September 12, 2009

To Whom It May Concern,

I am opposed to the San Luis Valley-Calumet-Comanche Transmission Project and the proposed usage of RUS funds to support the construction of this project.

I-390-001 My opposition to this project is two fold. First, this project will have huge impacts on my life and those of my family and my neighbors. These impacts include degraded quality of life, threats to health, decreased property values, increases to future electrical rates, environmental scars, threats to wildlife and a serious breach to our incredible scenic beauty.

I-390-002 Secondly, I question the need for more power in the rural areas that this transmission line is proposed to support. Does the demand for this power actually exist or is it that Tri States/Xcel Energy simply needs to sell the power that their Comanche plant generates? If the latter is the case, as I suspect, I do not want my taxpayer dollars going to support this private enterprise at my personal expense.

I-390-003 Perhaps a better use of our taxpayer monies would allow individual homeowners access to these funds to add alternative energy systems to their homes.

In closing, let me be clear, I do not want this transmission project in my county, on my property or in my view and I do not want my taxpayer dollars used to support this project.

Thank you for your close attention to this serious issue.

Sincerely,

Barbara Steffen
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La Veta CO
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Cc: John Salazar, Congressman
Cc: Ken Salazar, U.S. Secretary of Interior
Cc: Michael Bennett, U.S. Senator

I understand that this transmission project will be used for transmission of Solar and Wind generated electricity from the San Luis Valley to the Grid owned by the Comanche power plant.

I am for this construction project as long the power lines are built on the North side of Highway 160, east of La Veta Pass.

Thank you,
Barbara Steffen

I-390-001: Environmental Consequences (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential environmental consequences and mitigation measures from the proposed project will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm.

I-390-002: Purpose and Need (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Project purpose and need will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm.

I-390-003: Project Alternatives (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment from has been received and your comment noted. A range of reasonable project alternatives and mitigation measures including the no action alternative will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm.