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Rocky Mountain Power is trying to take my home! We were notified by letter, dated June 4, 2008, that our property will be impacted to some degree by their project. When we scheduled a meeting with a representative from RMP, we were told that this new route has been in place for several months. That is not true! If so, then the maps shared at Public Open-Houses and their website (which we checked after receiving our letter - updated May 20, 2008) have been out of date for several months. RMP has not responded to our neighbors repeated requests to meet with them to discuss the easements going across their property. We have 17 homes on our street. They plan to put their line directly between two family homes (crossing over two hay barns and surrounded by cattle), through another family barn, directly behind 10 other homes and right on top of my home! We are in a rural community, surrounded by unpopulated, sage-brush slopes less than a mile away. Yet RMP has chosen to go through our neighborhood, cross farm land, and take out an existing home and other structures! They insist on building where it is most convenient for them and completely disregard the rights of individuals. That is wrong!

RMP is also going through a brand new industrial park in Tremonton that we as tax payers have paid for! Again, this is for their convenience and they have completely disregarded the impact this will have on Tremonton. We did not build the brand new road in front of Liberty Foods so RMP can have easy access to their lines! This will completely take over the East side of this road and prohibit any future industrial use!

We were told that there were only two homes would be affected by this route but we know of at least 20 homes that will be lost in the 90 miles of construction. That does not even count the number of homes that will have these lines running through their backyards and taking out other structures and private property.

RMP claims they are taking the most economical route and that they are doing it for us, the customer. New routes should not be created through populated areas just for RMP's convenience and to save them money at our cost! There is plenty of room in Box Elder County to run this line through without going through the heart of our valley. RMP is just looking for easy access to their lines and is unwilling to build dirt roads in more rural areas to maintain their lines. They have no regard for the citizens of this county and the disruption this will cause in people's lives.

Please support the U& I Concerned Citizens Group and Local Council of Governments. They have proposed two alternative routes that will have the least negative impact on our community and citizens. RMP has not treated the citizens of this county fairly - despite their claims! Please let Box Elder County have a say in the planning of this route through our county! If new corridors for power lines have to be created in our county, they should not be created through populated areas just for RMP's convenience.

Sincerely,

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