence on the residents' part (the proposed easement along the mountains did not exist when we purchased our property), but because of greed on the part of a private corporation. How can a publicly-held company have more rights than citizens? RMP has lobbyists. We need someone to represent our rights.

Please use your authority to limit the power of Rocky Mountain Power and help the citizens of Box Elder County. Thank you for your time and anticipated assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



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