

May 4, 2010

Utility Facility Review Board of Utah
Attention: Julie Orchard
Public Service Commission Secretary
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RE: Docket No. 10-035-39

Dear Board Members:

This letter constitutes my personal objection to Rocky Mountain Power's (RMP) proposed route for the Mona-Qquirrh high voltage transmission line on the south bench of Tooele County. It is my belief that RMP has not fulfilled its mission to protect public health and safety. RMP has not shown, during the lengthy CUP process; that it can and will mitigate the consequences to this route. RMP has not shown that it is willing to listen and work with the communities that it impacts. RMP has not shown that it is willing to use every available technology to provide low-cost, efficient power to its customers. It is my feeling RMP has shown arrogance and thumbed its corporate nose at the citizens of Tooele County.

As a member of the Tooele County Planning Commission I was immersed in the process for the CUP. I went to Salt Lake City to observe two power substations and their subsequent incoming and outgoing power lines. Enclosed is a disc of the photos I took. These photos describe in pictures that RMP is unwilling to upgrade and remove old equipment to newer more efficient equipment. The old power substation in Northwest Salt Lake has some thirty power pole lines extending off in every direction. The newer substation located on the west bench of Salt Lake has less, yet larger more efficient (larger voltage) lines coming and going from it.

Tooele County has expressed their preference to have a larger single line and move the substation north of Grantsville to lessen the effects of EMF on homes, business and people as well as the future aesthetics of our valley.

If RMP is allowed to place the substation where it is currently proposed, it guarantees that the citizens of Grantsville and Tooele will have a spider-web of power poles extending in all directions across our valley, exemplifying poor planning. In approving the south east bench route it also guarantees RMP will have the substation where currently proposed - near South Mountain. This will be fought by all Grantsville residence along with our Tooele valley friends. It would behoove RMP to site the substation first and then the power transmission lines.

I have heard the residence of Tooele and Grantsville state over and over, "we agree with the need for future power." It is not beyond the scope of the Review Board to aid the citizens in high voltage line placement that helps protect our rural way of life and the aesthetics of our community. I encourage you to reject the south bench route and request an independent study of costs for the Tooele County proposed routes. I encourage you to look at the south east bench portion of the route as a pry-bar to

hold Tooele County and county community's hostage for future power needs and for the substation site RMP wants.

As a citizen of this state and Tooele County I respectfully demand that you require RMP to use new technology to help provide the power that the citizens of Salt Lake City require now. RMP could upgrade the North West power grid, search out and use new technology to provide greater efficiency, and widen their view for placing power grids in Tooele County. RMP did not adequately research western Skull Valley which is 80% BLM property and which would require no tree removal. If a fire were to occur in Skull Valley it would impact sage and grasses for pasture not homes and property; there would be no steep grades, water sheds, nor hazardous waste facilities to overcome.

I respectfully request you review the information provided by Tooele County and widen your view to include what the future issues might be for RMP. I request you reject the proposed RMP power lines to protect the future health, safety and welfare of Tooele County and citizens.

Thank You

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