

The following exhibit 1. Is from the Sherman County Sheriff's Office. It details the second fire discussed within the testimony of Fire Chief, Steve Rhea. The fire ignited under the Transmission line. The report validates that the ignition was in fact Tower related. This substantiates the Fire Chiefs testimony.

Exhibit 1;

## Incident Report - 03/22/2023

### Incident Report # 22292



**SHERMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
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#### Event Info

|                                 |   |                            |                       |                         |                     |
|---------------------------------|---|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Date Reported<br>08/02/2022     | Time Reported<br>16:00                          | Time Dispatched<br>00:00   | Time Arrived<br>00:00 | Time Completed<br>00:00 |                     |
| Addr. of Occ.<br>GERKING CANYON | City<br>COUNTY                                  | District<br>Sherman County | Grid<br>County        | Sub-Grid<br>Residential | How Reported<br>911 |
| Dispatch Disposition<br>CLR     | Disposition Tags<br>CLOSED PENDING FURTHER INFO |                            |                       |                         |                     |

#### Synopsis

On 08-02-22 at about 1600 hours I responded to a fire on Gerking Canyon, just above Rufus. Investigation found that the fire was likely caused by a BPA power line. The fire started directly below the line in a remote area. A broken insulator was located. Firefighters also mentioned a birds nest being spotted.

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| Agency 1<br>SHERMAN COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE | Initial Investigator<br>BURGETT, JAMES |
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#### Classification

|               |                               |
|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Class<br>FIRE | Subclass<br>Brush, Grass Fire |
|---------------|-------------------------------|

Auto Weapon Indicator  
No

#### Case Management

|  |                           |                             |                                   |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Initial Investigator<br>BURGETT, JAMES | Report Status<br>Approved | Approved By<br>LOHREY, BRAD | Date Approved<br>08/03/2022 16:29 |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|

#### Approval History

| Status   | Approved By  | Date             |
|----------|--------------|------------------|
| Approved | LOHREY, BRAD | 08/03/2022 16:29 |

#### Investigative History

| Investigator   | Team Name | Date             |
|----------------|-----------|------------------|
| BURGETT, JAMES | PATROL    | 08/03/2022 07:59 |

Exhibit 2. From the North Sherman Fire Dept, it also collaborates the Fire Chief's testimony on the fire He was present at. The incident is labeled as # 22292 within this Fire Dept. Again these incidents help support my arguments that Transmission Lines can be fire starters. It really does happen.

Exhibit 2.

**From:** Carol Greenfield <[carol@frontier911.org](mailto:carol@frontier911.org)>  
**Date:** March 21, 2023 at 3:36:26 PM PDT  
**To:** [srhea0512@gmail.com](mailto:srhea0512@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** CAD Notes: North Sherman Fire Department

Location listed: china hollow / gerking road  
Caller: bill martin / [541-980-5979](tel:541-980-5979)

GRASS FIRE

-----[CAD1/43788 08/02/22 16:23:43]

RELATED TO MFD [2208020089](#)

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-----[CAD1/43788 08/02/22 16:29:44]

ALEX [541 993 9822](tel:541-993-9822)/ADDL REPORT

-----[CAD3/43196 08/02/22 16:40:26]

ANOTHER CALLER / MARK RODRIGUEZ / [541 645 0180](tel:541-645-0180)

-----[CAD1/43788 08/02/22 16:50:57]

FD ADV THAT IT APPEARS THAT THE FIRE WAS STARTED BY A BIRDS NEST IN THE POWER TOWER

-----[CAD3/43196 08/02/22 16:58:40]

RELATED TO SCSO [2208020094](#)

-----[CAD3/43196 08/02/22 17:05:21]

S10 REQ ADVISED BPA / DAMAGE TO ONE OF THEIR TOWERS / LINE 1, M31, TOWER ONE

Let me know if there is anything else you need.  
Carol



Exhibit 3. The following fire incident from the Heppner Volunteer Fire Dept refers to a fire that the Fire Chief also described to me in our earlier conversations before He submitted his testimony. The response of Hepper Volunteer Fire Dept" is listed as an 'Mutual Aide" which carries a lower reporting level. The main fire department North Gillam Co. Fire Dept. will have greasier detailing requirements and we are seeking those incident reports as well. This particular fire was very destructive including structures etc.

Exhibit 3.

