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City Council Comment received from Ian Peterson

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A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2024-08-28.

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General Closing Session Comment (unassociated to an agenda item)

Item:

NV.

Position:

In opposition

Are they speaking in person?

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

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I am in direct opposition to the increase in basic service charges for NVEnergy. This increase will be increases the rates drastically for those who are energy conscience. Tripling the rate that will be paid before any electricity or gas is even used in unreasonable and will do more harm than good especially for those struggling to survive.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

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LDC24-00015 (NV Energy Utility Corridor)

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Power Poles In Poor Shape.pdf;

Please reject NV Energy's proposed overhead lines (LDC24-00015) in Verdi. If they are needed, have them take these lines underground.

Who I am:

I am a resident of the West Meadows subdivision. I am from Sonoma County California where the Tubbs fire burn to the ground over 5,000 houses! In the middle of a hot windy night this fire destroyed our community in Santa Rosa. We had friends the only got out with their pets and their PJs. For weeks we have multiple families living with us in out house.

Reasons this NV Energy Proposal should be rejected:

- 1) Poor maintenance of their current powerlines near Verdi. The attached pictures show two power transmission poles in very unsafe conditions just above the West Meadows subdivision. I call NV Energy and sent them the same images month after month and they did nothing. I finally called the NPUC...and NVE finally took action and replaced these poles. (Please note that these poles are in the very location of the proposed new powerline.
- 2) Verdi is a hot windy location. Having additional overhead power lines presents danger to our community. NVE knows this. In the recent Gold Ranch Fire they shut down power to Verdi as a safety measure to prevent any additional fires.
- 3) If this measure goes through homes in Verdi will be subject to rolling blackout during high-risk fire conditions. Verid is always hot and windy in the summer. PG&E in California uses this method of rolling blackouts to minimize fire risk because of their overhead power lines. This will mean Verdi residents will need backup generators to ensure a consistent power source.
- 4) Fire insurance maybe tough to obtain. Many homes in the Sonoma County area can no longer get fire insurance (I know this firsthand).

Who pays the cost:

If you approve this overhead power line for NVE the residents of Verdi will have to bear the cost of backup generators and potentially higher cost fire insurance...if they can get it. Also, we will have to live with an increased risk of fire.

If NVE is required to take this powerline underground they assume the cost. This may mean slightly high utility cost for all of Northern Nevada. But

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Verdi does not take the full hit.

Do the right thing. Do not allow a new overhead transmission powerline in a dry, hot windy area close to residential housing.

Thomas Silewicz