



SUN VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

November 10, 2016

Mike O'Farrell

P&Z Commissioner

Blaine County

Dear Michael,

Sun Valley Economic Development Corporation is in full support of Idaho Power's application to construct a redundant 138 KV transmission line from Hailey to the Ketchum/Sun Valley area.

The northern portion of the Wood River Valley contains the largest electrical load served by a radial line in Idaho Power's service territory. The risk to public safety and security, North Valley economy, our economic development efforts, and public perception warrant a redundant source of power. In addition, the existing line, built in 1962, is requiring increased maintenance. Because there is only one transmission line, the Northern part of the County will be without power when the line is de-energized due to planned maintenance or unplanned events.

The redundant line recommendation was created collaboratively by a still active 19 member community advisory committee, we concur with the public process to date, and support their recommendation to construct this 138KV redundant transmission line.

Sincerely,

Harry Griffith

Executive Director

Sun Valley Economic Development

