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UTAH PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Dear Review Board,

We are writing about our concerns in regards to RMP's decision to route high voltage power lines over the southeast bench of Tooele Valley as part of the Mona to Oquirrh project.

My husband is a retired F.B.I. agent and is now employed part-time as an investigator for the State Department. I grew up in Tooele and left to go to college. My parents both have roots here in Tooele County. After 33 years of service to the federal government in California, we moved to the southeast bench of Tooele three years ago. We love this beautiful valley and walk daily in the nearby hills. We are very familiar with the wildlife, native plants that grow on the hills and mountains and the beauty of this corner of the valley (it surpasses that of Park City).

Our concerns include: the disruption of the many wildlife species' habitats in the area, destruction of Tooele City's main watershed area, contamination of the four springs that provide Tooele with most of its drinking water, the likelihood of fires will be greatly increased if the power lines snap in the severe gusts that come over the mountain and through the canyon all year long, and the permanent scaring of our view shed. It is the prettiest one in the whole valley.

We have never had the position that RMP could not build these towers somewhere in the valley, in fact there is a much more cost effective and less damaging alternative being presented.

Our state as a whole needs to consider many aspects when approving these power lines anywhere in the state besides the cost factor. That cost factor needs to include the loss of a pristine and beautiful spots that will be destroyed forever by the installments of these hideous lines. We cannot afford to lose the few pristine view sheds that are left in populated areas of our state.

Tooele County has been the "dump" for many companies, mines, the state, the federal government and maybe even to the world. We do not need to be that for the Wasatch front. The cost to the people of Tooele County has already been too high.

In a few years' time these power lines will become obsolete but the marring and destruction they will bring to our southeast corner will never be restored in our lifetimes. We need to leave a heritage of beauty to our children, they need to be able to feel the "stirrings" that we feel each morning as gaze upon this beautiful spot. This mountain has been a daily inspiration to all of us in this area and it makes us realize that we have responsibilities to this earth. Hopefully you will come and gaze upon this spot and realize your responsibilities as board members to the land and people and wildlife of our state--those are the true costs when determining the placement of these lines.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,  
David and Paula LeSueur

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