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I am expressing my extreme concern over the Commission's plans to disregard Oregon's regulations governing eminent domain. This is a flagrant example of OPUC's regulatory capture by utilities. The Oregon Public Utility Commission, as a **regulatory agency**, is tasked with representing the public's good, not serving utilities' convenience. Utilities are claiming that following the law is "too slow." That is one purpose of the law, to prevent hasty decisions on important issues! Regulations, written and amended over time, are devised to assure a balance of power. Idaho Power's B2H is one case of many. Why is an Oregon regulatory agency willing to hand over a 305 miles long corridor, 250' wide, to profit an Idaho utility? **Seventy percent of the proposed B2H transmission line is on private land.** Oregon residents are your constituency. Oregon laws are designed to protect us. Who are you serving?

This land grab has far reaching impacts on those who have no say in the matter and want to say NO, you can't have my land. **There is NO amount of financial compensation** to replace what's being stolen from them. When the landowner objects to having their dreams and goals taken from them and balks at bowing to the request to have IPC crawl all over their property for whatever they "need" to get the powerline approved, they bully and haul the landowner to court, and they have to allow it, regardless. This is infuriating and, again, WRONG!

The proposed B2H powerline has no business being built. The reasons to oppose it and fight it to the bitter end are many. If it's built it will be a 305 mile long incision upon the land, scarring it, creating a vulgar viewshed, and an insult to those that vehemently oppose it.

The issues are overwhelming and IPC will do anything it takes to build this hideous powerline. The interest of the people should be respected and valued.

Sincerely,
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Union County Commissioners