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Comments: Dear Sir or Madam:

I live at 550 Dog Valley Road, Verdi, NV and have resided there for more than 10 years. I am directly impacted by the proposed plan. While my first desire would be that the line not be built, that possibility may not be tenable for a variety of reasons.

Secondarily, if the line must be constructed, I must object to the selection of the Poeville alignment. While I understand that it is best to use existing alignments, the selected one is pretty full as it runs through the residential area of Verdi near Hanson and Prickly Pear. The current lines use wood standards which blend into the area as much as one can expect from a power line. Larger standards will simply stick out more and make a bad situation worse. Moreover, it is unfair to those who purchased and established their homes in the area to subject them more to the effects of electro-magnetic influences, not to mention additional fire hazard, construction inconvenience, dust, dirt, trucks, etc. While I am sensitive to the fact that easements exist for the existing alignment, it does not mean that it is right to maximize them.

Finally, from the very beginning, this line has been pitched to provide additional reliability to the Sommersett and Northwest areas of Reno. However, neither of these areas are not burdened at all with the line. Both are over the ridge to the east and will have neither their views impacted nor their home values. They are not subject to the electro-magnetic influences of high energy lines or any residual noise from them such as buzzing and wind deflection. They carry no increased fire danger, risk of trucks needing access for repair, etc. As such, the burden is not being shared by those who benefit. Those who benefit should have to weigh if they want their values decreased, their views impacted, etc. They should have to decide whether the benefit of having more reliable electrical service outweighs the burdens of these enumerated impacts.

If this line were deemed to be imperative, I would bring it into the Verdi substation from the north in the existing alignments across the western and northern shoulders of Peavine Peak. These disrupt fewer people do not impact home values as much, and place the electro magnetic impacts away from residential areas. The USFS is still following the mandate to use existing rights of way where possible so the underlying policy objectives are met.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions or comments.

Respectfully Submitted,

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