

Coulee City Chamber of Commerce

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**RE: PROPOSED SUMMER FALLS AND MAIN CANAL
HYDROPOWER INTERCONNECTION TRANSMISSION LINE
AND PINTO RIDGE SUBSTATION PROJECT**

Please accept this letter as a response to the upcoming Summer Falls Interconnection Transmission Line project.

The Coulee City Chamber of Commerce has spent endless time in the promotion of the Coulee City area, specifically with improving and enhancing the entrance to the town to encourage tourism into the city. If this project continues, primarily with the implementation of Plan #1, the route planned would virtually destroy years of development and planned design.

After careful and thoughtful discussion, the Coulee City Chamber of Commerce **unanimously REJECTS Alternative #1 and SUPPORTS the implementation of Alternative Plan #2.**

Our concerns are as following:

1. Coulee City is located directly along the scenic Coulee Corridor. We feel that Alternative #1 would be severely detrimental to the beauty of this area by adding unsightly poles and lines.
2. We are also very concerned about possible health concerns for the residents that live in the area of the Alternative #1 path.
3. We are very concerned about the proximity of Alternative #1 to the Coulee City Elementary School and the safety of the children and educators in that facility.
4. We are deeply concerned about the possible negative impact Alternative #1 would have on our environment including our natural habitat in that area

We suggest the implementation of Alternative #2 for the following reasons:

1. It would eliminate any health hazards.
2. There would be no detracting additional poles/lines.
3. Almost no private property would be infringed upon
4. There would be less cost in terms of purchase of private property
5. Actual construction costs would be less due to the shorter distance involved
6. Environmental and habitat would not be disturbed.

On behalf of the Coulee City Chamber of Commerce, I urge you to pursue the **ALTERNATE #2** for this project.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this project. Please feel free to contact myself at (509) 632 5591 or Pres. Allan Fox (509) 632-5577 for further discussion.

Sincerely,

Shannon K. Rock, Secretary
Coulee City Chamber of Commerce