

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

PCN 2

In the Matter of

TILLAMOOK PEOPLE’S UTILITY
DISTRICT

Petition for Certification of Public
Convenience and Necessity.

MEMORANDUM

Based on a proposed issue lists filed by the Tillamook People’s Utility District, and responses filed by David Mast, Doris Mast, Don Aufdermauer, Tilla-Bay Farms, and ORCA, I adopt the issues list below. The parties should use this issues list as a template for the briefs so that the parties’ arguments can be directly joined. I also direct the parties to confer and then propose a briefing schedule.

Issues List

I adopt TPUD’s issues list, including its brief descriptions. The descriptions are included to assist the parties understand the issues and their inclusion does not indicate that the descriptions are approved. The statements of the other parties filed in their responses are taken as comments at this time, and are considered as evidence or argument. The parties will have the opportunity to repeat (and enlarge) those comments as argument in their respective briefs.

I reproduce TPUD’s issues list, including the descriptions, in this memorandum for the convenience of the parties.

	Issues	Description
	Compliance with OAR 860-025-0030 Filing Requirements	OAR 860-025-0030 requires that an application for a CPCN “comply with all other applicable Commission rules.”
	OAR 860-025-0030(1)(b): Information required to be in the Application under OAR 860-025-005	
1	Detailed Line Description	Tillamook PUD’s Transmission Line will be operated at 115 kV and will be sourced from an existing breaker in BPA’s Tillamook Substation. The Transmission Line will run 8.5 miles from

		the Tillamook Substation and terminate at the new Oceanside Substation.
2	Purpose of Proposed Transmission Line	The Application includes sufficient information describing the purpose of the line.
3	Necessity of proposed transmission line	The necessity is to increase reliability, accommodate load growth by adding system capacity, and address aging infrastructure. RELIABILITY “It will provide a new, more reliable source of power to the Netarts/Oceanside areas, will provide a connection to other power sources (normally open looped connection), and substantially reduce the number of customers involved in an outage and the length of the outage. LOAD GROWTH The Wilson River Substation is approaching its capacity due to load growth in the City of Tillamook, Bay City, and the communities of Netarts and Oceanside. AGING INFRASTRUCTURE Approximately two miles of the existing radial distribution line serving the Netarts, Oceanside, and Whiskey Creek Road area consist of a double-circuit pole line that is more than 50 years old.
4	Safety of proposed transmission line	Transmission line will satisfy the Commission’s safety criterion because it will be constructed, operated, and maintained to meet or exceed all applicable National Electrical Safety Code standards as well as all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances.
5	Practicability of proposed transmission line	Tillamook PUD, in collaboration with the 4 community and its leaders, has developed a route that is practicable and has the least overall impact on the community.
6	Justification of the proposed transmission line	Transmission line will provide many benefits to Tillamook PUD and its customers and will allow Tillamook PUD to continue to meet its obligation to provide safe and reliable service to all of its existing members and future members.
7	OAR 860-025-0030(1)(c): Spatial information	This rule provision requires an application for a CPCN to contain various maps and figures.
8	OAR 860-025-0030(1)(d): Cost Information	This portion of the Commission’s rules requires Tillamook PUD to provide estimated costs of certain components of the Transmission Line.
9	Financial feasibility	The rate impact to existing members from the

	information required under OAR 860-025-0030(1)	proposed transmission line is not expected to be significant. Tillamook PUD expects to receive funding for the Transmission Line from RUS.
10	OAR 860-025-0030(1)(f): Information related to potential condemnation of property	Tillamook PUD is seeking consent, in the form of easements, from landowners along the Transmission Line route. Until easements are obtained, condemnation is a potential for most properties.
11	OAR 860-025-0030(1)(g) Information related to alternate routes	TPUD conducted a thorough analysis of alternate routes for siting the proposed transmission line.
12	OAR 860-025-0030(1)(h): Additional information	Tillamook PUD has conducted its own investigation into the need for the line and has determined it is in its customers' best interest to construct the line. The Transmission Line is needed to provide safe and reliable service to Tillamook PUD's customers.
13	OAR 860-0025-0030(2 and (3): Land use information	As noted in the State Agency Coordination Program, all comprehensive plans in the state have been acknowledged to be in compliance with Statewide Planning Goals.
14	Statewide Planning Goals	The Commission can determine that the application is consistent with statewide planning goals.

Briefing

At an earlier stage of the proceeding, the parties agreed to a briefing schedule that included dates for the filings of TPUD's opening brief, Staff and Intervenor reply briefs, Staff and intervenors cross answering briefs, and TPUD's closing brief. That briefing schedule was vacated at the time the Commission reopened this proceeding to receive further testimony. The parties are directed to confer and agree to a briefing schedule, to be submitted by TPUD at the time it files its rebuttal testimony in January, 2019. If the parties are not able to agree to a briefing schedule, I will set a schedule.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2018, at Salem, Oregon.

Patrick J. Power
Administrative Law Judge