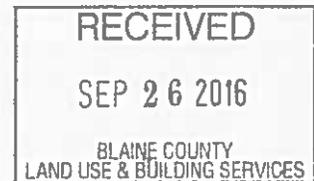


4170 N. Rogue River Way
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22 September 2016

Mr. Ryan Adelman
Manager of Projects
Idaho Power
P.O. Box 70
Boise ID 83707



Re: COMMENT – NORTHERN WOOD RIVER VALLEY 138KV TRANSMISSION LINE

Dear Mr. Adelman:

I am writing you regarding the proposed Idaho Power project to enhance electrical service to the Northern Wood River Valley of Blaine County. Our family is an Idaho Power ratepayer in Meridian ID, plus, we have owned a condominium in Sun Valley ID for over 20 years. We enjoy the property immensely.

Having followed the leanings for, and against the proposed replacement, and redundant 138kv transmission facilities in Northern Wood River Valley, we lend our support for the dual overhead 138kv circuits on new structures. Though now a retired electrical engineer, but having had considerable industrial and university facility, electrical management experience, I have had responsibility for ensuring the availability of non-interruptible supply for the continuity of service in both manufacturing and academia. I know from first-hand experience the value of good quality and redundant electrical capacity; the lack of which can be in some cases appalling, particularly in the cold of winter. In Sun Valley the consequence, among other things, can mean property damage due to ruptured water piping.

Regarding another component for consideration, I am opposed to the underground 138kv transmission element. It will cost millions more, and logically, it would be funded by we, the North Wood River Valley rate payers. I assume this would mean a rate surcharge over the passage of time.

Thanks for considering my input regarding the Idaho Power transmission upgrade issue in the Northern Wood River Valley of Idaho. You have my authorization to share this letter with others if convenient of doing so.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert R. Rhoads".

Robert R. Rhoads



pzcounter

From: Laura Midgley <midgley2215@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2016 3:40 PM
To: pzcounter
Subject: Letter to Chairman of Blaine County Planning and Zoning Commission

Dear Mr. Farrell,

I am writing as a concerned citizen who became a taxpayer and utility ratepayer in Hailey starting Dec 2014. Since I am a relative newcomer, I have only recently been following the proposed redundant transmission line between Hailey and Ketchum. I have questions I hope you can answer.

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Thank you for your consideration.

A copy of this letter has also been mailed to the Commission's address at 219 1st Ave. S, Ste 208 Hailey, ID 83333

Sincerely,

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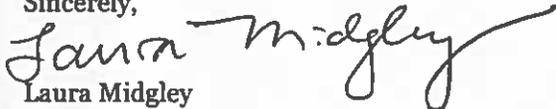
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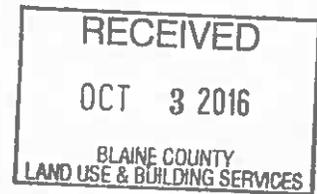
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Sincerely,


Laura Midgley





TO: Blaine County Planning and Zoning Commission

FROM: Kiki Tidwell, 300 Let Er Buck Rd, Blaine County resident

I request that Blaine County deny Idaho Power's request for a new 'redundant' transmission line in Blaine County until a third party cost benefit analysis of alternatives has been completed, and that Blaine County request from the Idaho PUC such an analysis.

Dear BCC Planning & Zoning:

Idaho Power will be applying to the Idaho PUC in September for a 'redundant' transmission line from the Hailey substation north to Ketchum on Buttercup Rd along Hwy 75 where existing distribution line is, crossing from east side to west side of Hwy at East Fork Rd. The height of Poles 56'6" high, 24" base metal transmission poles with a distribution line on as well as transmission. The line is proposed to underground at Elkhorn Rd to Ketchum substation at no additional cost to Ketchum residents, although undergrounding costs 10 times as much as an overhead line. The cost to ratepayers will be \$30 million.

The existing transmission line during the 30 years from 1980-2010 has only had 8 outages, 4 for less than 5 minutes, the longest being 148 minutes. The existing line has spare capacity for anticipated growth.

The proposed second transmission line does not provide backup power. During the Christmas 2009 outage two lines failed south of Hailey substation, no power was coming into Hailey. The proposed line would have not brought any power north, would not have helped at all.

IPCo considers it redundant, even though The Valley Club, the Heatherlands, and Buttercup Road were all evacuated during the last fire, so if two lines are located in that corridor, there is not true redundancy. On the proposed route, the two lines cross at the Peregrine Ranch/Sagebrush Arena corner. If true transmission line redundancy is to be achieved, at the bare minimum, the new line should be buried in this corridor, rather than in Ketchum.

IPCo believes undergrounding the existing transmission line would be too expensive. However, they have not explored undergrounding only the part of it that is difficult to access – over the Elkhorn hill to Ohio Gulch- approximately 3.5 – 4 miles. Potentially, a \$5-6 million cost to bury just this portion. The rest of the line is accessible easily to repair.

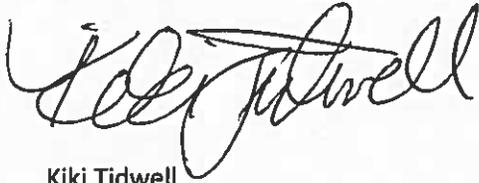
IPCo has not hired a qualified third party to fully explore improving the north county with a microgrid, backup storage, and solar, diesel, and geothermal distributed generation, which would provide emergency power. Potentially for 1/10th of the cost of the proposed transmission line, a backup diesel generator could be installed now at Ketchum and SV substations within a matter of weeks or months



and provide backup emergency power. Microgrids and distributed generation with storage are working all over the world today, including Navy installations and many Canadian communities.

I request that the Blaine County P & Z deny the proposed second transmission line request until a third party cost benefit analysis for alternatives to the proposed line is developed. I believe that Blaine County wants a real solution to ensure that people do not freeze in their homes with a \$30 million spend of ratepayer funds in our community.

Thank you,



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