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To the Public Utility Commission

Regarding: Idaho Power PCN-5 Public Hearing on November 16, 2022

Hello:

We are unable to attend this meeting because of distance, time of hearing and the fact that we have a ranch and animals that need us present, so are submitting comments via email. We plan to join the meeting on December 5th, via Zoom.

We are affected landowners facing condemnation proceedings if the B2H high voltage transmission line is built. We have owned our ranch since 2011, and have only been made aware of what Idaho Power plans to do ON our property in the last year. There has never been an outreach from Idaho Power to us, during all that time, other than being summoned to court for a pre-condemnation hearing when they wanted to do studies on our land. We were forced to hire an attorney, at great expense to us, to deal with their demands for entry to our land for studies. Idaho Power had never submitted a map directly to us showing an 8,000 foot road they plan to build through our property.

We were finally provided one by an outside source a year ago. We object to the line being built at all, for reasons that other people will be citing, but specifically object to their placing of the line and huge towers right behind our property, rather than building it on an alternative route that follows an existing Idaho Power line with all the easements and access in place.

Our property is adjacent to BLM Land, and the transmission towers will sit just outside of our fence, although they could have located the line adjacent to the current transmission line further up the hill. There is also BLM road access, with some very minor improvements needed, to get to their current proposed tower locations, yet they have planned to build 8,000 feet of new road on our land, on 3 of our parcels to come into our property and then out again, to access 2 towers. In doing so they would divide up our property unnecessarily, cause many major problems on the land, and disrupt our way of life, health, cultivated farm land, views and property value.

The proposed route also will disturb a popular local horse riding recreation route that adjoins ranch, that they have never investigated. Because it has been so many years that this has been going on, we doubt that our neighbors and people in this area are even aware any longer that this unsightly project will be seen by them, even though they will not have land condemned.

It wasn't until a month ago, after trying since February of this year, that we were finally able to get someone from Idaho Power out to our ranch to show them how they can access their proposed towers on public land, without the necessity of tearing up our property. We have not heard back from them at this point.

Idaho Power seems to have little regard for disruption to landowners, who do not have the resources to defend their property from this investor-owned utility. We are relying on the Public Utility

Commission to hold them accountable to listen to landowners and use public land in a situation where that is more reasonable than destroying Oregon's precious agricultural resources, and the life that farmers have established. There are 3 generations living on our property and we are trying to preserve this for our children and grandchildren.

Thank you for your time and attention,

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