

Public Service Commission - Mountain Powers proposed route for the Mona to Oquirrh power lines

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PSC Utility Facility Review Board,

Bottom line up front: The Citizens and the elected officials at every level of Tooele County have made it clear that the currently proposed route for these power lines is not acceptable. It has been made clear that Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) is welcome to place these lines in Tooele County and that the citizens and government officials understand the need for them to exist and are willing to work very hard to find a route that is acceptable to all parties involved.

Unfortunately RMP has made no sincere effort to find such a route. They have gone through the motions, they have tried to appear as if they will consider another route but if you look closely at the information available to you they have never waived from the East Bench route. I realize they have very little motivation to work with the community to find another route. The only real motivation is that it is the right thing to do, and this does not seem to be a motivator for a monopoly such as RMP.

I am a business owner, a decorated veteran, a father of five, and a 3rd Generation Tooele Resident. I would be out of business if my business treated its customers in the same manner in which RMP has treated its customers (The Citizens of Tooele County). I believe in our system of government and have made great sacrifices to protect it. I still have faith that it works, it has worked at every level so far and I have hope that you will agree with Tooele City, Tooele County, Grantsville City, and the Tooele County Planning Commission. Tooele County is unified in opposing this route; we are open to any and all alternatives.

I have not covered any technical aspects of this project, I am sure you have volumes of information pertaining to them. What I ask you to consider in addition to them is that something is Not Right with this route. If it truly was the best route then it would not have the level of passionate opposition that it currently has. If it was the best route average citizens would not even bother to show up for one meeting little lone spend countless hours fighting it for over a year. I am sure that many people think that Tooele County is just a desert waste land and nobody should even care what happens "out there". Although I love every inch of it I do admit that many parts of the county lend themselves to more industrial uses. The east bench of Tooele City, our Canyons, and our reservoir do not! I love my home town and the Oquirrh Mountains that sit above it. Please take the time to go to Tooele, and look up towards where they want to put these lines, I think that you will agree that there has got to be a better route somewhere else in the 7000 or so square miles contained in Tooele County. All of the energy that has been put into fighting over this could and should be put into finding the alternate solution that everyone can live with.

I have no doubt that you as a Board will review all of the information and make the best decision for all parties involved. I appreciate the time you all contribute to help take care of our Great State and its citizens.

Very Respectfully,

John Hansen

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 Chief Operating Officer

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