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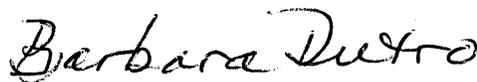
Dear Mr. Wright:

I recently attended a meeting held in Libby, under your jurisdiction, relative to the rebuild of the 115 kV line from Libby to Troy, Montana. The information meeting glossed over the impacts of electromagnetic fields and there was some misinformation and I think you would like to know about it. The magnetic field of the earth was expressed as 500 mG. That is much higher than the impact of high tension lines and seems to me to be a mistake in communication.

Here is a book that will give you better information, with studies cited from E.P.R.I. Your employees have been running on my in the Geo-politic since the meeting and your consultant Dan Bracken is especially bad. Tuominen and Robinson are very bad, too. I met Laura Williams at the meeting and I am impressed with her abilities, as she stands up for herself, and does not participate in the illegal behaviour. The local tenor was rabble-raising anyway and it is always difficult when the agency does not keep order.

Thank you for your attention. Here are my comments, also.

Sincerely,



Barbara Dutro, President  
Solar/Wind Energy Conversion  
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Comments: Bonneville Power Administration- Proposed rebuild of the Libby to Troy section of BPA's Libby to Bonner's Ferry 115 Kilovolt transmission line.

I have proposed an alternative to the proposed project. Alternative 4 would be to reconductor the line and place it underground along the existing Highway 2, crossing the river where necessary under bridges. A further alternative (5) would be to follow the existing railroad right of way, that does not necessitate river crossings except at Libby.

My reasons for suggesting this alternative are:

- (a) Visual pollution.
- (b) Wild and Scenic River status of the Kootenai River. Recently Congress has passed legislation that calls for an Environmental Assessment of the Kootenai for inclusion in the Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Mental Seminars Act of 2005 Sec. 108 (a). The Forest Service will be conducting this adssessment and the river corridor is in a protected status until the determination on the merits has been made.
- (c) Solar/Wind Energy Conversion will obviate any need for expanding the line. Randy Moy's Transitions will be working to lead for the Solar Conservation program that has been submitted to Bonneville Power Administration over the past 20 years. An Environmental Assessment is going to be prepared by the Agency for the purpose of development of options and as an assessment of the potentials of the program. There are no adverse environmental impacts to stand alone equity systems.

In the Libby area there are 1300 households that are interested in transitions and the Troy Mount Vernon Mine is positively considering transitions to Solar/Wind. We would all like to get that possibility on line so that we have a viable option to the suppression that we are experiencing. It would also be good for our economy, with Solar/Wind, heat pumps, atriums, and copper cricket type water heaters, with an upfront mortgage mechanism, low interest (2.9%) and long term payback that brings the cost of equity energy in under central station electricity.

- (d) EMFs may be a problem with power lines above ground. I am enclosing the book "Health Hazards of Electro-magnetic Radiation" with my comments. This book cites numerous international studies relevant to the health effects of radiation of these kinds and although "(t)he Swedish Government has so far concluded that current knowledge does not provide sufficient basis for setting exposure limits." Health Hazards of Electromagnetic Radiation by Bruce Fife, N.D., 1998, Piccadilly Books, Ltd., Colorado Springs, Colorado, p. 39.

E.P.R.I., the Electric Power Research Institute, of Palo Alto, California has done numerous studies that indicate that there are concerns with electric and magnetic field exposure.

I am currently debriefing with several agencies on environmental processes spanning the past 28 years. The Administrator of Bonneville is working with us, as well as the Forest Service, The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the State of Montana. We appreciate orderly due process and a recognition of the civil rights of each of us.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Dutro".

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