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Rocky Mountain Power is preparing to build a new high-voltage power corridor through our area. This isn't a typical line of power poles. These are 100-200 ft high, 40-200 ft wide structures. The route Rocky Mountain Power has planned for their new 345kV power line will have a devastating impact on our community. Tremonton is a large city, crowded around a lake with no other room for power lines to be built - this is a rural community in a large county with many unpopulated areas. Why does Rocky Mountain Power have to choose the HEART of our valley to put their power corridor through?

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The route Rocky Mountain Power wants will destroy the scenic grandeur of this valley. It will economically damage Tremonton's new industrial park, along with homes and buildings of our neighbors.

Recently a change in route was made which puts high-voltage lines running right over and through our neighborhood. The new change will completely take out our neighbor's house! And his home is not the only one that will happen to. We have heard of 11 other homes that will be obliterated.

Why has Box Elder County been singled out in Utah to create new corridors? In Weber, Davis and Salt Lake Counties, Rocky Mountain Power is following their existing utility corridors. Corridors for power lines already exist in Box Elder County and they should be used. New corridors should not be created through populated areas just to make it more convenient for Rocky Mountain Power.

Please lend your support to the U&I Concerned Citizens Group and the local Council of Governments. They have proposed two other routes that would be less disruptive to people's lives. We need to get this routing changed so it will cause the least negative impact on Box Elder County.

Sincerely, *Sue Munns Poulter*

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