

## Public Meeting Summary

**Meeting name:** Gooding Community Conversation

**Location:** Gooding, ID

**Date:** April 15, 2009

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Purpose and introduction:** Idaho Power and Rocky Mountain Power Company conducted a landowner meeting focused on dairy owners and operators for the proposed Gateway West Transmission Line Project. The meeting purpose was to answer questions, listen to feedback and to encourage the public to submit comments.

**Notification and attendance:** Approximately 60 dairies along the proposed and alternative corridors were notified of the dairy meetings in Twin Falls, Burley and Gooding. Attendees could choose the most convenient meeting to attend. Approximately 5 people attended this meeting.

**Format:** Attendees were greeted at the sign-in table and provided an overview of the room and the process. Open house stations included a project overview, the tower structures, parcel ownership maps, informational materials, and comments and requests. Staff assisted participants in finding their parcels on the maps and answered questions. The presentations were followed by an approximately 90 minute questions and answers session. Presentations included:

- Welcome and introductions: Dan Olmstead, Idaho Power
- Project background: Dan Olmstead and Todd Adams, Idaho Power
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process: Walt Vering, Tetra Tech
- Right of entry and survey process: Mike Takac, Land Services, Inc.

**Key questions and themes:**

- How do we know we will receive a fair value for our property? *We will work with property owners on right of way easements. The Companies consider the value of the land, the impact of the transmission line and offer the landowner a percentage of the value. Condemnation is used only as a last resort.*
- Concerns about the location of transmission lines on private property. *Staff noted the intent is not to route the line over houses and dairies.*
- Can crops be grown safely under the transmission lines? *Yes.*