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Chair Decker, Commissioner Tawney, and Commissioner Thompson,

In view of PacifiCorp's letter, dated 12/2/22, about remaining committed to working with Idaho Power and the Bonneville Power Administration to move forward with the project, Stop B2H Coalition (STOP) offers this response.

Projects of this complexity do take time, a lot of time. Are we going to condemn peoples' land while the utilities fiddle away ratepayer money arguing who is going to profit the most from us minions?

I'd like to bring your attention to the Amended and Restated Joint Permitting Agreement and its 10 extensions leading up to the 1/18/22 nonbinding term sheet. The original Amended and Restated Joint Permitting Agreement was dated 2/13/18<sup>1</sup>. It took 4 years to sort this joint permitting agreement out. How long is it going to take to sort out this term sheet?

Mr. McVee states, it has already taken more time than originally anticipated and "PacifiCorp continues to be actively engaged in negotiations with Idaho Power and the Bonneville Power Administration on commercial terms and remains committed to finalizing contracts with terms and conditions acceptable to all parties." He further states, "Once there is agreement on final terms and conditions, Bonneville Power Administration will begin its public process, which is required prior to signing binding agreements."

Has anyone asked the BPA how long their public process will take?

Then after BPA's public process, they have to figure out the transfer of assets and regulatory approvals which are unstated. Are we looking at another 4 years (like the Joint Permitting Agreement), and meanwhile OPUC will authorize the taking of peoples' land while the utilities fiddle?

STOP hopes you see that this project is not at a maturity level worthy of a CPCN. It is without a firm budget or partners ready to put the money where their mouth is. Idaho Power can meet their need using the federal IRA money to build renewables close to load while reinforcing their transmission infrastructure via the Gateway West project.

Do not acknowledge the CPCN request per STOP's final comments in LC 78. Then shut CPN 5 down until PAC comes to the table and requests and receives acknowledgment for the B2h in their IRP as Commissioner Bloom stated in 2017.

Thank you  
/s/Jim Kreider  
Co-Chair, Stop B2H Coalition

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<sup>1</sup> See CONFIDENTIAL Attachment 11 - CPCN - Staff Data Request No. 32 - B2H Tenth Amendment Joint Permit Funding Agmt.pdf for history