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Public Utilities Commissioners:

What is this news that I hear!

I hear that electric utilities are about to take private property in condemnation proceedings without lawfully required permits.

I hear that the Boardman, Oregon to Hemingway, ID (B2H) transmission line is a 500 kV line consisting of 1200 towers as high as 200 feet, spanning 305 miles, and requiring a minimum 250 foot-wide clear cut is going through the Oregon Trail, through communities, through newly restored salmon runs, through at least one recreational area: Morgan Lake, through an abundance of private land.

I hear that there are other options for this transmission route NOT across so much private land or heritage sites.

I hear that you Commissioners have been told the public does not have the time, money, or knowledge to be involved in this process. It seems that Idaho Power has more time and more money to power this project. However, the public is involved in this project and expects Commissioners to follow the regulations and to protect the public's heritage, values, health, and security.

Commissioners of the Public Utilities, your decisions must consider the people—the Public!

Decisions must consider cumulative impacts on communities, including but not limited to economic development constraints such as negative effects on tourism, loss of tax revenue due to lower property values, and other health, safety and environmental impacts.

Decisions must consider the degradation to a person, family and communities' quality of life—forever altered.

Idaho Power is using their greater financial power to take heritage and quality of life from Oregonians, not just those along the route. The Oregon PUC should be protecting Oregonians.

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