

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of the Petition of)
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TILLAMOOK PEOPLE'S UTILITY)
DISTRICT)
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**PETITION FOR CERTIFICATE OF)
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE)
AND NECESSITY)**
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INTERVENOR REPLY TESTIMONY OF DON AUFDERMAUER

March 11, 2019

Don Aufdermauer – Intervener Reply Testimony

Argument

A. No Load Growth

Feeder line 51 has 70% of the outage problems, yet they say the reliability issue will increase, how is that possible when once the substation is in they will be bringing twice as much power back as they are now. Reduce high loading? Load growth records show load growth is down. As far as TPUD taking appropriate steps and considered alternative options, not true.

This has gone on for multiple years and 2 of the TPUD board members have recently been replaced because the people of Tillamook didn't like the way it has been going with the transmission line and their uncontrolled spending of money. You have to remember this whole thing was started years ago by a board that had ego problems, that problem is now solved.

KC Fagen & Todd Simmons are just trying to do what they were hired to do. The transmission line was their 1st objective on their list to get it done.

The people own TPUD – all we're asking is run it like a business, debt to asset ratio, return on investment and so forth not a free for all. They are raising the rate the 1st of May and likely this fall and then 10% every other year to pay for these projects that are now under construction and the new transmission line which they haven't secured funding for yet. They are going to borrow \$10,000,000 on the open market to get them by until RUS funds come available, if they come available, not good business practices.

B. Reduce High Loading

As far as evidence in the record shows, electric loads and peak demand are increasing this is not true, please look over the correct load growth charts, not the ones that KC Fagen is trying to use which is not correct.

C. Safety

As far as safety, there should & needs to be safety everywhere. I have a son that works for TPUD and I know a lot of the outside guys, a very good crew, we are lucky to have such a bunch of guys.

D. Practicability

TPUD states that the project is feasible and will be effectively and efficiently constructed. Then, why are they spending another \$500,000 to go around one farmer's farm, it doesn't sound like it is a shorter route or cost savings project to me. Very little of this route has existing right of way. There are conflicts and impacts all the way; farming, forests, view shed.

Again, they say it's Financially Feasible. They're raising customer rates May 1st and more than likely this fall and 10% every other year. That doesn't sound Financially Feasible to me when they don't have their RUS funding approved. They're making customers pay for their dreams.

TPUD might have examined the ease of obtaining corridor approval, necessary permits, access and construction; however they don't have easements or right of way from private property owners which is most of the route.

E. Justification

In Tommy Brooks own words at LUBA, he said once the line goes through forest land that strip of land is no longer classified as forest, so, evidently that goes for farm ground also.

TPUD expects – Keyword – **EXPECTS** to receive Financing for the transmission line from RUS. No money yet! Remember TPUD is borrowing \$10,000,000 on the open market in expectations of RUS funding coming, however though, it isn't looking good if they look at TPUD's financials.

F. Compatibility of the transmission line with land use regulations

We're still waiting on the results from LUBA. A point I would like to make is how convenient it is that KC Fagen is a board member of Economic Development Committee here in Tillamook.

Conclusion

TPUD has blown a lot of smoke, since we started this about 8 years now. The going around one farmer's farm, giving Tillamook Creamery electricity at TPUD's cost to make it look like there is a need, you have to wonder what our other larger businesses are going to think of this. To name a few; Hampton Lumber, Stimson Lumber (who will have 36 acres eminent domained because of this project), Tillamook Country Smoker, Werner Sausage, all the dairies and many other businesses. Please look at the need which there is none, and their financials. They can't afford this without putting the entire burden on rate payers; we're a rural community, hard working class, every penny counts.

I am appalled that our TPUD Board of local citizens would hire somebody to come to Tillamook to trample over the local people for a transmission line that is not needed nor can they afford it.

I am embarrassed that business and life has gone to this level when citizens have no voice, the dollar prevails. This whole ordeal has been like chasing a snake through the grass.

/s Don Aufdermauer