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1-Contradiction- The owners of Big horn Terrace were originally told by BPA in letter dated 7-21-05 that all transmission line rebuild alternatives across the Big Horn Terrace Subdivision would be within the boundary of the original Right-of-way easement granted to P P and L on May 24th, 1955, recorded on June 29th, 1955 in Book 107 at Page 483 in Lincoln County, Montana. Then in letter dated 8-5-05 BPA stated that any action alternative would involve the taking of more land than the original easement, perhaps as much as 45 feet beyond the 1955 easement. This glaring contradiction made only 15 days after we were told any rebuilds would be within the original easement leads us to believe that if we gave BPA permission to enter our properties that BPA may come up with yet another contradiction, even more to our detriment.

2- Structures-Please be advised that there are houses as well as other structures on both sides of the original easement. If you go on one side to miss a house you will run into another house before you can physically move this large of a line again. These structures were legitimately built on the basis that only an an 80 foot Right-of-way was granted. All of us, of course, have a legal right to do anything we want with our properties until we reach the easement line. BPA is a little late trying to change the original easement 50 years later when the property has gone from one parcel to 62 parcels, all of them relying on the width of the original Right-of-way easement.

3-Increased Voltage-We tested radio reception prior to buying our parcel and got no interference. Since the voltage is proposed to possibly increase from a single current 115-kV to a double-circuit 230kV we are apprehensive that the increased field will destroy all radio reception.

4-Greatly Diminished Property Values-The granted easement is a minor impediment to the property and at least not enough to keep one from buying the property. However, if the transmission line easement increases from 80 to 125 feet and the height of the poles increase from 65 feet to 95 feet as well as the arms on the poles increasing in width our properties will look more like the land next to the Noxon or Cabinet Gorge Dams where no one would think of building, rather than the way our properties presently appear. In other words, from a value standpoint, this would not just be an increase of Right-of-way width as it would be on a large ranch, but rather a large diminution in value as to the entire lot.

BETTER ALTERNATIVES

This comment is not intended to be negative but rather we believe there are better alternatives both for the BPA and the Big Horn Terrace owners. In that there are hundreds of square miles of U. S. Forest Service property North of and contiguous to the Big Horn Terrace Subdivision as well as an abundance of U. S. Forest Service Property contiguous to the Kootenai River on the South we would make the following proposals:

1-North Line Proposal-As stated above Big Horn Terrace is contiguous to Forest Service Property. The current line enters the NW/4 of Section 24, T31N, R32W, M.P.M. before reaching Lot 43 of Big Horn Terrace. Prior to reaching said lot 43 a new line could be turned Northwesterly through the NW/4NW/4 of said Section 24, thence continuing through the

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