

Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project

North Public Meeting Summary

August 2009

The first set of North public meetings was held:

- Aug. 19, 2009 in Pilot Rock, Idaho - Pilot Rock Community Center, 285 NW Cedar Pl. from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Aug. 20, 2009 in Boardman, Oregon - Port of Morrow Convention Center, 2 Marine Dr. from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Preparation

Several steps were taken to organize the first set of public meetings in the North advisory area. To begin, roughly two months before the North public meetings took place, Idaho Power consulted with PAT members to plan the public meetings and future mapping sessions. A planning meeting took place at the Port of Morrow Convention Center on June 29, 2009, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

- Meeting attendees included the following PAT members: Barry Beyeler, Chris Bodewig, Larry Clucas, David DeMayo, Lee Docken, Steve Draper, Audie Huber, Frank Kaminski, Bob Levy, Carla McLane, Les Paustian, Karen Pettigrew, Don Rice, Terry Tallman. Kent McCarthy, Idaho Power CAP project leader, and Rosemary Curtin, RBCI, facilitated the meeting.
- Attendees gave Idaho Power suggestions for preferred times, dates, locations and notification processes for the public meetings. They also discussed what information should be presented. The notes from this meeting are included in this tab.

Notification

Idaho Power conducted an extensive notification process to generate awareness and participation from residents of the North advisory area. With advice from the PATs, the following methods were used:

- **U.S. Mail:** Invitations to the meetings were sent to all residents and businesses in the following cities: Pendleton, Boardman, Echo, Heppner, Hermiston, Lexington, Ione, Irrigon, Meacham, Pilot Rock, Stanfield, Ukiah, and Umatilla. A total of 28,573 invitations were sent out in the North area. Invitations were also sent to project stakeholders. Stakeholders include elected officials, community leaders and people who have attended past scoping meetings. A copy of the invitation and a detailed list of cities where the invitation was mailed are included in this tab.
- **Electronic notification:** An e-mail was sent to project stakeholders with a link to the project Web page, which had a list of meeting dates and locations. PAT members were also e-mailed electronic versions of the meeting invitation to distribute. Idaho Power also posted an announcement on the project Web page, www.boardmantohemingway.com.

- **Display Ads:** Display ads detailing the dates, times and locations of the meetings were placed in the The Hermiston Herald, The East Oregonian (Pendleton), Heppner Gazette Times, Pendleton Record and the Valley Herald (Milton-Freewater). A copy of the display ad is included in this tab.

Additional Materials

A list of the North PAT members and community criteria were displayed at the public meetings. These materials are included in this tab.

Meeting Outcomes

In all 106 people attended the first set of North public meetings for the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project: 49 attended the Boardman meeting, and 57 attended the Pilot Rock meeting. A total of 12 comment sheets were collected. Transcribed sign-in sheets are included in this tab.

The following is a summary of the information collected from the comment sheets. The summary is an overview of the themes and opinions expressed by the public. The information provided is not intended to be statistically reliable. The comments are grouped based on the specific questions asked on the comment sheets. A verbatim transcription of all comments is located in this tab.



Summary of Comments

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Question 1: What are your concerns about siting the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line?

- Effects on the Boardman airport expansion plan.
- Loss of state and county tax revenue in Boardman Speedway excise tax district.
- Siting may be politically and emotionally driven.
- How will this impact Conservation Reserve Program designated land?

Question 2: What are your suggestions for siting the transmission line?

- Site the line south of Boardman.
 - Avoids proposed air space.
 - Avoids Navy operations.
- Use common sense and economics.

Question 3: Other comments

- “We appreciate your straightforward and professional approach, especially the quality of your staff that we have met in the meetings.”

Comments on:

Regulatory and engineering criteria

- Use existing power corridors when possible
- There is a lot of development happening from Morrow County to Umatilla County

Community criteria

- There are conflicts with Navy operations in Boardman
- Preserve Oregon Trail history