HEPPNER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

Location: Mutual Aid <sup>Arlington</sup> Zone - Condon Date: 7/12/98  
 Location: wheat

|          |         | DRILL | FIRE | COMMENTS  |
|----------|---------|-------|------|---|
| rgstrom  | Hal     |       |      | Very large wheat fire<br>Lost several Buildings<br>Apparently started<br>by power lines<br>Steve Anderson |
| rkenbine | Allen   |       |      |   |
| rkenbine | Forrest |       |      |   |
| rt       | Al      |       |      |   |
| tsforth  | Curtis  |       |      |   |
| tes      | Rusty   |       | ✓    |   |
| nna      | Jason   |       |      |   |
| skell    | Richard |       | ✓    |   |
| inson    | Andrew  |       |      |   |
| es       | Mike    |       |      |   |
| thley    | Jay     |       |      |   |
| caster   | Gene    |       |      |   |
| en       | Jeff    |       |      |   |
| har      | Jerid   |       | ✓    |   |
| a        | Steve   |       | ✓    |   |
| inson    | Dean    |       |      |   |
| nidt     | Ken     |       |      |   |
| eney     | Cam     |       |      |   |
| lund     | Tom     |       |      |   |
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Exhibit 4. This link is found within the PUC database under; Major Events Reports. The report describes the event as Transmission Line related. Again these events are all difficult to obtain. The only reason I was able to obtain these reports was through testimony which in turn provided an occurrence date, from the occurrence date more research and ultimately a request for the reports can be made. It should be noted that if any litigation was ongoing for these incidents the

reports would not be released. The reports validate the catastrophic events that happen around Transmission lines. This information is critical in understanding the risks surrounding B2H. PUC must be aware of events that have been uncovered. We must work together to ensure that these events do not repeat themselves.

Exhibit 4. Link: <https://edocs.puc.state.or.us/efdocs/HAQ/re107haq104617.pdf>

Exhibit 4. A partial viewing.

| <b>Report to the Oregon Utility Commission</b>   |                       |  |            |                                |    |                            |       |                              |           |                          |     |
|--|-----------------------|--|------------|--------------------------------|----|----------------------------|-------|------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----|
| <b>Electric Service Reliability - Major Event Report</b>   |                       |  |            |                                |    |                            |       |                              |           |                          |     |
| Event Date:  | August 25, 2013       |  |            |                                |    |                            |       |                              |           |                          |     |
| Date Submitted:  | September 26, 2013    |  |            |                                |    |                            |       |                              |           |                          |     |
| Reliability Reporting Region(s):   | Central Oregon region |  |            |                                |    |                            |       |                              |           |                          |     |
| Exclude from Reporting Status:   | Yes                   |  |            |                                |    |                            |       |                              |           |                          |     |
| Report Prepared by:  | Diane DeNuccio        |  |            |                                |    |                            |       |                              |           |                          |     |
| Report Approved by:  | Heide Caswell         |  |            |                                |    |                            |       |                              |           |                          |     |
| <b>Event Description</b>   |                       |  |            |                                |    |                            |       |                              |           |                          |     |
| On August 25, 2013, a brief but violent storm brought heavy rain, wind and lightning through Pacific Power's Central Oregon reliability region, causing numerous outages but most significantly a loss of transmission to two substations serving the company's customers in Bend/Redmond and Madras operating areas.                    |                       |  |            |                                |    |                            |       |                              |           |                          |     |
| <table border="1"><thead><tr><th></th><th>Central OR</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td><b>Sustained Interruptions</b></td><td>33</td></tr><tr><td><b>Customers Sustained</b></td><td>4,666</td></tr><tr><td><b>Customer Minutes Lost</b></td><td>1,418,614</td></tr><tr><td><b>CAIDI<sup>1</sup></b></td><td>304</td></tr></tbody></table> |                       |  | Central OR | <b>Sustained Interruptions</b> | 33 | <b>Customers Sustained</b> | 4,666 | <b>Customer Minutes Lost</b> | 1,418,614 | <b>CAIDI<sup>1</sup></b> | 304 |
|  | Central OR            |  |            |                                |    |                            |       |                              |           |                          |     |
| <b>Sustained Interruptions</b>   | 33                    |  |            |                                |    |                            |       |                              |           |                          |     |
| <b>Customers Sustained</b>   | 4,666                 |  |            |                                |    |                            |       |                              |           |                          |     |
| <b>Customer Minutes Lost</b>   | 1,418,614             |  |            |                                |    |                            |       |                              |           |                          |     |
| <b>CAIDI<sup>1</sup></b>   | 304                   |  |            |                                |    |                            |       |                              |           |                          |     |
| <b>Restoration</b>   |                       |  |            |                                |    |                            |       |                              |           |                          |     |
| Restoration personnel worked round the clock. Patrolmen worked to get the transmission line restored while crews worked to restore other outages due to wire down, blown fuses and transformers.   |                       |  |            |                                |    |                            |       |                              |           |                          |     |

This concludes my response, divulging all the information I have at the current time. This has taken considerable time to collaborate and assemble. It is true to the best of my knowledge. It also reflects a good faith effort to make relevant information available to all.

/s/. Sam Myers

Sam Myers