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We need your help!

Do you realize that people in the Bear River Valley of Box Elder County are going to **LOSE THEIR HOMES** because of the route Rocky Mountain Power has planned for the **new 345kV** power line?

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With all the vast, unpopulated areas of Box Elder County that exist, **WHY** has Rocky Mountain Power decided to build their high-voltage power lines through the heart of our valley?

I protest this! I realize that utilities corridors have to exist to support our communities, but they don't have to be driven rough-shod over people's lives to accomplish that purpose.

I also protest Rocky Mountain Power's disregard for the rights of individuals. I protest their covering up the truth when they meet with landowners, their unwillingness to inconvenience themselves, and their sending cardboard representatives out to meet with these people. I say "cardboard" because the representatives they send have no power to make any changes, and even cannot explain the reasons why the power company has made their decisions. When we called and asked to speak to someone with authority, they refused to let us talk to anyone else.

Our neighbors, Charlie and Lisa Smith were told *just this week* that their home will be **REMOVED** to make way for the power line; they protested. The representative who came out to negotiate with them told them that *their home and one other* were the only two homes to be obliterated by the new route - which isn't true. We have heard of at least 11 others.

There is room for the power line corridor to run east or west of the city of Tremonton. The only reason we can see why Rocky Mountain Power decided to run through the populace was because of convenience for themselves - roads already built for access. That is **NOT** a good reason!

Please take a serious look at the routing options suggested by the U&I Concerned Citizens and the local Council of Governments. Power companies should exist to support and provide for the populace - not for their own convenience.

Sincerely,

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