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This correspondence is to clarify, add & restate my statements made on May 11, 2010 at the Public Witness Forum in Tooele.

As I stated before, I am an employee with the Division of Public Utilities for the State of Utah! My statement in this correspondence reflects my opinions as a resident of the City and County of Tooele. I am not making any statement in or on behalf of the Division of Public Utilities, Rocky Mountain Power or the State of Utah.

I have most my life dealt with rules, regulations, laws and policies and procedures.

RMP has not violated any law, rule or any policy and procedure in their decision to run the Transmission Line where it is proposed. In fact they have followed all of the rules, laws and policies and procedures in the design and infrastructure of it.

Again I say that a Quality of life is what people or a person makes it. It does not change because of a few power poles.

For example:

Right at the mouth of Ogden canyon is a large substation and from there it goes south to Skyline Drive. If you drive along Skyline Drive you will see a 138 kV line that are on poles the same height as the ones that RMP wants to build here. The line runs from 12<sup>th</sup> street all the way to 40<sup>th</sup> street. It crosses the Mt. Ogden golf course. There are several huge homes that have been built underneath the lines along Foothill Dr. At the upper end of 29<sup>th</sup> street there is a large condo development with the 138 kV lines running right alongside. Power lines have always been in these locations but RMP replaced several miles of this line about five years ago with new line and new power poles. These poles are more visible than the ones RMP wants to put here and most of the people of the area have sent kudos and appreciation letters to RMP for the upgraded lines. None of the letters complained about ruining their view and no one was worried about Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMFs). No one is dying of cancer or other serious diseases from any EMFs and as a side statement, the property values all along this route haven't decreased either!

In Provo, Utah along the east bench, there are dual double poled 138 kV lines running side by side all along the east bench, over the tops of new houses, and playgrounds and churches. Property values haven't been hurt because more homes and churches are being built. Seems like EMFs aren't a concern either.

The way a lot of the people act around Tooele about this new power line you would think their life was coming to an end just because they may have to see a power pole from their back door or from the street down in the middle of Tooele. These poles will be about a half mile away maybe a little less maybe a little more but the quality of life doesn't change because of a power

pole. People all over this country live with these same types of poles and lines within their view and where they play and their quality of life hasn't changed one iota.

All of this property that is owned by the City of Tooele and other residents where the Transmission line will cross have been spoken about as losing value. But that has not to my knowledge been proven. So if all of that property is to be developed, just how is it that you are going to get power to those same properties? And if it isn't, going to be developed what does it matter that a transmission line crosses it?

There have been many negative statements by several citizens, Tooele City Council, Tooele County Commissioners and the Planning & Zoning Committee about negative health, welfare and livelihoods of the people of Tooele County, but when I read through all of the articles and legal statements made about this line, I for the life of me could not find nor can I find any proof or information as to how the new Transmission line will negatively impact the health, welfare or livelihood of anyone in Tooele County.

RMP has given their word that all of the 23 points of concern with the County, the P&Z and Tooele City would be mitigated. So why is it that Tooele County, Tooele City & Planning & Zoning need a step by step procedure of how RMP will mitigate those concerns? Do they really think PacifiCorp is not concerned for these same issues and will do all in their power so that these issues don't become a concern to Tooele's citizens! Has Tooele Et al not read where RMP has had to deal with the same concerns in other cities and towns that RMP has put other Transmission Lines through?

There are many miles of transmission lines run by RMP where many of the same issues that Tooele has come up with, but those issues were mitigated and everyone involved is satisfied with the way those issues were taken care of. One city, Willard, Utah, had 31 issues and all but a few have been mitigated by RMP. Those that have not been mitigated will be. It is not a process that will be completed in just a few days.

Now comes Tooele County & City; the county told Rocky Mountain Power if they could mitigate their issues they would issue the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) but when RMP said they could & would mitigate those issues Tooele County might as well have called RMP liar's when the county told RMP they still would not issue the CUP because they would not believe them.

It was Tooele City who told RMP that they could run the line along the Railroad track, then for unknown reasons rescinded their word. "SHAME ON TOOELE COUNTY and CITY"! To me they have shown the citizens of Tooele City, and County just how much integrity they have when it comes to giving their word.

Tooele County, City and the P&Z have not and did not prove that their issues would not be mitigated. RMP has ample proof with past transmission line construction that all issues would be mitigated! I have to ask the Tooele City Mayor, Councilmen and County Commissioners what

their real motives are. Is it really for the best interests of the citizens? Is it for their “view”, or maybe it's the votes they could lose from those who don't want this power line to go through and who have lobbied them to stop it.

I for one am not willing to pay higher taxes or higher utility rates just to run this new transmission line in a different route and I believe the citizens of the State of Utah don't want to subsidize Tooele County because its local governments and a few citizens want a different route that will cost millions of dollars more. People complain to the Public Service Commission all through the year because rates increase. RMP is trying to keep rates down and Tooele County Et al who want a different route would cause rates to rise. I also believe that for RMP to take a different route just to satisfy the aesthetic view of a few would be like those few stealing for their own aggrandizement.

The citizens of Tooele County are not stupid. They know that growth is needed for the stability of the cities and towns of Tooele County but we cannot grow without this Transmission Line to feed power to those companies who want to come here and new homes that need to be built. New companies will provide needed jobs and that is one thing that **will** help make our way of life better.

All of the negative energy that is being wasted on silly nonsensical unproven statements doesn't mean a hill of beans when it comes to our real welfare. Most of the people who signed the Opposition Petition do not know the real why's or why not's of this Transmission Project. They have not studied both sides of the issue. They may have been given a particular statement about it that lasted for a couple of minutes but you can't tell people about this type of project and give them all the information they need to make a real objective decision in just a couple of minutes.

We have been given ample proof that there is no other route that can be taken for this Transmission Line, to keep costs down and to keep within the Laws, Rules and Regulations that have been set and given to RMP to do so. When it comes to the happiness and welfare of the people of this county, positive thinking and finding ways to come to a consensus is the only way to go. Let's not let our way of life stifle because a few may be disgruntled. They will get over it and go on to live their lives, seeing as time goes by that their concerns weren't concerns at all.

Again, I submit that RMP be allowed to run their Transmission Line through the proposed route that they have formally requested they be allowed to do

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