GATEWAY WEST
Transmission Line Project

# Public Meeting Summary

**Meeting name:** Kuna Landowner Meeting
**Location:** Kuna, Idaho
**Date:** November 12, 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 2,140 landowners and residents along the two-mile-wide study corridors within the segments 8/9 area were notified by mail and invited to attend. Approximately 60 people attended, including Representative Rich Jarvis, Ada County Commissioner Rick Yzaguiree, Matt Ellsworth from United States Senator Risch's Office, and Bryan Ricker from United States Senator Crapo'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: Kristi Pardue (IPC)
- Project update: Kristi Pardue (IPC)
- Routing overview: Todd Adams (IPC)
- Questions and answers: Todd Adams (IPC)

**Key questions and themes:**

- Could the company have changed the red route through Owyhee County and made one of the two alternatives routes their proposed route, instead of the original proposed corridor? *That area is a federally designated energy corridor so we left it as our proposed route.*
- Are you going to be building both segment 8 and segment 9? *Yes, it has to do with reliability. The Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) rates transmission line systems based on their reliability standards, which is essentially N-1. N is the number of paths in the system so if you subtract one path, the system must be able to still carry the same amount of power. This project will have a 3,000 megawatt rating, so under ideal conditions, each segment would carry 1,500 megawatts.*
- There is no substation in this area so who is this electricity for? *There are two major substations in this service area, Midpoint and the Hemmingway Substation, which is being built now. From those stations, transformers will step down the power to 230 kV to serve our customers in the area.*
- Does the power end at Hemmingway or does it cut across and go to Oregon and Washington? *The easy answer is that the power never ends. This project is part of the major grid system. We are a summer-peaking utility so we may import power from wherever we can get it, while during other times of the year we may export power. We are not building this line to satisfy our power needs for the next two years but for the next 30 years, we are building for the future.*