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**Subject:** Fwd: "Populus to Ben Lomond 345 KV Transmission Project" - QUESTIONS

Hi, Merilee:

Here's a copy of an e-mail that several staff members received pertaining to docket: 08-035-42

I'm not sure what we should do with it. Maybe Julie has an opinion.

Carol

>>> Lana Archibald  
20 June 2008

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Dear Rocky Mountain Power Management:

I'm not sure who is the correct person to contact at Rocky Mountain Power, so I am sending to this to a group of you. Please give it to the right department, and have them reply.

This is NOT a rhetorical letter. I do expect answers to my questions.

My husband has already tried to contact someone by phone, using the number for the representative who was sent out to talk to us about going through our land, but he could not answer our questions, and said we could not speak to his boss or any other upper management.

First some explanation, then the questions will follow.

As you are aware, in the process of building the new "Populus to Ben Lomond 345KV Transmission Project", Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) has had to make several changes in their route plan. The most recent change (made within the past 2 weeks) has the transmission line crossing the I-15 freeway at the Canal Bank Road (section 33 on Panel 3 of 7 for Box Elder County), then plowing a path of destruction through our neighborhood of family homes. RMP plans to completely remove our neighbor's home, dislocating his family of seven. RMP will then tear down two of our neighbors' barns, and create a dangerous situation for a widow neighbor whose home is built on a slope which will put her home near the same height as the high-voltage lines that will run in front of her yard.

This is unacceptable, especially when you consider that there is a large strip of uninhabited sagebrush land to the northwest of them.

The original route (which RMP showed to us a few months ago), would have continued on a straight line up the hillside, on the other side of the freeway, but would have required buying out the air strip Larry Pierce owns. Larry Pierce has said he is not opposed to that idea, but only wants a hangar in the Brigham City Airport to replace the value he will lose. Larry said RMP contacted him last November but no one has contacted him since.

An even better route would be to have the 345KV line come from the north, cross county sections 21, 29, and 31 to I-80 west of Tremonton, and continue on south along the I-80 freeway route. That section of county is a relatively level bench around the mountain, covered with sagebrush and used only by cattle at this point. It would cause as little disruption in our community as possible. This would be only a 2-mile addition in length from what RMP is planning to do now. I know that additional lines cost more money, but ONLY A MINUTE FRACTION of what the total project will cost, while eliminating the need to take out people's homes, destroy their lives, and wipe out the investment Tremonton City's populus has put into their new industrial park.

As it is now, the new transmission lines go right through the new industrial park which the tax-payers of Tremonton have paid \$2.5 million to build a road through. Having a high-voltage corridor there will eliminate the possibility of businesses locating in that area.

My questions:

Why would RMP rather take out a neighborhood of homes and barns rather than buy a hangar in Brigham City for Larry Pierce?

Why can't RMP build the line on the mountain bench through sections 21, 29, and 31 then down along the south side of I-80 to I-15 rather than taking out industry and homes through our town?

Doesn't state policy require RMP to build their utility corridors as cost-efficient as possible, and with as little disruption to people's lives as necessary? Why have you chosen to go through the heart of our community when we have so much unpopulated area in Box Elder County?

Please respond soon with the answers to these questions. I wait your reply.

Lana Archibald

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