my first reaction to the RMP proposed line still holds true - it is the case of a big city dumping their blight or "pollution" on a smaller neighbor...

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Dear Representative -

I am concerned about the proposed routes for the Mona to Oquirrh power transmission lines.

Naturally my first concern is to keep the ugly thing away from Mother’s home - but there are many more issues.

Such a transmission line is in every sense of the word an industrial development - it is something that belongs with railroads, manufacturing plants, warehouses and major highways - it is not something that belongs anywhere near residential areas. And in this case, Rocky Mountain Power's proposed power corridor will blight the nicest residential and the nicest potential-residential areas in Tooele County. While claiming to support development (in Salt Lake) they will be retarding or halting such development in Tooele.

Tooele has plenty of dangerous industrial sites - consider Skull valley's chemical and biological weapons development and test sites - and the various garbage dumps to the north of that. If we want more dangerous industrial development in Tooele County, let's put it where the industrial development already exists - namely in Skull Valley.

Salt Lake Valley - the principal beneficiary of this industrial waste corridor - evidently felt that their ground was too valuable to pollute with this eyesore. They apparently felt that the health concerns and the view concerns and all the other bad effects were best dealt with by sending the whole thing to Tooele. It is my opinion that Tooele ought to send it one valley further to the West. Skull Valley is flat, already has a road, and very few residences. Surely the lower cost of land acquisition there should offset the added cost of a few more miles of wire and towers. Certainly a lot of your Tooele County constituency should be grateful that you represented their interests by persuading Rocky Mtn Power to move their industrial development away from their homes and to an area that is already used for
dangerous things.

I hope that you will add your support to our efforts to stop the proposed Mona to Oquirrh transmission line segment 190 that would blight the hills and benches South of Tooele City.

Sincerely yours

Pete Grimm