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From: Jon Walker <MRMILES22@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2016 9:12 PM
To: pzcounter
Subject: Questions for PZ work shop with Idaho power on 10/20/16

Dear P&Z members.

My name is Jon Walker and I attended the meeting on 10/13/16. I own a house in Northridge in Hailey and a condo in Ketchum. I have several comments and suggestions I would like you to explore at your work shop on October 20th with Idaho Power. I support the construction of the redundant line as long as the residents of Hailey are not negatively impacted once it is built, as the new redundant line has no benefit to them as a Idaho Power customers.

1. I would like Idaho Power to explore the option to bury the the 2 transmission lines proposed to run from the Hailey sub station to Buttercup road (Proposed Structures/Poles #3 to #8). A total of 1570 feet based on Idaho Power's map.

The reasons I suggest this are:

A) These lines are in very close proximity to the houses in this section. More than any other area along the proposed route.

B) This is the only areas in which there would be 2 transmission lines running on the same poles. (the existing line coming from Hailey Sub Station and the new proposed redundant line going to Ketchum) An additional 138 KW line than what is currently there. Burying them in the same trench would be efficient and cost effective.

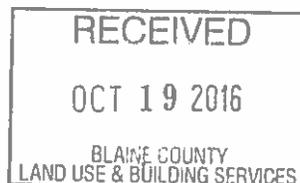
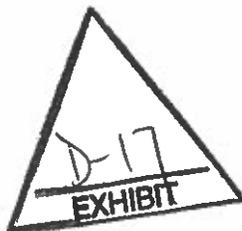
C) Building them above ground as proposed would dramatically impact the safety, visual aesthetic, and increase the perceived health risks associated with living in close proximity to High power transmission lines. This would decrease property values in that area, and I would imagine trigger legal issues from those home owners and HOA's as well.

D) Finally, The length of this part of the route is less than 3/10 of a mile, and unpaved. So, I believe it would make good financial sense to bury this short section to mitigate the potential major problems building it above ground would cause.

Thank you for your time, and consideration on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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From: Dick Coleman <dickcoleman@cox.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2016 5:26 PM
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Subject: IDAHO POWER WORKSHOP

Dear Blaine County Land Use & Building Services and P&Z Members:

Our names are Richard and Shirleen Coleman and we live in the Northridge Subdivision II, 611 West Meadow Drive in Hailey. We were not able to attend last week's meeting held on October 13th as we were traveling. We understand that a workshop with Idaho Power and Blaine County P&Z is scheduled for tomorrow, Thursday October 20th and we want to submit our opinion and concerns on this matter.

- We are generally in favor of the new transmission line proposed by Idaho Power into the City of Ketchum
- We are very concerned with the proposal to construct two transmission lines running on the same route as an existing line adjacent to the northern boundary of our Northridge Subdivision Phase II. It is our understanding the existing 138 KW line which runs from the Hailey Sub Station to Buttercup Road, where it will connect with the main line up to Ketchum, will be doubled with the installation of new and higher power poles and again, twice as many lines (proposed structures/poles #3 and #8).
- There are numerous residential home sites adjacent to this power line and doubling its capacity seems to be onerous on a select few citizens of Hailey, which are my neighbors and friends. It appears to us that nowhere else on the proposed route are residential homes in such close proximity to the proposed lines.
- Building them above ground as proposed would be a financial hardship on the adjacent homeowners. The value of their homes would be in jeopardy and you cannot deny that an appraiser and/or future buyer will consider these power lines and poles ornery and a negative on the valuation of the home site. Other considerations include safety, health, and the general nuisance.
- Smells like potential lawsuits and litigation to me.
- We would request consideration for burying this section of the project versus building above ground. According to your project details we are talking about 1,570 feet. I am not sure of the cost to burying this length of power line but the long term positive effect of burying versus building above ground appears to us to be a no-brainer.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this important matter. Please remember the citizens of Hailey as you try to improve the transmission of power into the City of Ketchum.

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