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POWER LINES IN DIXIE SPRINGS

A resident that would be effected by the lines contacted Dixie Power and this was their response:

I appreciate your concern and interest to protect your loved ones and those neighbors around you. To be honest I am interested in this subject. I scanned the article and will read it more in depth with the associated links when I have a bit more time to dedicate to it. I have 2 Engineering degrees and have studied magnetic and electrical fields in classes over the years. I am not an expert, but I recognize that these fields are real and found everywhere in our modern society. I'm sure it's obvious but overhead lines are placed very high above the ground for 2 reasons: to protect the public from contacting the lines, and to insulate the lines through the air; significantly dampening the EMF. The codes we follow cover both of these 2 issues and are there to protect the public.

As I have been told by my superiors, there is more EMF in your toaster than in the

overhead lines above your head. Also my understanding is that there's more EMF in underground power lines than overhead based on proximity and insulation. The underground lines out in front of your yard are insulated by the earth that are 36-40" from the surface. The air is not as good of an insulator as the earth so the lines are 18+ feet in the air. The higher voltage lines are on the order of 30-50' above the ground. Our high voltage lines are nothing near what the large corridors feeding big metropolitan communities. They are safely found and run in residential communities all over the world.

This is a very difficult debate subject because we're dealing with an exposure over time. Any amount of external forces are encountered by humans including the air we breathe, the work environment we are in, the type of food that we intake, the exercise we participate in, and our genetics. I've read the utilities responses in the article, and of course

POWER LINES IN DIXIE SPRINGS (CON'T)

over my 22 year history in this industry I have formed an opinion that may not be popular in the media. I would not be concerned with my family being raised and living adjacent to a properly designed and insulated power line. In fact for 5 years my family and I lived in St. George where our starter home was built within 10 feet of an overhead transmission line. Somehow the subdivision was allowed to be built with homes under the line. Over time and through necessity the line was upgraded and placed maybe 10 feet further away to just behind the sidewalk (normal location).

In my opinion, you and your neighbors have every right to fight for what you feel is right. It wouldn't be right for me to persuade you otherwise. I have tried to be as upfront and honest with you as I can. I have learned a lot since our first visit about the proposal of this generator and power line. A consultant was hired by the state to study the area and existing facilities, and they proposed the location for where the transmission line would need to be run to serve the hydro generator. To be honest, the location for the proposed line is the most straight forward and should be the proposed action because it's the shortest route and most likely the most cost effective route. As I mentioned there are alternatives that can and should be considered. There are other factors and issues involved that will certainly play into the final proposed line route if the pipeline and hydro stations are approved. My hope is that we as a utility, you as a member/owner of said utility, and the developer of the public owned water and generation facility can come together and make the best decision for all involved. I

know this will be the case, and it will hopefully be a win-win for all involved.

These same residents sent me the following:

I just had a conversation with our Realtor who works with Dixie Power when they need to have property valuations done in order to purchase easements for power projects. He has spoken with the guy's involved with the project at Dixie Power and they do not have any easements to place power poles on our lots. What they do have are general easements for underground lines/ services. This means that they would have to approach every property owner who is affected and purchase easements for the project if it even happens. Our Realtor was also told that they have four different proposed routes to run the lines.

Due to this information, we are personally no longer worried about the possibility of lines being run in here.

I hope the realtor is correct. The information from Dixie Power contradicts what the realtor has said. If Dixie Power has 4 different options and they have to get an easement from every property owner, Dixie Power or the people at the Lake Powell Pipeline project should have said so.

I think we need to keep watching this very carefully to make sure it does not happen.

DIXIE SPRINGS AND AREA ACTIVITIES

Skeet Shooting

Every Wednesday at 9 am, meet at the Purgatory Clay Sports range for fun shooting skeet.

Hurricane Community Choir

The choir rehearses each Wednesday evenings at 7 pm starting on 7 Sep 2016. Contact NancyLCrowley@outlook.com for more information.

