

Addition to CPCC docket number PCN 1

This letter is in addition to our first letter written on September 19, 2016. These are additional concerns we have with Umatilla Electric installing new poles and higher voltage lines on our property.

In 1999 Umatilla Electric Co. replaced electric poles on our property. At that time they said the new equipment they had would drill the holes and set the poles from the county road. They would not have to drive their equipment on our property. In late summer of 1999 we went on a week's vacation. While we were gone they replaced the poles on our property but because of the sandy soil their new equipment couldn't drill the holes from the road. The holes would fill back up with sand as they were being drilled. They did have to come on our property with backhoes and other heavy equipment. In doing so they crossed through an irrigation ditch on the north side of our property breaking the end of the cement irrigation culvert which was never fixed. They also left 8 to 10 inch ruts in the irrigation ditch and in our back yard. This caused our yard and septic system to be flooded leaving the septic system inoperative for 2 days during our absence. Our two daughters were home from college working summer jobs at the time and had the inconvenience of our septic system not working for two days. In addition, Umatilla Electric had to dig larger holes than they had planned in order to set the new poles. They left a large mess of dirt and rocks where the new poles went in and it was never cleaned up.

I filled the ruts in the irrigation ditch to keep from being flooded again and we called Umatilla Electric with our concerns about the ruts in our yard. They said they would bring some top soil to fill the ruts in the yard. Instead of top soil they brought 2 loads of plain desert sand. After realizing it was just sand we told them to stop after one load and we would take care of the ruts ourselves which we did.

We had to have our septic tank pumped once in September and again in November 1999. We talked with Gerry Beachum and Ken Johnson of Umatilla Electric at that time and we were reimbursed for the pumping charges. We continued to have slow drainage problems with the septic system over the winter. In the spring of 2000, we decided to replace the septic system because of the slow drainage problems and also because it was older. We were told the new DEQ regulations made it impossible to install a new septic system because of the position of two irrigation ditches and our well. Even though we have 2.89 acres there was no way we could legally put in a new septic system. However, we were eventually given a variance to install the new system at a cost of \$4,280 which we paid for. To install new poles again Umatilla Electric would have to drive over part of the septic system we have now which would damage our septic line. We do not want them to drive over the line.

Last spring we asked to be paid by the linear foot instead of by tax lot which Umatilla Electric is proposing to do for the easement they want and they refused. They said they could legally put the higher voltage lines over our house without our permission. We checked with the county accessor to see if the lines being added would affect our property values. They came and looked at what is proposed and the assessed value of our house and property went down while our neighbor's property values across the street went up.

Thank you,

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