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From: Bobi Bellows <bbellows@bcoha.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:53 PM
To: pzcounter
Subject: Idaho Power redundant line and Cold Springs Crossing
Attachments: comment letter re-Id Power transmission line 11-30-2016.pdf

Please find a letter attached from the Blaine County Housing Authority regarding the Public Utility Facility Conditional Use Permit Application by Idaho Power Co. to construct, maintain, and operate a 138-kV, overhead and underground, redundant transmission line from Wood River Substation north of Hailey to the Ketchum Substation located on Sun Valley Rd

Thank you,

Bobi Bellows, MA GPC

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To: Blaine County Planning and Zoning Commission
Attention: Tom Bergin, Director
Subject: Public Utility Facility Conditional Use Permit Application by Idaho Power Co., to construct, maintain and operate a 138-kV, overhead and underground, redundant transmission line from Wood River Substation north of Hailey to the Ketchum Substation located on Sun Valley Rd.

The Blaine County Housing Authority (BCHA) would like the opportunity to comment on Idaho Power Co.'s proposed conditional use permit application to Blaine County.

In specific, the proposed route for the transmission line, if it should run above ground from the undergrounding transition structure at the intersection of Hwy. 75 and Hospital drive, careful consideration should be given to not placing the power line on the East side of Hospital Drive.

The County has a standard for new subdivisions that requires a 150' setback for any residence from the centerline of power transmission lines. Will this standard apply to Idaho Power Co.'s proposed route for the transmission line in this area? If not, for safety reasons, the power line should be undergrounded or placed on the West side along the Hospital Drive portion of the proposed area.

Besides the obvious safety reasoning for placing the transmission line underground or along the West side of Hospital Dr., please keep in mind the possible environmental justice concerns the overhead transmission line along the East side of Hospital Drive may have for the residents of low income housing units in this area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bobi Bellows".

Bobi Bellows, MA GPC
Acting Director

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