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CC: "Commissioner Clark N Davis" <cndavis@boxeldercounty.org>, "Commissioner... Mrs. Archibald,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me and Mayor Owen late yesterday afternoon in your home. It was a pleasure meeting both you and your husband.

I believe that the items and issues we discussed yesterday covered the questions you put forth in your email as well as providing you additional information about our project and alternatives that are being considered. As I mentioned yesterday both the web page www.pacificorp.com/transmission and our construction projects email ConstructionProjects@PacifiCorp.com are excellent ways to obtain updates on our project as they become available.

Once again I apologize for the confusion on your email and thank you for your time yesterday.

George

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Subject: Rocky Mtn Power's mistreatment of private landowners -- in regard to Populus to Ben Lomond Project

SUBJECT: Regarding the mis-treatment the public (private landowners) in Box Elder County have received from Rocky Mountain Power in the project to build a high voltage 345kV transmission line through our area (Populus to Ben Lomond Project)

DATE: 6 August 2008

To all Rocky Mountain Power, Public Officials and all concerned:
It has been six weeks (June 20th) since I wrote to Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) asking for answers to some simple questions. I got an acknowledgment of the email being received, but after six weeks no one has bothered to respond with the answers.

The Right of Way representatives who came to our home in May could not answer our questions. We asked them for a phone number of someone who could answer our questions, and they said they would call us back with that number -- but never did. The next day we called RMP and got the same representative, who told us he couldn't give us a number and we were not allowed to talk to anyone higher up.

Rocky Mountain Power is hiding information from the public. They cloak their intents with generalities. They refuse to meet with us and give only partial information to our public officials. We did attend the public meeting RMP held last January, but the route maps shown at that time have been changed. Facts

and figures we get through other sources change. No one will give concrete information. I called RMP again just this morning trying to get an answer to "what is a ballpark figure for the cost per mile to build a high voltage 345kV transmission line?" and no one could tell me that. They expect the public to just take their word for it that they are doing things "at the least cost, and least detriment to the public." They have done "studies" -- but no one can see the studies.

I think civility requires that they at least have someone respond to honest questions the public has.

You may re-read the email and questions I sent them in June; it is pasted below.

Lana Archibald
Garland, Utah (Box Elder County)

20 June 2008

Dear Rocky Mountain Power Management:

I'm not sure who is the correct person to contact at Rocky Mountain Power, so I am sending 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 while 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:

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

1. 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?

1. 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

CC: copies to Box Elder County Commissioners, State Rep Rhonda Menlove; State Senator Peter Knudson, and the Public Service Commission, Tremonton City Mayor Max Weese, Garland City Mayor Richard Owen.