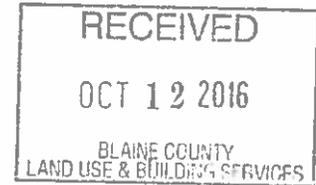


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**From:** Alan Richardson <richardsonah1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 11:35 AM  
**To:** pzcounter  
**Subject:** Proposed Idaho Power Line



Dear Sirs:

I appreciate the opportunity to provide public comment on redundant transmission line proposed by Idaho Power. (I apologize for sending an un-edited and incomplete e-mail a few minutes ago. Please substitute this e-mail for the one sent earlier.)

As a member of the Ketchum Energy Advisory Committee, a member of the Wood River Valley Renewable Energy Working Group, and a member of the board of the Sun Valley Institute for Resilience, I am quite familiar with the issues relating to this proposal.

I spent my professional career working in the electric utility industry and fully understand Idaho Power's desire to build this line. I should also add that I reside on Audubon Place, just south of East Fork, and so have a personal interest in whether this proposal moves forward as proposed. Based on my understanding of the issues involved, as well as my personal concern over the aesthetics of this new line, I urge you to consider two issues, one relating to the economics of constructing this line, the other relating to equitable and aesthetic values of under grounding only a portion of the line.

As to economics of this proposal, you are probably aware that Ketchum City Council for at least the last three years has asked repeatedly for an independent assessment of the need for this line and whether the cost of the line might be better spent on alternatives to accomplish the goals sought to be accomplished by this line. Idaho Power has consistently ignored this request. Recently, the City Council, at the recommendation of the Ketchum Energy Advisory Committee, by vote, formalized this request. I believe it would be prudent to withhold action on this matter until such an independent review has been conducted. It would seem to be prudent to be sure that the \$30 million required for this project is money well spent.

As to equity and aesthetics, I am concerned about what I believe to be a discriminatory decision by Idaho Power to under ground only a portion of this line with the expense borne by Idaho Power's entire customer base. Until recently, Idaho Power had indicated that all of Idaho Power's customers would contribute to financing this line if constructed above ground. However the additional expense of under ground construction had to come from those who would reap the aesthetic benefits of under grounding. These beneficiaries would include customers north from St. Luke's Hospital or from Elkhorn Road.

Recently, as I understand it, Idaho Power has stated that the additional expense of under grounding this line would be paid for by all Idaho Power ratepayers throughout the state, not just the beneficiaries. Clearly, this would enhance the prospect of gaining the support of the communities that benefit from this decision, specifically the cities of Sun Valley and Ketchum. At the same time, this decision discriminates against those county residents south of where the under grounding would begin. The beauty of this Valley would be diminished by the existence of this new transmission line, specifically by the residents immediately affected by the line but also those visitors entering the Valley from the south.



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**From:** Ken Lagergren <lagergren@cs.com>  
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**Subject:** Redundant Power Line- Public comment

Subject: Public comment on Idaho Power Co.'s proposed redundant 138 kv line from Hailey substation to Ketchum.

1) The most important point to make is that a redundant line from the Hailey substation to the north would NOT have prevented the famous Christmas Eve power failure that occurred a few years ago, because that was due to a power failure outside the Wood River Valley prior to entry into the Hailey substation.

Question - how many times has power been interrupted for an extensive time period due to a failure in the line (not the substation) after leaving the Hailey substation on its way north?

2) The most RESPONSIBLE redundant power that could serve the Wood River Valley would be to ADD alternative sources of power and battery storage as suggested by Aimee Christensen and proposed for consideration by the Ketchum City council led by Mayor Nina Jonas.

Question - What steps has Idaho Power done to seriously consider adding alternative sources of power to the Wood River Valley? And what are the answers to the data they may have collected - compared to the costs they propose to add a redundant line?

3) We urge the Blaine County Commissioners and the Idaho Public Utility Commission to request Idaho Power Co. - as recommended by The Ketchum City Council - to analyze the costs, benefits and reliability of an alternative project, which could consist of local renewable energy generation, microgrid technology and storage.

Question - Can the IPUC urge that Idaho Power try to use responsible environmentally sound sources of alternative power instead of clogging our highways with a taller UNNECESSARY power line that is carrying power from the exact same source (ie., Hailey Substation) as the original line?

Please consider these suggestions and questions,  
Ginna and Ken Lagergren

