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To whom it may concern:

Taking of Land through Eminent Domain must be the last resort--the last step in any development project. Oregonians should not be faced with extensive legal fees to defend their land and homes, when monopoly utilities have endless resources (often paid by rate-payers). Decisions must consider the economic burdens that will be forced on unwilling and (in many cases) unknowing persons, must consider environmental justice impacts to communities at risk, including: rural, minority, low-income, elderly, 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, as well as the degradation to a person, family and communities' quality of life -- forever altered.

There is no valid reason to abandon or override existing regulations governing eminent domain. If so, this decision belongs in the legislature -- not in an agency's rule-making authority! Once again, Idaho Power is trying make an end run around the usual established processes to the detriment of local communities and individual land owners and in so doing violate our rights to due process, while at the same time asserting their yet to be established rights to eminent domain. This is tantamount to sentencing a person to prison before the trial has been completed.

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