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Administrative Hearings Division
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Dear Gentlepersons,

I attended some of the early meetings that were sponsored by Idaho Power regarding their proposed B2H powerline. At the last meeting that I had attended approximately 4 years ago I asked "How much power loss could be anticipated in transmission over this distance? None of the company representatives would answer, but they did say that they would get back to me. They never did.

In that interval, I asked a friend who is an electrical engineer that same question. He said, "Somewhere between 5% and 40%. I am in science, so I understand that temperature, kind of conductor, etc would change this number, but that if indeed the number was anywhere close to 40% , then the project would seem absurd.

Meanwhile, Bonneville Power has backed out of the project, and Google has or is coming into the Boardman area and will use much power and also water. I did learn at the Idaho Power meeting that the ratepayers will pay for their line whether it makes sense or not.

There has been much change in the energy situation since Idaho Power originally proposed this project. What I see is a potentially exploding power bill, and perhaps part of it will be for a powerline that no longer makes sense. Please learn about these changes and rethink this powerline.

Yours Sincerely, Ann Brown

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To whom it may concern,

There are too many reasons to mention why this project should never happen! I will state, but a few that are most important to me.

Our beautiful valley and surrounding areas draw a great deal of visitors, from other areas, for recreation and other aspects of tourism, which is vital to our economic security. With development continuing across the state, our valley is, fortunately, one area that remains quiet, peaceful, and uncrowded. People move to and stay here because of this. Those who are directly affected, will see their property that they've invested their lives for and have looked forward to retirement on, greatly devalued, as well as impacted by increased risk of fire. Eminent domain must be the last resort!

There are many options to consider:

Alternate transmission lines - such as undergrounding of B2H for 1.7 miles in front of the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center.

The federal BLM route west of La Grande which would save Morgan Lake Park, Twin Lakes wetlands, Glass-Rice Natural Area, and to better protect numerous rural homes facing corona noise intrusions that are predicted to exceed the state's noise control standards.

The Central Oregon Right of Way. An underground DC line along the railroad right of way, or the interstate, would be more secure and innovative.

Upgrading and fire hardening the existing 3 lines between Oregon and Idaho (Path 14) should occur before building anything new and taking people's land.

Please think outside the box! Decentralizing energy generation and resources in Idaho are the way of the future. Energy resources are the topic of concern and ripe for innovation right now! Much has already changed and is trending away from Idaho Power's plans.

Please do what is right! Protect the landowners and our beautiful valley!

Sincerely,

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