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First of all, I want all to know I am not opposed to Rocky Mountain Power expanding their power lines and grids. I enjoy my lights, my hair dryer and especially lately my air conditioner! What I am opposed to is their choice of routes through Tooele.

I am not a native of Tooele who grew up in these mountains, I and do not know all the roads, and mountain passes as well as many in town, however; I do know there are beautiful places, pretty places and in my opinion some ugly places. What I am opposed to is Rocky Mtn Power taking their 345 kilovolt lines through one of the most beautiful places in the county as well as the city. This route will affect ALL of the residents of Tooele County. Corner Mountain is a focal point as one drives into Tooele The fire aspect concerns me. In Rocky Mtn Power's own words, "These lines increase the risk of fire during construction and during repair", do they realize the winds we have in the southeast? We have a volunteer fire department. I have had experience with fire in the ravine next to our home and experienced the winds that take that fire anywhere it wants in a very short amount of time. While the fire department was WONDERFUL, they would never have controlled nor gotten that fire out without the help of a water truck that happened to be in the area. The winds were too strong, the fire too fast. The department is not large enough, nor equipped with the correct equipment to fight a wild fire on the purpose southeast route. Has Rocky Mountain Power even considered our safety? Considered the safety of the families within a few miles of that possible fire path?

The southeast corner and Corner Mtn. are one of the few places with trees as natural vegetation. Why cut them down??? Corner Mtn has wildlife, deer, turkeys, who I listen to as I was walk in the mornings, mountain lions, fowl.... that will all have their natural habitat disrupted. With the purposed route will I hear the turkey's or the buzzing from the lines? Doesn't the BLM care about this? We have the BLM here supposedly to protect the land and wildlife, yet they said to me "the wildlife will relocate". Who is here to protect the citizens of Tooele and what they value? Or are we too suppose to relocate?

We HAVE to consider the aesthetic value and affect those lines will have. Recently I was on the northwest side of Tooele, looking toward the "T" and the southeast mountains. These lines WILL be visible to the entire city and beyond. We live in Tooele, not Salt Lake City for a reason and beauty if one of them. I know Rocky Mountain Power has said "we will place the lines low so they blend in with the background". I'm sorry, but those great big metal poles are not going to blend in with anything. Not only that, but power lines decrease property value.

Look at the maps Rocky Mountain Power and the BLM are using to study and place these routes. They are so outdated they do not even show many of the homes and subdivisions in the southeast. And on the north end they do not show much of the new growth, including the hospital. They have placed these lines too close to homes, and businesses. They did not consider us, because they did not know about us.

Tooele County is 6930 sq miles plus water sq footage, with Tooele City only 21.1 sq miles. Rocky Mountain Power and the BLM must realize that within those differing 6909 sq miles, there MUST be a better route.

Thank you,  
 Marilyn Roundy