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November 02, 2016  
Blaine County Planning and Zoning Commission  
219 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Hailey, Idaho 83333

Re: Proposed Redundant Transmission Line

Dear Commissioners:

We are writing as concerned residents of Hailey and Blaine County, tax payers and Idaho Power rate payers. As home owners in the northern section of the Northridge Subdivision II, our family is particularly exposed to this project.

As far as we can tell, the section of the proposed line from Buttercup road to the Wood River sub-station is the only section that travels directly over residences. Additionally, this is the only section that is proposed to carry two circuits. This means that in addition to taller poles with larger circumferences, there will be 6 wires in lieu of 3.

We agree with many of our neighbors from the Northridge, Coyote Bluff, and Silver Sage subdivisions whom have already commented on the inherent inequity of the North Valley benefiting from the proposed underground line from Elkhorn Road to Ketchum while it is proposed to run directly over our neighborhood. Idaho Power has stated that the proposed Option 1 would be executed at no cost to the residents of Blaine County and Option 2 would be 2.6 Million dollars payed for by the "beneficiaries" in the North Valley. I would submit to you that we are also paying for this in the form of lowered property value, adversely impacted views and twice as many wires buzzing and crackling.

We also have legitimate safety concerns with this project. With twice as many wires travelling over our homes, this doubles the possibility of a wire falling into our back yards. Additionally, it is our understanding that there is a potential increase in the electromagnetic field radiation that our families could be subjected to.

We strongly urge the commissioners to view this project as an opportunity to not only reduce the visual and noise nuisance, but to also increase the life safety health and welfare of the residents in these three subdivisions by requiring the applicant to bury this section of the transmission lines between Buttercup road and the Wood River substation.

Thank You

Respectfully,  
Matt Youdall  
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Please find the attached letter to be distributed to the Planning and Zoning Commissioners and entered into the public record regarding the proposed redundant transmission line.

Thank you

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