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From: [REDACTED]
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To: Council; corporate
Subject: Powerlines and Wildfires

Dear Council Members,

As a homeowner in White Gold, I recently researched data on wildfires caused by powerlines. You may be interested to know that the data reported that 8% - 30% of wildfires are caused by powerlines. In some instances, powerlines were a significant factor. The most recent wildfires in California were caused by PG&Es lines, including the Camp Fire; one of the deadliest and most destructive the state has seen. Wildfire threat at Whistler is real. So real that the RMOW has spent the last two summers clearing and thinning the forest behind the homes on Ambassador Crescent in White Gold.

The above-ground powerlines in the White Gold neighbourhood are a fire risk we can eliminate by completing the utility undergrounding project; a project that was supported by a majority and approved by the community and Council.

Regarding the cost of hook-up on private property, amortizing the cost of \$5,000.00 over 30 years results in a monthly payment of approximately \$25.00; and will undoubtedly increase the value of every home in a safer, more beautiful White Gold.

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