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Dear OPUC Commissioners,

I sent this earlier but failed to include my address in the text. Sorry for the duplication! Here it is again.

The budget for the B2H does not appear to be up-to-date and has not been shared transparently with the public. Additionally, PacificCorp has not weighed in on any budget at all. Are they truly invested in this project as a co-developer? The proposal has no contingency, and has only been developed to a preliminary-level estimate. Before accepting this 2021 IRP a more detailed and transparent budget needs to be presented to the public's satisfaction - one that includes clear evidence that PacificCorp is fully invested in this project and one that addresses cost contingencies given that all construction and material costs have risen significantly during these past several years.

I'm aware that grid and climate resiliency is very important here, but do we really need to build this line (increasing fire and environmental risk while condemning private land) when it appears that power source technology is rapidly changing? New technology will not come cheap, but we need to be looking at local, innovative sources. The B2H line project is neither of these.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter,

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