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Subject: Idaho Power Certificate of Public Need PCN-5 B2H and PacifiCorp Wildfire Plans

I am not sure if the public comment link on the above is still open, however:. I am submitting this as a public comment which should be considered in the above as well as any and all future PUC decisions involving PacifiCorp. The idea that the PUC would consider issuing a Certificate of Public Need absent considering the majority owner of the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission line is irresponsible at the least and should be considered criminal in the event this company is allowed to condemn private property and then causes fires that kill and damage Oregon citizens and their property.

PacifiCorp is going to be the primary entity controlling the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission line and paying for it. They have demonstrated an unwillingness to provide for the public safety in regards to multiple issues, but certainly wildfires is currently at the top of the list. Today, An Oregon jury found PacifiCorp liable in a \$1.6 billion class action lawsuit over the 2020 wildfires. Jurors awarded more than \$75 million in compensatory damages to 17 plaintiffs and applied their liability findings to thousands of other plaintiffs who's damages will be determined in later court proceedings. Punitive damages for the 17 plaintiffs also have not yet been determined but will add to the amount.

I am asking that this email be posted to the PUC docket for the Certificate of Public Need and Necessity for the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line as well as the docket for the Wildfire Plans for Idaho Power and PacifiCorp. Please include the article entitled, "Jury finds Berkshire's PacifiCorp unit liable in 2020 Oregon Wildfires"", June 12, 2023 by Joathan Stempel.

In addition, when Idaho Power and PacifiCorp argue once again that there is little fire risk in Eastern Oregon farm lands, please include the following for reference: "Hat Rock Fire blows up to 10,000 acres", June 14, 2023 published in the East Oregonian. Facts do not support the rhetoric you are getting from these utilities to avoid paying to address the safety hazards their developments are creating and costs they are transferring to local communities.

Thank you very much.

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