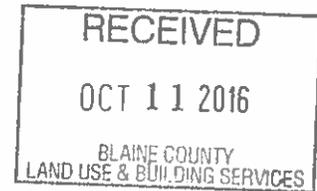


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From: Jane Mason <jane_h_mason@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2016 11:05 AM
To: pzcounter
Subject: Power line proposal



Dear P&Z:

I appreciate the opportunity to provide public comment on the proposed power line as I will not be available to attend the meeting.

We have been full-time, Mid-Valley homeowners, and Blaine County taxpayers for more than twenty-five years.

I oppose the proposed power line. My opposition is based upon several compelling factors.

1) 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.

2) 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.

3) 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.

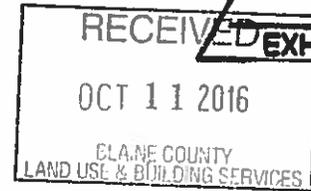
4) The proposal to bury the line from Ketchum south to Elkhorn Road or the hospital is unfairly and permanently prejudicial to our community. As long time taxpayers, we expect our political leaders to protect our interests no less than they protect those who live just north of us. Are our tax dollars 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.

5) 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, river and the bike path? 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 our community relies upon preserving the beauty and solitude that drew us here to begin with. Since this is a world class resort community, we should protect it as such. If new power lines are truly necessary, we need to swallow the expense of burying the lines. Cutting corners and making long term decisions on the cheap, will ensure that we will pay far more in the long term. What would Averell Harriman have done in this situation?



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From: Raymond Slomski <rjs@slomskilaw.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 10:40 AM
To: pzcounter
Cc: kim taylor
Subject: Proposed Idaho Power Line



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 our community relies upon preserving the beauty and solitude that drew us here to begin with. Since this is a world class resort community, we should protect it as such. If new power lines are truly necessary, we need to swallow the expense of burying the lines. Cutting corners and making long term decisions on the cheap, will ensure that we will pay far more in the long term. What would Averell Harriman have done in this situation?

Sixth, the power line should not divert onto Audubon Place. The proposal would place large power lines just yards from homeowners' front yards. No other neighborhood street would suffer this type of assault.

Finally, it is ironic that our neighbors and our family raised significant funds to purchase the property south of East Fork Road and east of Highway 75. Approximately fifteen years ago, we organized as a small community to preserve the open views and integrity of our lovely neighborhood bordered by the Wood River and Golden Eagle. We donated the land to the Land Trust in order to preserve the open views and beauty of the mountains, in perpetuity for the enjoyment

of generations. We acted as stewards when we learned that aggressive commercial interests were attempting to purchase the land, rezone it, and tun it into a parking lot, gas station, convenience store, and apartment units. Although they had the support of a local politician, we were successful since we were willing to fight to stop efforts to spoil this special area.

We appreciate our community and thank you for allowing our public comment.

Pam and Ray Slomski

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From: John Milner <jmilnersv@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2016 12:21 PM
To: pzcounter
Subject: Idaho Power Transmission line

Dear Sirs,

As long time residents of Blaine County we wanted to respond to the new Power transmission line proposal.

We do not support the new line proposal for a few basic reasons.

One : There has not been a power outage in the present delivery line of any significance in many years if ever. As you know the one of a few years ago was south of Hailey not north of it. So where is the needed for such a large and disruptive supposed improvement project.

Second: it will be an ugly eye sore seeing such large poles & lines all the way to the hospital. If the line is to be buried from there north because of its unpleasant look why do the rest of us living south of the hospital have to suffer looking at it?

Third: longer term shouldn't Idaho Power, Blaine county and the valley cites not be looking for longer term solutions that promote power from other sources than from those used at present. Since this is to be a long term solution to a pressing power problem that at present doesn't seem to exist a new and creative approach should be given greater consideration.

And last if you are to approve this project reroute the existing power line away from the bike path and Audubon Place and put it back out on highway 75 (instead of by a small narrow residential street and the bike path) to the East Fork stop light where it belongs.

As full time residents of Audubon Place we are not happy nor in favor of the power poles and line to run down our street. If they are going to bury the line up north for aesthetic reasons we deserve the same consideration as full time tax paying residents.

We thank you for your consideration and expect to see you follow thru with our suggestions.

Best,

John Milner & Kim Taylor

