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Fwd: Power Line Access

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Please include this in docket 17-035-42.

Thanks!

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From: **Rulon Crosby** <ruloncrosby@msn.com>

Date: Sat, Jul 8, 2017 at 9:47 AM

Subject: Power Line Access

To: "rcso@allwest.net" <rcso@allwest.net>, "gwiderburg@utah.gov" <gwiderburg@utah.gov>, Rulon Crosby <ruloncrosby@msn.com>

Sheriff Dale Stacey,

I have recently been involved in amicable discussions with Scott Jessen of the Rocky Mountain Power Company's Montpelier office about getting electrical power to the back of my property on Bear Lake Blvd. in Garden City.

We decided, that my least expensive option, would be to run a low voltage extension chord type conductor from my duplex, to the rear of my property. I began this installation by hanging two insulated conductors, part way up two power poles, running along my north fence line. My research indicated, that there is no prohibition regarding a property owner attaching conductors or fences. to power poles, located on his property.

Late on July fifth, I received a threatening telephone call from Lance Bone, a lineman for Rocky Mountain Power, asserting that I had illegally leaned a ladder against a Rocky Mountain Power pole and had illegally hung a conductor on two of their poles. He further accused me of being in violation of OSHA requirements and informed me that he had called the sheriff's office to request support in enforcing power company and OSHA rules.

I told him, that I believed that I was not prohibited from hanging my low voltage conductors, on the poles in question. I pointed out that I used the same attachment points, that previous cable TV and telephone installers, had

used for their conductors. I asked him to wait until the morning of the sixth, so that we could discuss the matter, with Mr. Jessen, and other pertinent power company people, before taking any action.

Lance rejected my request. He told me he was going to take his line truck onto my property and cut down my wires. I told him that he was forbidden to trespass on my property for this purpose. He ignored this order and took the power company truck onto my property, cut down my conductors, and removed the ladder.

His belligerent behavior intimidated my tenants, who feared that they would possibly have their electrical power cut off, or even be arrested.

There was no justification for Lance Borne's precipitous action. There were no imminent safety issues, regarding property or persons. The conductors, I had hung, were not connected or energized.

Mr. Borne's aggressive belligerence, escalated a minor procedural issue, which could have been easily settled by rational discussion, into a major confrontation!

I have already filed complaints with Rocky Mountain Power and the Utah Public Service Commission. I have demanded to see any right of way or easement agreements, the power company has, which allows them assess across my property.

So far, they have not been able to produce any.

On Monday, I will serve the power company with an order forbidding them to trespass on my property, until they produce an easement, authorizing them to do so, or until they negotiate a new easement with me.

I have copied the investigating Public Service Commission officer, on this email.

I assert, that it is the obligation of the rich County Sheriff' Department, to help me prevent unauthorized trespass across my land. Do you agree?

Please clarify your intentions, with regard to the actions of the Sheriff's Office.

Do you regard the Rich County Sherriff to be responsible for enforcing power company policy regarding their power poles?

Do you intend to have the Rich County Sherriff's deputies, interpret and enforce OSHA work place safety rules? If so, do you believe that private citizens, working on their own property, are subject to OSHA rules?

Why was a deputy dispatched to support lineman Borne's incursion, on the afternoon of the fifth? Did you believe he was in danger from my tenants, or someone else?

Why was I, as the property owner, not notified about a deputy being dispatched to my property?

I certainly expect the protection, which the Sherriff's Dept. is supposed to provide to all rich county tax payers and property owners, but sending deputies to accompany power company personnel, any time they wish to visit my property, borders on harassment, and distresses my tenants.

Sherriff Stacey, please provide me a clear definition of what your department intends to do, regarding my dispute with rocky Mountain Power, about their rights and obligations for any of their facilities or personnel, upon my land.

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