I would like to announce that I am taking myself off the Heber Light and Power board of Directors.

I could be politically correct and say it's because "I want to spend more time with my family", but I believe the citizens of Midway and this council deserve an explanation. There are two primary reasons.

First and foremost, I believe I am no longer an effective representative for Midway on this board. It has become increasingly obvious to me that there is a great deal of animosity on the board and from staff perhaps because of Midway's desire to vet every possible solution to the transmission line issue, and I am the face of those issues. I recently read a quote by Ruth Bader Ginsburg that says, "Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that leads others to join you." Evidently my fight for what I believe strongly is fair process, has not encouraged others to join me but has perhaps alienated them. I am confident that a new representative from Midway will be more effective in working through the critical issues that still need to be addressed and resolved as a Board of Directors for Heber Light and Power.

My second reason is that I would like to focus my attention on being the Mayor of a town I love. I am excited about what has been accomplished these last 2 ½ years and I would like to spend my energy and time on doing more for Midway. I have given a disproportionate amount of time and frankly emotional energy to the issues facing Heber Light and Power's board and I am unwilling to continue at that level.

According to the Bylaws of the Heber Light and Power Company, article V 1.c) it reads "The Midway Mayor shall be a Director or shall select a Midway councilperson ("Designee") to serve as a Director." To that end, I have spoken to Councilmember Steve Dougherty and he is willing to be on the Heber Light and Power board in my place. I'd like to present his name to you tonight and if there are no objections to this choice, my resignation and his appointment will be immediate.