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To: Oregon Public Utilities Commission

Hello, my name is David Komlosi and I co-own along with Susan Geer, Meg Cooke and Joel Rice, 120 acres of land located at 59332 Glass Hill Road. A portion of our land is in the process of being condemned by Idaho Power for the purpose of building the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission line. Idaho Power offered us, \$1 compensation for the portion of our land being condemned. This is a slap in the face to think that Idaho Power, thinks this is fair value for not only the direct loss of property, but the loss of the properties aesthetic value which offers sweeping views of the Grande Ronde Valley and the surrounding landscape of the Blue and Wallowa Mountains. The transmission line introduces noise into a relatively undisturbed area and will be heard from the cabins on the property. The 250' right of way creates a wide swath of disturbance to native ecosystems and will allow the introduction of noxious to encroach onto surrounding properties with minimal mitigation proposed by Idaho Power. The presence of the transmission brings along with it an increased risk of fire to our property also. We have worked hard to restore the natural processes from wildlife to native plant communities on our property which will be negatively impacted by the transmission line. The net result is a significant loss of value both intrinsic and monetarily to our property.

I would think that a large and powerful corporation such as Idaho Power would have been much more thoughtful and considerate to the State of Oregon and its landowners both public and private for the right to run a transmission line through a neighboring state. Instead they ignored the NEPA developed by the USFS and BLM to minimize the impacts of the transmission line to private property by placing it on Federal lands and chose alternative routes through private, state and city lands. Instead of placing the transmission line on existing transmission lines with upgrades or at least burying the lines they chose the most disruptive methods. They also currently have a new option of using the I-84 Interstate right of way corridors to bury the lines also.

In the process of contesting the Boardman to Hemingway transmission line by private citizens, Idaho Power ignored the publics concerns and used their unlimited financial resources and lawyers to pressure and threaten through legal chagrin and exhausting people's time and financial resources. This resulted in people dropping their concerns without any remedies offered by Idaho Power.

In my opinion the whole process was flawed from the start, as Idaho Power, was only looking at their end goals without any considerations and mitigations for the impact their transmission line would have on the federal, state, city, county and private lands of Oregon.

Sincerely; David Komlosi