

August 19, 2025

Mr. XXX XXXXXXXX  
1234 This Street  
This City, State, Zip

Dear [Landowners name]

Thank you for reaching out with your comments and concerns on the Spanish Fork to Mercer Transmission line. This is an important project that will serve the communities of Utah County as they continue to grow and develop.

The project team understands your concerns and hopes to be able to provide information to add clarification about the project.

In addition to PacifiCorp's own standards for public outreach, this project worked through compliance with Utah State Code, Title 54, Chapter 18, Siting of High Voltage Power Line act. This code specifies requirements for public noticing and workshops for public involvement. The following were conducted for this project: 1) A 90-day notice to all local land use authorities about the proposed transmission line and study area was mailed on April 29, 2024. 2) A 60-day notice to all local jurisdictions where a conditional use application will be filed, and to affected landowners within the study corridor (250 ft on each side of the preferred centerline) was mailed on July 1, 2024. The mailing list was created based on county records. 3) A total of four (4) in-person public workshops and one (1) virtual public workshop were held. The workshop information was provided in the notices, as well as through media notifications that included the Salt Lake Tribune, Deseret News, and the Daily Herald. The workshops were open to the public and held in person on June 18, 19, 20, 2024, July 15, 2024, and virtually on June 25, 2024. The virtual open house has also been placed on the project website for continuous viewing. Rocky Mountain Power has complied with all aspects of Utah State Code 54-18.

As a Conditional Use Application, we submit application to Utah County, who is responsible for following noticing procedures and requirements in conformance with their adopted code for scheduling public hearings on land use applications. As far as PacifiCorp is aware, notices were sent out to all property owners and adjacent properties according to Utah County Code, notifying their public meeting.

Concerns have been mentioned regarding health and safety risks for the public. PacifiCorp has developed and follows wildfire mitigation plans in coordination with the State of Utah. Our projects are also developed to follow Federal, State, and local regulations and requirements for health and safety. We understand the concerns expressed around high-voltage transmission lines and health. The designs for high-voltage transmission lines, like those operating at 345-kV, account for electromagnetic fields to

help protect people from any potential harmful effects, and studies indicate that normal exposure levels near high-voltage lines are far below World Health Organization established limits.

Rocky Mountain Power, PacifiCorp has evaluated the undergrounding of high voltage transmission lines in several areas and found them not feasible for this project due to cost, engineering constraints, and long-term operations risks. Undergrounding of larger lines comes with substantially greater installation, maintenance, and repair costs, and in the event of line outages, repairs will generally take a significantly longer period of time compared to overhead lines.

Engaging with the community is important to us, and through public outreach, public open house events, and meeting with the various landuse authorities, we have gained a good understanding of how much the area is growing, and the increased amount of development continues to take place. It is the growth which has increased the need to provide additional transmission line capacity to strengthen the grid and assist in serving the load growth, increasing the overall system reliability.

If you would like to learn more about the project, or remain up to date on project activities, please visit our website at <http://www.pacifiCorp.com/transmission/transmission-projects/spanish-fork-to-mercer.html> where you will find an interactive map, as well as project information, and a link to the Virtual Open House that was held last summer.

We appreciate you taking the time to provide feedback and are happy to address any additional questions you may have.

Thank you,

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