

Zions Farm L.L.C.
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Tooele, UT 84074
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Tooele County Planning Commission
Attn: Kerry Beutler
47 South Main St.
Tooele, UT 84074

RE: Proposed Conditional Use Permit to locate a High Power Transmission Line from Mona, Utah through Tooele County to the Oquirrh Substation within Salt Lake County.

To Whom It May Concern:

My family and I own a 760 acre farm (Zions Farm LLC) on the East side of Tooele City. We also lease approx 2500 acres from Kennecott Copper, and an additional 800 acres from the Harris Estate. We run about 150-200 head of livestock on our farm, as well as the leased property.

We are **OPPOSED** to this new power line running through the middle of our farm, as well as the leased acreage, because of the following reasons:

- We have livestock that graze on the property, and know the installation and maintenance of the huge power lines will disrupt them.
- We have BLM grazing permits on land that will be affected by the installation, as well as the maintenance of the power lines.
- We have 2 water wells that will be directly beneath the proposed route, and know the installation and maintenance of huge power lines will directly affect them and our ability to water the 180 acres of land we irrigate, as well as water our livestock. Power line poles had better not be dug anywhere near our water wells, as we have hundreds of thousands of dollars invested in our water wells and irrigating equipment.
- We **ALREADY HAVE TWO HUGE** existing power lines running through the middle of our farm, which we have to farm "around" since they're of course in the middle of the fields instead of off to the side out of the way.
- We have dealt with Utah Power & Light on a previous easement they obtained from us for a new power line, and they initially offered us \$1,000. for the easement. We told them that an easement is FOREVER, and a thousand dollars is totally unacceptable. Utah Power & Light ended up paying us \$24,000. for what they originally thought they could get for \$1,000. (so know we will not be compensated appropriately for our losses due to the easement which lasts forever).

- The existing two power lines have **drastically reduced the value of the land** that they run over. We've sold land in the last 15 years, and every time we've had to reduce the selling price (by tens of thousands of dollars, if not hundreds of thousands of dollars) **BECAUSE** of the power lines.
- The **safety** of my family and livestock due to high voltage power lines running over the top of us as we try to work on our family run farm.
- The visual affect of another huge power line and poles across the face of the Oquirrh Mountains.

These are just some of our concerns (I'm sure there are others) that we've expressed to Rocky Mountain Power, BLM, Tooele City Planning Commission, Tooele County Commissioners and anyone that will listen. **PLEASE** consider a different route for the mega power line, than what was proposed at the Tooele County Courthouse June 23rd meeting, as it will have a devastating affect on our farm. **We are OPPOSED to route 220.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at:
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THANK YOU for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Tom L. Buzianis,
Manager/Owner of Zions Farm LLC