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Hello

My name is Boyd D. Spiker. I am an active Tooele City resident. I live in the Northeast section of Tooele. I have lived in Tooele off and on since my high school days. My parents have lived in Tooele since the early 1960s.

As a young man I left Tooele to seek further education and pursue a career in telecommunications. I worked for Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, AT&T in many secure situations in my early career. I worked as a technician, in management and in engineering. I became a telecommunications engineer while working for Mountain Bell and AT&T. I worked on projects in telecommunications including cable television and power projects for some small municipal power companies in Utah and other states. I performed engineering for Brigham City Power and Mountain Bell as well as Intermountain Indian School. I engineered power projects for the city of Spanish Fork Utah. I worked as a contract engineer and became regional engineering manager for Geo-Data Systems of Boise Idaho. We completed engineering projects for various telecommunication providers, in several western states including Utah, Idaho, New Mexico, Oregon and California.

I retired after a long successful career to the peace and beauty of the Tooele Valley. I enjoy the clean air, clean water and the beauty of our mountains as well as Utah golf courses. I became interested in the proposed Transmission Line Project when I read about the proposed route and the envisioned the likely destruction of some of the potentially best real estate in the county as well as destruction of beautiful views currently enjoyed by most Tooele Citizens. I attended a few public meetings and saw a groundswell of public opinion that is overwhelmingly opposed to construction of the power line as proposed by R.M.P.. (Not opposed to growth or necessary construction just opposed to the currently proposed location) When I saw the city council and county commission vote to deny access for the proposed route I started driving some of the secondarily proposed routes and looking at any viable and reasonable alternate routes. I am no longer a practicing engineer and do not have access to current construction and pricing models for accurate financial projections. I do however have some reasonable knowledge regarding placement of Power and other types of transmission lines. Using the assumption that all the routes furnished on certain drawings that RMP provided I looked at ways to eliminate one route that is objectionable and look at ways to locate the same capacity on another route which at the time RMP indicated would be constructed as part of the overall project. I understand they have now revised that information.. Given the parameters that we had when we first started working on alternates with county and city officials we believe that a route west side of the valley would be a viable alternative and possibly even a better route given some projections shared with us again from RMP regarding future power grid developments in the west.

I was working under the understanding that local authorities had the ability to accept or deny the proposed construction. We believed that we had convinced local authorities that a viable alternative could be accomplished and they were involved in the process. I then discovered that a new law had been passed in my absence from the ranks of working engineers. A new group will decide the fate of the project. About the time we discovered this fact we were also informed that R.M.P did not find the west route viable because they have decided to pull or mothball that portion of the project and proceed with the objected to route. I realize that the company is their company to run and the decisions are theirs to make but it will certainly be a shame if this is being done to expedite a quick answer then the remainder of the project is re visited and built a few years later.. Even if the west route is permanently abandoned there are other alternates which should be given consideration to keep the lines out of the city of Tooele away from our water supplies and away from the best views in the entire valley. While I am no longer actively engineering and I certainly know and agree that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing, I believe that the best solution is the one that best serves the public good. After all the first word in the Public Utility Service Commission or Public Utility is PUBLIC....Thanks for the opportunity to participate.

Boyd D. Spiker

Qualifications – Over twenty years actively managing telcos as CEO. Founded cable TV companies, Internet providers, long distance providers, and CLEC companies which are still operating successfully and profitably. Served in leadership positions with national, state and local organizations. Extensive experience engineering and constructing communications systems, power grids, and cable television systems for municipal and private entities. National and state regulatory involvement through two national trade associations, NTCA and USTA. Sales and marketing experience with telephone supply company.

ACCOUNT MANAGER – for CSSA, 5700 Murray St., Little Rock, AR 72209 (800) 252-2772 Dec 2000 to May, 2004. Account Manager for Utah Yellow Pages, Oct 2004 to Feb 2005. Account Manager for Kitchen Garden, May 2005 to Apr.2007. In each case responsible for sales and marketing. Worked extensively with the Nortel and Mitel product lines in switching and large business applications.

