

To the Commissioners,

Please be fully aware and proceed accordingly, that Least Cost and Least Risk alternatives to this transmission line application have not been comprehensively and systematically researched nor vetted.

It is critical and incumbent upon the Commissioners to ensure that reasonable and currently feasible alternatives are researched and vetted by third party assessment to protect the Rate Payers now and long into the future.

Is this not THE most important mission of the OPUC?

It appears that the OPUC is merely checking off 'application process' boxes and not providing the rigorous protections that Oregonians expect and deserve.

Be sure, Idaho Power Corporation, as for-profit monopoly, is intent on serving its stock holders, not the Rate Payers of Oregon. Every single document they provide, and every supposition and supposed 'fact' should be acutely examined with this knowledge at the forefront of all considerations. Is this occurring?

Who in the OPUC can guarantee to the rate payers of Oregon that you have verified the hundreds of thousands of propositions in the Idaho Power application? Are you being the fire-wall for the Rate Payers and the environment of Oregon?

Which of you can assert with certainty that the many alternatives to provide electricity to the the tiny minority of Idaho Power consumers in Oregon cannot be accomplished for less cost and less risk?

Who are you relying on to ascertain that the many options currently available, including increasing capacity on existing lines, local and regional electrical production, and resilient flexible local grids, to mention just a few, are not Least Risk and Least Cost compared to this questionable and clearly vulnerable single-source application? The least expensive form of energy is conservation. How well has that been researched as a piece of the answer?

The current and future Rate Payers, the tax payers, our children and the future generations are counting on you to provide answers that are truthful and complete, and to look ahead for answers, and not just rubber stamp old ideas from suspect sources. We live in times of phenomenal change. You can be part of the solution by demanding complete transparency and hard evidence, and more, looking at the technological and societal solutions that are now available to us all.

## The time to make fundamental changes to our energy future is here. We are counting on you.

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