Public comments to Oregon PUC (Public Utility Commission) for AR 638 Draft Temporary Rulemaking

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Dear Public Utility Commission:

I am a public Citizen interested in actions of the Oregon PUC and the Oregon Energy Facilities Siting Council, especially as it relates to the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line (B2H). It is no secret that I am opposed to the Transmission line. I question Idaho Power and PacifiCorp assumptions and data whenever possible.

My motivation is to protect the National Historic Oregon Trail. I am the current Preservation Officer of the Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA). The proposed route crosses the Trail seven times, most damaging is front of the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center (NHOTIC) near Baker City.

By listening to AR 638 discussion, I can follow Idaho Power and PacifiCorp's efforts to comply with the rules and their efforts to support the PUC. The Energy Facility Siting Council is also deferring most of Idaho Power's Wildland Fire Plan to that which is developed by the PUC.

The Zoom Meeting today was informative. It is my opinion, that today there was little positive or constructive effort toward permanent rules. The Hood River written response seemed genuinely interested in progress with constructive comments.

In Eastern Oregon counties of Umatilla, Union, Baker and Malheur most fire districts are run by volunteers. The notification rules will be vitally important, up-dating will also be important as the personnel change frequently.

I hope the next meeting will be more productive, and easier on the staff. If not the method used by the California PUC toward PG&E may be necessary.

Respectively,

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