

**Summer Falls/Main Canal Public Scoping Meeting Comment Summary**  
**Coulee City Elementary School, Coulee City**  
**6:00 – 8:00 p.m., August 24, 2006**

1. Every person present that was directly affected by proposed route stated they preferred the line to go the Main Canal route on the west side of Coulee City.
2. Most of the landowners that currently have the Avista line on or near their house were concerned about increased noise from the new lines.
3. Mr. Gross would like the substation at the smallest part of his property so he can “still do something” with the rest of his lot.
4. Mr. Stevens is interested in getting power to his property from the substation.
5. Mrs. Stevens said they have had the lines surge and have lost a plasma TV and another piece of equipment. She called Grant PUD to be reimbursed for the loss and the PUD said it was Avista’s fault. Avista then said it was Grant PUD’s fault. Her first question is who is at fault? Her second comment was that she expected the same thing to happen once BPA owned the lines and SCL and Tacoma received the power-no one would claim responsibility for damages.
6. Mr. Stevens wants two roads built to a county 12’ wide standard: one under the proposed lines and one under the old lines with one of the roads leading down to Summer Falls.
7. Mr. Mike McCliney prefers the Main Canal route as it would be less trouble for all involved (homeowners) since it is currently close to homes and future homesites. His property is in Sections 2 and 3. He is very concerned about line noise and thought it would sound like a “barking dog.” Mr. McCliney stated he thought many people would oppose this project to the bitter end, including him, and that they would prevail.
8. Mrs. Gloria Randall was very animated and upset about the proposed project. She was very clear in her comment that she saw no need for the line as it only benefited people in Seattle and Tacoma and not the locals who were suffering with the lines and the noise. She was very concerned about line noise and adamant that the line should go the Main Canal alternative route.
9. Mrs. Randall stated she had only heard about the project because she attended a City Council meeting that discussed the project. She then went back to find the announcement in the paper, which she said only stated “Pubic hearing on BPA project” and included a very small map. She said her house is currently 130 feet from the Avista line. Ad was unclear.
10. Mrs. Katie McCliney stated she thought the line should go the Main Canal route. Gave her phone number (XXXXXXXXXX), and email (XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX). Denise Krownbell gave Mrs. McCliney’s telephone number and email address to Grace Hartley of SCL Real Estate Division as she was very concerned about eminent domain. Mrs. McCliney stated she knew this was a done deal because she works for a city and “that is how it goes.” Tacoma and Seattle assured her the point of the public hearing was to gather comments and concerns, answer questions and/or provide information, and then have the utilities review all the options to determine a final proposal.
11. Mrs. McCliney’s other concerns were the current Avista poles block her view and she didn’t want to lose more of her view to poles.

12. Both the McClineys stated there is what sounds like an ephemeral spring called Coyote Spring on their property (Sections 2 and 3) and was afraid that pole placement would disturb the spring. Her final comment to me was at what point can, “they no longer take my land. We already have Avista, then SCL and Tacoma, then who?”
13. Mr. John Triplet: The new lines would be even closer to his house than the Avista lines and he does not like the idea and is concerned about line noise. He then stated he thought it would be a lot less trouble if the lines went the Main Canal route.
14. Mr. Bob Little, Mayor Coulee City: The Main Canal route was the way to go, as it would disturb the least number of residents. The Coulee City Council has another meeting September 14th and the Council will send in a comment letter after that meeting.
15. Mr. Stamps: He thought the lines should go the Main Canal route as Coulee City can only expand to the south so putting the route via Main Canal would take it over DNR land and allow the city to expand.
16. Carole (Thornton) and Jay Erdahl: These are the landowners who are nearly ready to build their home and have already place utilities very near the proposed line route. They also prefer the Main Canal route. They believe the lines would go right where they think the edge of their house would be. They live in Seattle and will likely give Grace a call.
17. Mrs. Erin Correia: She preferred the Main Canal route. She understands the need for power but if another route is available to please build it at the alternative site.
18. Ms. Gloria Randall: EMF -She was very concerned about the Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF) associated with the new power lines. Ms. Randall is not in favor of being exposed to increased EMF levels. She wanted to know if BPA has evaluated potential health effects through EMF. Don Rose distributed BPA's EMF Q&A brochure. She just wants to see any new power lines away from residential areas.
19. Mr. John Doe: Will mail the comment sheet with his name and address to BPA. He was very interested in the purpose and need of the project. He understands the need of the Tacoma Power and Seattle City Light, but opposes strongly to new transmission lines as proposed. He wanted to know why the existing lines are not being used as in the past. Keep Avista lines and if necessary ask Avista to upgrade their lines.
20. Residents feel they have no choice and it will be decided anyway. He would be agreeable to alternate route 2, away from the residential area, if the project will be enforced.
21. Would the new lines make noise?
22. Property value decreases. Appraisal before construction and after construction required.
23. Health issues: How strong is EMF from transmission lines and substations? Existing Avista lines already expose them to EMF. How much more would this cause?
24. Security issues - e.g. road fencing, etc.
25. Aesthetics: more lines would look ugly - strongly oppose looking at another set of lines close to their homes.
26. Educate: broader advertisement of meetings and newspaper articles so people understand what's going on.
27. Least concern about benefits to the cities.
28. Concern about reliability of only one transformer.
29. How about designing ability to back-feed from BPA system to generators to Avista to Grant PUD to Coulee City.

30. Locate our lines together with Avista lines in the same easement. Don't need new right-of-way.
31. Lines are the first thing you see when you enter town. More lines would discourage people from moving to the area or visiting.
32. The transmission lines would affect his property value and his ability to sell his house in the future.
33. Owner of land wants to give back to wildlife after hunting for many years. He wants to manage his land for quail and pheasant, so he doesn't want lines through his property.
34. Three different landowners said they had recently spent up to \$16,000 to bury electrical distribution lines for a new house on their property. They would not have spent that money if they knew new overhead lines would be built.
35. Mr Curry: not all of his land is good farmland. This proposal would affect his best land.
36. Can we span the Don Juan Draw to avoid conflict with homeowners? There is an existing distribution line that spans the draw. We may need to get a helicopter to view crossing.