

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

PCN 2

In the Matter of

TILLAMOOK PEOPLE’S UTILITY
DISTRICT,

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

PETITION TO INTERVENE OF
OREGON FARM BUREAU

Pursuant to ORS 756.525 and OAR 860-001-0300(2), the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation (“OFB”) hereby petitions the Oregon Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) to intervene in this proceeding with full party status as described in OAR 860-001-0010(7). In support of this petition, OFB provides the following:

1. The contact information for OFB is:

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3. OFB is a voluntary, grassroots, nonprofit organization representing Oregon’s farmers and ranchers in the public and policymaking arenas. As Oregon’s largest general farm

organization, its primary goal is to promote educational improvement, economic opportunity, and social advancement for its members and the farming, ranching, and natural resources industry. Today, OFB represents over 7,000-member families professionally engaged in the industry and has a total membership of over 60,000 Oregon families.

4. OFB has a direct and substantial interest in these proceedings as OFB has 177 members in Tillamook County, several of whom will be directly impacted by Tillamook People's Utility District's authorization of the construction of an 8.6-mile-long overhead transmission line through valuable agricultural land in Tillamook County.
5. OFB intends to address whether the proposed transmission line is necessary and whether it can or should receive land use approval at the local level, as outlined in our comments on the line dated November 14, 2017.
6. Through its representation of Oregon's family farmers and ranchers, OFB has acquired extensive expertise in virtually every aspect of public policy that touches agriculture, including agricultural land use policy.

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Based on the information provided herein in accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, OFB respectfully requests to intervene as a party in this proceeding, with all rights appropriate to that status. OFB's participation in this proceeding will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay the proceeding.

DATED this 5th day of December, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



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