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Subject: AR 626 – Certificate of Public Convince and Necessity

To Oregon Public Utilities Commission,
I understand the OPUC is going to allow utilities to take citizen's land **before the utility has all the permits required** to do so!

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.

Decisions must consider environmental justice impacts to communities at risk, including: rural, minority, low-income, elderly.

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.

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 rulemaking authority!

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Sincerely, Sarah Watson, Oregon resident and homeowner for 30+ years