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Public Utilities and Technology Interim Committee
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RE: Rocky Mountain Power, Populus to Ben Lomand Transmission Line

Gentlemen:

Granite Ridge Development Company (GRDC) owns 2 parcels of land in Box Elder County (02-053-0057 & 02-053-0014) that will be impacted by the preferred route selected for the captioned Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) transmission line project. This land is part of the 90 Lot Granite Ridge Subdivision that was approved by the Willard City Planning Commission on October 18, 2007 and a proposed 12 lot expansion that should soon be added to the Subdivision.

Based on available public information, GRDC does not believe RMP has demonstrated in a factual manner that their preferred route is the most favorable in terms of environmental impact and cost-effectiveness for the consumer.

Furthermore, GRDC believes RMP may have avoided carefully considering the use of public lands because of certain requirements to comply with environmental laws. This seems to be confirmed by their response to **Q16, Questions Regarding The Populus to Ben Lomand Transmission Line** posted on their website. RMP should not be allowed to avoid environmental scrutiny by selecting a route that does not traverse public land.

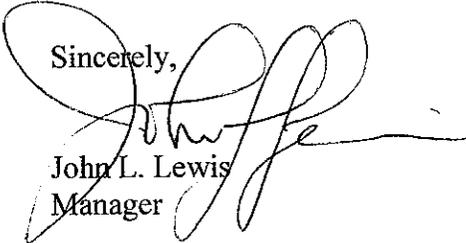
GRDC believes that RMP should be required to analyze all reasonable alternatives and demonstrate, in a factual manner, that their preferred route is the most favorable alternative in terms of environmental impact and cost-effectiveness for the consumer. Environmental impacts that should be evaluated include cultural & historic resources, land use, wildlife, water quality, visual resources, public safety & health, socio-economic factors, noise and geologic risks.

GRDC respectfully requests that State of Utah require RMP to provide the analysis discussed above. The associated process should be transparent to the public and completed before RMP is allowed to use eminent domain and move forward with construction.

If such an analysis is not required, the public should receive a full explanation of the rationale used to dismiss the need for a thorough examination of the environmental impacts associated with all reasonable route alternatives.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this very important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John L. Lewis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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