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To the OPUC Commissioners and Judge Mellgren,

As a representative and a 'decider' in this endless charade of a 'Public process' ---which of course is 'supposed' to protect the rate-payers versus serving every whim of the corporate power structure-- I ask that you as public servant choose to absolutely side with the rate-payers and their advocates at all twists and turns of this ludicrous and lop-sided process.

That Jocelyn Pease and other hired guns want the process to be as strictly legalistic in process and interpretation, should have no bearing on your choices and rulings. Should not the process be as open and available to the people that this process is supposed to serve---the rate payers, the future rate-payers, and the rest of the public in Oregon? As few if any of the many people objecting the

application are attorneys, it seems only fair to be as inclusive and broad-minded in the process as is possible.

Please READ for comprehension ---?when was the last time you read this??

Our Mission

Our mission is to ensure Oregonians have access to safe, reliable and fairly priced utility services that advance state policy and promote the public interest. We use an inclusive process to evaluate differing viewpoints and visions of the public interest and arrive at balanced, well-reasoned, independent decisions supported by fact and law.

Our Vision

Our vision is to improve the lives of Oregonians through effective utility regulation and leadership in the utility sector. We serve Oregon by:

- holding utilities to high standards of performance and value
- guiding a transformation in utility services consistent with Oregon's social, environmental, and economic goals, and
- adapting regulatory processes to improve inclusion, learning, collaboration, and problem-solving

Our success depends on recruiting and retaining talented and engaged employees to provide independent analysis in support of agency decision-making. We strive to offer meaningful work, mentoring and training, and a positive workplace culture.

Our Values

Accountability: Our responsibility to serve utility customers drives us to be diligent in our work, and efficient and effective in managing financial and human resources.

Integrity: As individuals, we are honest, trustworthy, and respectful. As an organization, we use open, fair processes and independent analysis to reach informed and just decisions.

Inclusion: We strive to advance equitable access, engage diverse perspectives, promote collaboration, and recognize our impact on all communities.

Adaptability: We develop expertise and adapt our skills, our organization, and our regulatory processes and tools in order to meet rapid change in our regulated industries.

I strongly object to the apparent 'reality' that the OPUC has chosen to invent, whereby a rubber stamp of this corporate profiteering application is somehow the inevitable outcome.

So many glaring questions have never been answered and yet the charade marches on.

No one, (except perhaps the inner secret budget crunchers within Idaho Power Corporations HQ) have any realistic idea how much this monstrosity would cost the rate payers, much less the true human and environmental costs. It seems impossible that we all do not know the budget. For any project or purchase, we all ask --- 'how much?' Because it matters.

A One Dollar bond? The grandkids' lemonade stand has more liability than that.

The OPUC is 'supposed to', by their own mission statement and obligations, exhaustively research all other plausible alternatives that may fulfill the 'least cost, least risk' measuring stick.

Right? Then why has this not occurred?

There exists quite a litany of other serious and legitimate concerns and questions that the OPUC has failed to answer adequately, or at all.

The process marches on, as Jocelyn Pease notes in her last request, the 'next steps' are upon us.

I can only 'hope' that some of these steps would include demanding comprehensive and competent answers to ALL of the many legitimate questions that the public, stake-holders, STOPB2H, et al, have advanced ---- before any other 'steps' are taken. Isn't it the singular task of the OPUC to get the facts, the answers, the alternatives, BEFORE decisions are written in stone?

The OPUC has a clear cut role in protecting the rate-payers in the short term and into the long term as much as we can divine that. It is impossible to make intelligent and well informed decision based on the self serving application and the continuous obfuscating and narrow, legalistic nit-picking.

Oregonians deserve better than all this. Please weigh in on the side of the People.

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