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To Whom It May Concern:

We are submitting public comment on behalf of the nearly 200 property owners in the Sundance neighborhood to express our firm opposition to PacifiCorp's proposed 500kV transmission line designated as "Route B" on the Blueprint South transmission line project map. This transmission line would be installed along the eastern border of our neighborhood.

Sundance is a recognized Firewise USA community, meaning it has taken steps to reduce wildfire risks through community-wide efforts and individual homeowner actions, including creating defensible space and participating in educational events. We take the threat of wildfire seriously, in part because of the devastation of the 1996 Skeleton Fire. That fire was ignited by lightning and within 24 hours winds whipped the flames toward the Sundance subdivision, where it destroyed 19 homes and burned more than 17,700 acres.

The proposed "Route B" poses several serious dangers, but from our point of view, chief among them is the increased risk of fires. There are clear associations between the presence of high voltage transmission lines and wildfires, particularly in areas prone to drought and high winds such as the Sundance neighborhood. It has been reported that between 2016 and 2020, 19% of wildfires in California were caused by electrical power networks. While this is a relatively small percentage, these ignitions often cause large wildfires with the potential to devastate entire neighborhoods. In fact, a study published in 2023 (Sayarshad; [International Journal of Electrical Power & Energy Systems Volume 153](#), November 2023, 109353) notes that two of the 10 largest wildfires in California were caused by the power grid.

Not only do we risk the loss of life and property, but the additional fire risk posed by the construction of high voltage transmission lines in close proximity to our homes will likely result in an increase in homeowner's insurance rates or even denial of coverage.

We chose to live in Sundance for its natural beauty. The construction and presence of these power lines would severely impact the landscape and wildlife that we cherish. The environmental toll this could take is too great to ignore, and it would forever alter the scenery we moved here to enjoy.

Sincerely,

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