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To: PUC PUC.FilingCenter * PUC
Subject: AR 626 – Certificate of Public Convince and Necessity

Dear PUC of Oregon,

I am very upset about the draconian methods allowed in the B2H permitting process. Allowing the taking of land through Eminent Domain should remain a last resort. Listening to the PEOPLE should be your very first priority. We do not want this ugly outdated and dangerous utility line through Eastern Oregon which takes from us but gives us nothing!

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!

Please, please listen to the people who will be affected by this transmission line! We keep stating over and over that here in our La Grande Valley there is no viable way to deal with any fires caused by this line. Do you really feel that you have the authority to put my life in danger over this line?

Think about it. Take the moral high road and at least follow the RULES.

Sincerely,
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