Pickle Ball

A number of residents go every Tuesday and Thursday at 3 pm to play Pickleball at the courts by the High School. Contact Deanna Sudweeks at 602-768-2603.

Ladies Luncheon

The ladies of Dixie Springs meet for lunch on the first Tuesday of each month at noon at the Sand Hollow Golf Course restaurant. Come join us!

Motorcycle Trail Bike Riders

We have started a small group of trail bike riders that go on short trips around the area. Please see this web site for more information: trail90utah.com.

ATV

Contact Debbie at dhohens@sbcglobal.net or Mike at mikemunsell65@yahoo.com if you would like to join the community ATV rides.

Weaving

Calling all weavers, spinners and "want to be" weavers and spinners! We meet the first Monday from Oct to May at 5:30 pm at the Washington Branch of the Washington County library system, 220 N 300 E,

Washington Utah. If you have any questions, email NancyLCrowley@outlook.com

Motorized RVs

If you have a motorized RV, join the Red Rock Rovers! They are a great group that plans great trips 4 times per year. For more info, go to <http://www.redrockers.org/>.

Cannery Trip

Once a month, a group goes to the cannery in St George on the first Wednesday of the month. You can purchase freeze dried canned foods with long shelf lives. The group meets at 9:30 am in front of the mailboxes on the corner of Wilson and Dixie Springs Drive. The group carools from that location.

Tai Chi in the Dixie Springs Park

Tai Chi classes will be held every Tuesday starting 16 August at 9 am in the Dixie Springs Park.

DIXIE SPRINGS STATISTICS

Section	# Lots	# w/houses	Percent
A	225	153	68%
B	231	149	65%
C	274	83	30%
D	204	85	42%
E	259	75	29%
F	111	22	20%
G	86	46	53%
Total	1390	612	44%

RECOMMENDED VENDORS

The list of recommended vendors is on the web at <http://www.dixiesprings.info/vendors.htm>. If you had good service from a vendor, submit your information so everyone can benefit from your experience.

SECTION CAPTAINS

I have the need for Section Captains. These people would contact new people, welcome them to the community and ask if they would give their email for the newsletter. It would be really great if there was more than one person for each section. This is a great chance for you to meet your new neighbors. It also ensures that everyone feels welcome to our community.

For those that do not know, Dixie Springs is platted into lettered sections. We have sections A through G.

To see the sections, see the following web page:

<http://www.dixiesprings.info/information.htm>

If you would like to help, contact Nancy at webmaster@dixiesprings.info

FREE PERFORMANCE OF THE HURRICANE COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Hurricane Community Choir will be holding a free Christmas concert on Saturday, 3 Dec 2016, at 7 pm at the Hurricane Fine Arts Center. The Fine Arts Center is located at 93 S 100 W, across the street from the Community Center. The concert will be held in conjunction with the Hurricane Christmas Tree Festival.

choir and would love to see you there. This is a great free event for everyone in the family. Come hear great Christmas music and get into the Christmas spirit!

A number of your neighbors are members of the

DIXIE SPRINGS COMMUNITY FUND

I have established a Dixie Springs Community Fund. The fund would be used for the following:

- Fight threats to our residential community by establishing a relationship with a lawyer who can provide council and other representation
- Fund the Dixie Springs Community Web Site
- Fund the email messages (free now but there is a cost once we get to a certain size).

No funds would be used without approval of a committee of community members.

The fund will **not** be used to enforce CC&RS.

The money for the fund would come from voluntary donations. We recommend \$100 per year per home,

but any amount is welcome. Any use of the money will be reported in the newsletter. We need to start building the fund now. If we are forced into a lawsuit, the cost could well be over \$20K.

To contribute to the fund, put your donation into the following account at the Mountain America Credit Union: 9992856. Put your name and lot number or address as a memo on the deposit so I can credit you with the donation.

You could set up a \$10 a month automatic deposit into the account, if that would be easier.

Please help your community. You may not be impacted by some of the threats now, but you may be in the future and will be glad of the support of your neighbors and the fund. Let's all work together!