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**I want to protest Rocky Mountain Power's treatment of the citizens in Box Elder County.** They have chosen to come down through the heart of Box Elder County with a new high-voltage power line.

I realize that the new power line is a necessary thing, but the way Rocky Mountain Power is going about this is all wrong. Rather than using existing utility corridors in our county, they have chosen the easy route for them, not caring about the devastating impact they will have on our city, community and families.

Rather than following suggested routes by the U&I Citizens Group, or the Box Elder County Commissioners and league of Mayors, they are going to go through the new industrial park Tremonton built, and through several housing developments – including my neighborhood. My neighbors, Charlie and Lisa Smith, **will be losing their home** and will be forced to uproot their family. Another neighbor, Marvin Ashby, will be losing his barn. Yet, there are sagebrush-covered slopes less than a mile away. Why did Rocky Mountain Power choose to go over existing residences and industries?


I believe there is a lot of difference between going through farm ground, as compared to going on top of existing home and communities, where people are living 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. I realize it is hard for farmers to have to work around the large structures when they intersect their fields, but it is not as disruptive as having a high-voltage power line over your home – or even being forced OUT of your home.

Several other points we have against Rocky Mountain Power are:

- 1) **their hiding behind puppet representatives** who have no power to make changes or even give a good explanation when meeting with private landowners. The route through our neighborhood is a NEW CHANGE from what was previously planned for the high-power lines. When we called and asked to meet with a RMP representative, the men who came out were not able to give the information we needed. When we called the company, trying to talk to someone in charge, they refused.
- 2) **their lack of honesty in giving us all the details**. When the RMP rep met with Charlie and Lisa Smith, they were told that only ONE OTHER home in the 90-miles of construction would have to be moved. That is not true. We have heard of 11 other homes in our county. That doesn't even count the number of homes that will have the power line running through their backyard or over the top of them (no one wants to have dangerous high-voltage lines in their backyard). When we asked about the new change in route, the rep told us that "this is the way it has always been planned" and that is NOT TRUE. We attended early meetings and that was not the route shown. When we asked why RMP had to create a "new" corridor, rather than running the new line along other high-power lines already in existence, they told us they were afraid of sabotage or terrorist attack taking out both lines at one time. That is a feeble excuse since both lines HAVE TO MERGE near Willard Bay. If they are merged anywhere, they are just as vulnerable as if they had always been side-by-side.
- 3) **Their insisting on building where it is most convenient FOR THEM** rather than trying to avoid devastation to the existing populace and economies.

I feel existing utility corridors should be used. Please listen to the populace of our county and give us your backing in protecting our homes and lives. I have enclosed a map showing the new change in route through our neighborhood.

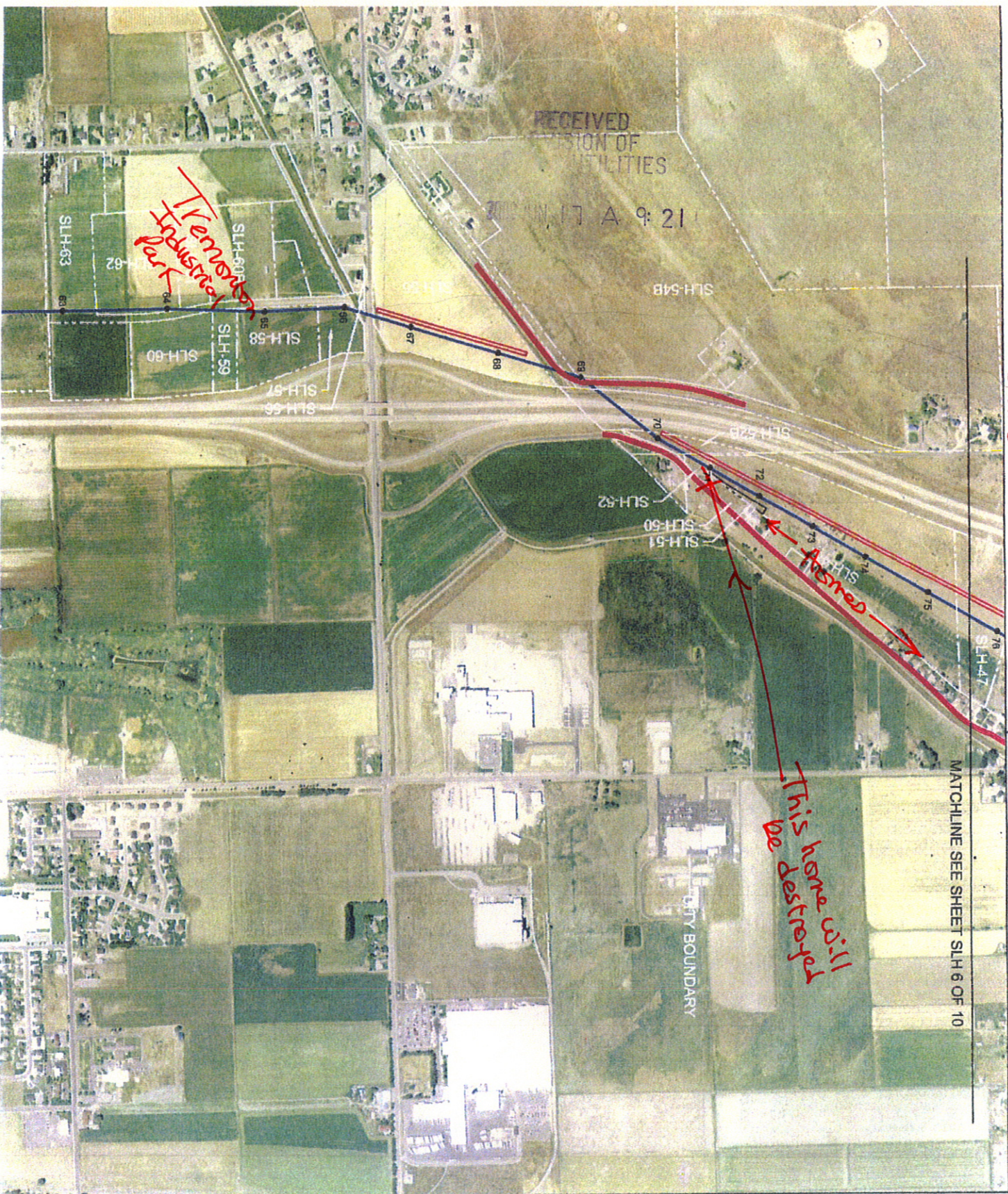
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