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Administrative Hearings Division Public Utility Commission of Oregon PO Box 1088 Salem, Oregon 97308-1088

Dear OPUC Commissioners,

I live in Baker County and spend a lot of time at the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center enjoying spectacular views of the Elkhorn Mountains, valleys and local ranches. It's difficult for me to think of our local land owners giving up ('taken away' through eminent domain) productive farm and ranch land to these high voltage monstrosities that will mare our landscape forever without any benefit to this community. This project is too destructive for the fragile eastern Oregon environment and habitats. Add the fiscal risks and wildfire risks, and the project is just too risky!

The OPUC is mandated to consider the "least-cost, least-risk" energy plan (IRP). OPUC looks at these plans every two years because the energy industry is evolving rapidly. Please look at the risk factor as seriously as the low cost factor. IPUC staff considered the high-gas, high-carbon portfolio as the most probable portfolio due the rising costs of gas and carbon. Why isn't the OPUC?

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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