

Public Meeting Summary

Meeting name: American Falls Landowner Meeting

Location: American Falls, Idaho

Date: November 4, 2009

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Purpose and introduction: The Gateway West Transmission Line Project team hosted a public meeting to update attendees on project progress, new conceptual routes, answer questions, collect comments and document concerns.

Notification and attendance: Approximately 630 landowners and residents along the two-mile study corridors within the segment 5 area were notified by mail and invited to attend. Approximately 50 people attended, including Jeremy Field from United States Senator Risch's Office.

Format: Project staff were available at a sign-in table and encouraged attendees to take informational materials and complete comment forms. Project staff also provided general information about the project, answered questions and helped identify specific parcels on landowner maps. Presentations included:

- Welcome and introductions: Mark Lupo (IPC)
- Project update: Kristie Pardue (IPC)
- Routing overview: Todd Adams (IPC)
- Questions and answers: Todd Adams (IPC)

Key questions and themes:

- Is the right of way 1,500 feet from an existing line? *Common corridors are generally 500 feet from an existing line. However, in order for the Gateway West transmission line to receive an appropriate rating from the Western Electricity Coordinating Council, which governs the electrical transmission grid, they have determined that the corridor does need to be 1,500 feet from an existing line. In places where ice storms are common, it is typical for lines to be further apart.*
- The Arbon Valley line is within 200 yards of a grade school. Isn't that too close? *You are encouraged to put concerns in writing. When wires fall they trip out very quickly reducing risk, unlike Hollywood movies where they bounce around and spark.*
- You have two red lines running parallel to each other. Do you purchase the right of way all the way through that area and buy all 1,500 feet? *No we will be purchasing only the 200 to 250 feet right of way easement.*