PRESIDENT/CEO of Hancock Telecom, Inc., P.O. Box 108, Maxwell, IN 46143 (317) 326-3135. June 1998 to Dec 2000. Hancock and its subsidiaries provide a full range of telecommunications services, satellite TV, CLEC services and Internet service for which I had profit and loss responsibility. Founded CLEC, which served three communities formerly served by Sprint and Ameritech. Worked closely with Board of Directors and membership committees. Worked extensively negotiating settlement issues between small telcos and Ameritech through the state and FCC regulatory process. Directly involved in engineering and engineering oversight for telephone and computer facilities in suburban and urban Indianapolis area.

GENERAL MANAGER/CEO of Rock Port Telephone Company, PO Box 147, Rock Port, MO 64482 (660) 744-5311. June 1992 to June 1998. Profit and loss responsibility of telco, Rock Port Cablevision, Inc., and partnership interest in NW Missouri Cellular (board member) and Fiber Four (President of Fiber Four, a company with fiber optic based services serving 5 counties). Supervised all departments of TV and CATV. Performed engineering and coordination for fiber optic and buried cable routes. RUS borrower. Founded Rock Port Cablevision and Fiber Four while serving as General Manager of Rock Port Telephone Co. Served on Missouri Small Company Committee; worked closely with Missouri Public Service Commission. Completed training for Nortel DMS 10 and SI 100 switches Engineering, Translations and Maintenance. Served as maintenance backup to technicians .

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS –

National: *Chairman of Executive Committee NTCA Government Affairs
Chairman of NTCA Government Affairs
Program Presenter/Speaker NTCA Annual & Regional Meetings
Member USTA Government Relations Committee
Testified before U.S. Congress, House Tele.Sub-committee
Lobbying Activity with Federal Legislature and FCC
Member RICA Board*

State: *Member of Oregon Independent Telephone Association,
Missouri Telephone Association, and Indiana Tel. Assn.
Committees: Executive, Settlements, Legislative, Futures, Small
Company Committee, Chaired Plant Committee.
Lobbying Activity with State Legislature, Public Utilities Comm.*

Local: *Chairman, Supervisory Committee, Tooele Federal Credit Union
President Western Teledata (data processing investment)
Board VP Stayton Communication Systems
Board member Oregon Telco Services
Member City Council, Planning Commission, and
Boys' and Girls' Club*

PRESIDENT/CEO of Scio Mutual Telephone Association/Scio CableVision, Inc., PO Box 1100, Scio, OR 97374-1100 (503) 394-3366. April 1980 to June 1992 Profit and loss responsibility as well as supervision of all departments of both companies. Increased companies' value, serving area and customers. RUS coordination and outside plant/CATV engineering. Founded Scio CableVision. Invested in cellular telephone partnerships. Growth oriented and profitable. Performed nearly all of the engineering functions for Scio Telephone throughout my tenure. Scio is a small company so I also worked hands on Nortel Switch maintenance, cable splicing, Installation of telephone, television services and internet.

REGIONAL ENGINEERING MANAGER GEO Data Systems, Inc., 989 E. 9th So., Salt Lake City, UT. Nov 1977 to April 1980 Responsible for 5 engineers and over 30 drafting employees. All phases of Telcom engineering including REA projects, power projects for municipalities, some civil engineering work and design of cable television systems. Lead engineer over all Utah operations.

CENTRAL OFFICE SUPERVISOR Mountain Bell, Utah. 1974 – 1977

Various technical positions with Mountain Bell and Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone – 1965 to 1974.

EDUCATION: Weber State College, Ogden, UT. Business Psychology, Business Management, Marketing. 1970-72 3.5 GPA

South Hopkins High, Nortonville, KY. 1963 Graduate. 3.5 GPA

ADDITIONAL TRAINING – Continued NTCA seminars as given. Earned 5 Excellence in Leadership awards. Northern Telecom Fiber Optics Multiplex Terminal, 1987; DMS-10 SL 100 Engineering & Translations, Switching, 1985. FCC Rulings and Access Charges, 1983. Installation, Maintenance, Cable Splicing technical schools. Many more available upon request.