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Dear Julie Orchard:

We are writing about Docket #09-035-54 (the Mona to Oquirrh Transmission Corridor Project). We are in opposition especially to **Section 190 Eastward to the Tooele County Line, Map Figure 2-3 April 2009 and any route through the Tooele Valley.** In fact the whole plan to basically encircle the Tooele Valley with these monstrous towers (the largest to ever be erected in Utah) is unbelievable when you consider that most of Tooele County is very sparsely inhabited except for this beautiful valley. We understand the lines have to go somewhere. We do not however understand why a split to avoid disruption in service if lines are damaged or to get more power to Kennecott Copper has to be made in a line that can go many, many miles from Mona to reach Tooele before splitting.

We are especially opposed to section 190 for many reasons. These foothills and mountains can be seen by our whole valley. The lines will create ugly scarring, ruining ancient mountains that have gone undisturbed for so long. The lines will damage our major watershed area, cross our reservoir (taking away the use of helicopters to put out fires in our mountains), possibly affecting the natural springs there (where Tooele city gets its water), the native plants and the plentiful wildlife habitats. These towers will be subject to very high winds, we often have gusts up to 60 and 80 miles per hour. The possibility of wildfire in these remote and rugged mountains will increase due to lines snapping and towers being blown down. These towers will destroy much of the visual beauty of the Tooele Valley's southeastern corner.

We have many questions about potential health risks to children and adults. We live here for many reasons but especially for the beauty of the terrain and the wildlife and the joy of hiking these mountains and foothills. Many children hike all over these foothills and mountains because they are so close to their homes. The physical danger these towers can be to children is frightening.

Tooele Valley may have to have some of the towers pass through it, but encircling the whole valley with these hideous structures is neither fair nor necessary. The southeast corner would be most adversely affected. The center of the valley would be the next sensitive area to be badly impacted by the towers. Do we want to keep the beautiful valley we have or turn it into an ugly industrial area surrounded with hideous 20-story tall towers? These are the very towers that Californians want torn down and have found that homes near them cannot be sold.

We hope that our state government would want to protect this beautiful place and push the BLM and RMP to come up with a fair and sensitive plan for these routes to take.