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**To:** Pat Murphy (africaworks.murphy@gmail.com); 'Richard Fosbury'; Rachel Martin (rswmartin@gmail.com); MIKE O'FARRELL  
**Cc:** Tom Bergin  
**Subject:** Public Comments since staff report- Idaho Power CUP-WR to Ketchum line  
**Attachments:** Ex D-4 - D-6.pdf; Ex D-7.pdf; Ex D-8 - D-9.pdf

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| D-4 | John Milner and Kim Taylor; Audubon Pl. Blaine County | rec'd 2016-Oct-4  |
| D-5 | Pam and Ray Slomski; Mid-Valley homeowners            | rec'd 2016-Oct-11 |
| D-6 | Jane Mason; Mid-Valley homeowners                     | rec'd 2016-Oct-11 |
| D-7 | Kiki Tidwell; 300 Let Er Buck Rd., Blaine County      | rec'd 2016-Oct-11 |
| D-8 | Alan Richardson; 121 Audubon Pl., Blaine County       | rec'd 2016-Oct-12 |
| D-9 | Ginna and Ken Lagergren; address not given            | rec'd 2016-Oct-12 |

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| D-10 | Janne Burdick <sup>91</sup> 101 Audubon Plc | 10-12-16 |
| D-11 | Matthew Siegel 127 Coyote Bluff             | 10-12-16 |
| D-12 | Laura Midgley 231 Valley Club Dr.           | 10-12-16 |
| D-13 | John Milner Audubon Plc/E. Fork Rd          | 10-12-16 |
| D-14 | Aimee Christensen address not given         | 10-13-16 |

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**Subject:** Proposed Idaho Power Line

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BLAINE COUNTY  
LAND USE & BUILDING SERVICES

Dear Sirs:

We appreciate the opportunity to provide public comment on the proposed power line. As Mid-Valley homeowners, and Blaine County taxpayers for more than twenty years, my wife and I oppose the proposed power line. Our opposition is based upon several compelling factors.

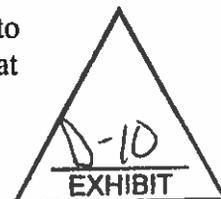
First, the power line proposal is unnecessary over-kill. There has been one power outage lasting about twelve hours, seven years ago. This one time inconvenience does not seem to warrant the construction of bigger and unsightly power lines running from Hailey to Elkhorn Road.

Second, the power outage was not due to line failure between Hailey and Ketchum. The outage was due to a problem south of Hailey. Replacing miles of power lines for an isolated problem that occurred far away and once before, is an unneeded expense.

Third, if the new lines are deemed truly necessary, why not bury them? The outage was due to a storm—a disruption caused by snow, sleet and heavy winds, resulting in a downed line. The problem was caused by environmental exposure above ground. Burying the line eliminates this problem altogether.

Fourth, the proposal to bury the line from Ketchum south to Elkhorn Road or the hospital is unfairly and permanently prejudicial to our community. As long time taxpayers, we expect our political leaders to protect our interests no less than they protect those who live just north of us. Are our tax dollars less important? Should our rights be ignored? The beauty and sight-lines matter to us no less than they matter to our fellow neighbors up north. We value their rights since this is all our community. Every day we drive to or from Ketchum and Hailey, we are reminded that the area is a gift that should be preserved, not spoiled by actions that will not be easily reversed.

Fifth, the proposal to bury just portions of the line is short-sighted and contrary to the Valley's long term interest. The drive from Hailey to SV is the first view that visitors experience after exiting the airport. Why have huge power lines competing with our mountains and river? This is a special area and how we approach our power needs should be based upon a comprehensive, long-term commitment to preservation, principle, and economic interests. They are not mutually exclusive goals. Rather, they are inter-related. The economic growth of



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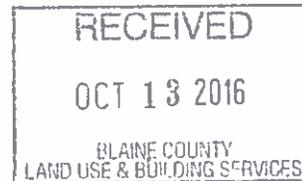
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**From:** Matthew Siegel <matt@elevatereg.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 6:05 PM  
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**Subject:** Wood River Valley 138KV Transmission Line Comments  
**Attachments:** Comments IPCo 2nd TLine.docx

My name is Matthew Siegel. I am Vice President of the Coyote Bluff housing association. I am writing in response to the redundant T-Line proposal. Attached are the comments from the homeowners of Coyote Bluff subdivision for the scheduled meeting on Thursday, October 13th. Please submit on behalf of the Coyote Bluff homeowners and let me know if there are any questions.

Regards,

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Homeowner at 127 Coyote Bluff Hailey, ID 83333



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Dear Blaine County Planning and Zoning Commission,

For energy reliability in north Wood River valley, we understand the desire for a second transmission line or alternative supply. However, as homeowners of the Coyote Bluff Subdivision, we have concerns about the route and design of the new transmission line.

According to the proposed route map, in order for the new overhead transmission line to get from IPCo substation on Highway 75 to Buttercup Road, it will cross behind some homes in the Coyote Bluff, Silver Sage and Northridge subdivisions.

Currently, there is already a single pole overhead transmission line going through the same route but turns south along Buttercup to Hailey, terminating at the substation on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. It seems that adding this second line on the same route will require replacement with a taller and wider pole structure to carry both circuits. These larger and more prominent metal poles and higher voltage lines will further degrade scenic appeal of these homes, not to mention the potential health hazards from EMF and the very negative impact on our property values and salability. Degraded house value will certainly impact the amount of levies which Blaine County can impose on these properties for the long term.

For the benefit of all, we therefore request the Blaine County Planning and Zoning Commission to impose a requirement on IPCo to bury the new transmission lines for the short section from their substation to Buttercup Road so that the enjoyment of ownership, value of these affected homes and property taxes from these properties will not diminish. If IPCo is willing to bury longer section of the line going through Ketchum, it should be of insignificant additional cost to bury this much shorter section on the south end of the transmission line.

We thank you for taking the time to consider our request.

Respectfully,  
Matthew Siegel  
VP of Coyote Bluff Homeowners Association  
Blaine County

