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Subject: AR 626 – Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

To Whom, etc.:

Eminent Domain is intended to be employed ONLY when all other avenues have been exhausted, AFTER ALL permits and approvals have been finalized, and ONLY as a last recourse in the best interests of the general public, NOT as a convenience for the applicant!

I overheard Idaho Power representatives bragging and laughing to each other after a public comment meeting, concerning the proposed B2H project, more than a decade ago, that they'd simply invoke Eminent Domain if they didn't get what they wanted when they wanted it! Idaho Power is a For-Profit corporation, with No concern for the public interest! At every opportunity throughout the permitting process, Idaho Power has repeatedly sought to bypass any inconvenient regulation in their haste to steamroll this boondoggle past any obstacle!

The Eminent Domain process has a legal protocol in place, with NO provision for ignoring said protocol under ANY circumstances! There are valid reasons for the steps mandated to be followed as prescribed. Idaho Power requesting that OPUC ignore the protocol for the convenience of Idaho Power, and the disenfranchisement of Oregon property owners, amounts to asking OPUC to cheat! For OPUC to even consider their request amounts to malfeasance with no mitigating factors!

Remember who you represent, Oregon citizens, NOT an Idaho corporation! Do your job! Deny Idaho Power Corporation (aka Greed Incorporated) their request, with prejudice!

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