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## Eminent Domain Give Away -- aka --Give away Other Peoples Private Property

Ok, so what gives?

You are really even considering making it even yet easier for the For Profit Monopolies to literally 'steal' private property owners land? (I use the word 'steal' because essentially that is what is occurring now and would become even more flagrant and abusive under your give-away ideas... WHO would EVER sell/lend/lease/give a ROW or easement to ANYONE for the prices and under the duress the current system allows, much less the travesty you are considering???? Really---it just would not ever happen in the private sector for good reasons.)

Would you sell me a big chunk of your backyard forever, just because I want it, to make a profit ( I mean because it serves the 'public good', by my definition...)?

We are supposedly a Nation of Laws --- and similar to slave ownership laws, those written by the oligarchs, profiteers, and industrialists, not remarkably, favor them at every turn.

Utilities were given Monopoly benefits with the basic limitation that they would be carefully and strictly

REGULATED by and for the People. They get monopoly power and benefits, but only to judiciously and efficiently serve the public.

Apparently I and others need to remind you that in fact your job is rein in the profiteering monopolies and their legions of attorneys, shills, and lobbyists. NO, they DO NOT have the best interests of Oregonians as their primary interest.

Do YOU???????????? (oh am I supposed to bow down and be nice to you oh great commisoners?? Would hate to hurt your power egos.) Lets deal with the truth.

While it is supremely obvious to most of us, apparently this also needs to be stated : The ONLY people that are doing the important endless research, and advocacy for the greater good, for Oregon, for both its people and environment and future, are the Citizens that are primarily associated with STOPB2H. Some of your fellow citizens have given thousands and thousands of hours of their most precious resource, their finite lives, unpaid, to educated you, and the public and to battle the pernicious influence of an out-of-state monopolistic corporate juggernaut. No one else is doing it. They do it because they smell rot and rise to their civic duty to care for out polity. ( I am not speaking for myself---as I have spent only some hours in this fight, but others have essentially given their life energy to stop this atrocity. These good people would much prefer to be starting a youth camp, volunteer at the food bank, or spend more

time with their grandkids, or reading...why do you think they are doing this?)

No doubt those who have contested this horror of a proposal, almost universally looked to the OPUC as our ally: the one and only agency that like us, was focused on caring for the rate payers, their paychecks, their futures as consumers of energy, and probably most important, looking out for the environment and future generations.

I will not speak for others, but I would bet, that almost to a person, we have completely lost faith in the PUC as an agency that follows its mandate --- and feel betrayed and failed by YOU, the Commissioners.

Why would we think otherwise? What have you done to protect the rate-payers? The splendid environment of Oregon? The future challenges of the people and their energy future?

To even put this kind of scam of a proposal on your agenda is a gut punch to the People.

Monopolistic, self-interested, investor owned, corporations, that get a guaranteed profit for building industrial clear-cuts (guess which lobbyists wrote that law?)....should be held the most exceptional standards of proof and need and diligence, well before they can even consider asking for the exceptional power of eminent domain. Don't you think?

Yes, eminent domain is a sad but necessary concept. We all use highways and transmission lines and sometimes lands need to be 'taken' to serve the greater good. Yet the current laws are much too lenient and permissive. If ANYTHING, you should be considering tightening the parameters and level of proof and need for the use of eminent domain.

Many decades ago I volunteered to work for an Oregon Congressman in DC. THE most obvious trait of the day to day activity of the process of legislation was that the corporate lobbyists run our country. They were then the most common advocates walking the halls with only a very few dedicated citizens making the trek 2500 miles to come wait for a 5 minute audience with their elected representative. It has of course become worse and worse over time and now we are at the mercy of these paid mercenaries.

You decide who side you are on.

When you are dead, I will come carve on your headstone that you 'Served the Future' or that you were a 'Sell Out.'

With absolutely no faith or hope in the process, or you,

Peter Barry

