

May 3, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
Attn: Filing Center  
201 High Street SE, Suite 100  
Salem, OR 97301-3398

Re: Docket No. PCN 5 – Intervenors' Motion for an extension to filing opening briefs based on projected time frame for setting the Evidentiary Record

Dear ALJ Mellgren,

We, the undersigned, are concerned about the amount of time we may have to write opening briefs after the evidentiary record is set. As we review Idaho Power's extensive objections and the time frame ALJ Mellgren discussed in his April 21, 2023 memo saying: "Given the size and complexity of the evidentiary record here, the parties should anticipate it will take at least one week to prepare a ruling on the evidentiary record. In their briefing, parties may only cite evidence that is admitted into the evidentiary record through that ruling."

A full week for resolving any evidentiary disputes would only give only 2 days to write the opening briefs once the evidentiary record is known. We will need more time to craft the opening brief.

If we write it ahead of time it could be significantly altered if evidence used has to be cut and the brief rewritten. Or wait until one knows what evidence has been admitted than write it. Either way the time is extremely limited.

Date	# days	Benchmark
May 2	0	Objection deadline
May 9	7	Evidentiary dispute ruling
May 11	2	Opening Briefs

Given how long people have been contesting the B2H and the stakes to people's lives and health, two days is not enough time to write and finalize this capstone brief.

How should we ask for an extension or raise concerns that this time-frame is not adequate.

/s/ Susan Geer

/s/ Greg Larkin

/s/ Joanne Harris Rode

/s/ Irene Gilbert

/s/ Sam Myers

/s/ Wendy King

/s/ John C. Williams

/s/ Fuji Kreider

/s/ Jim Kreider, STOP B2H Coalition