

Oregon Public Utilities Commission
201 High Street SE, Suite 100
Salem, OR 97301-3398

Re: PCN5-2023-05-27

Dear Oregon PUC Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of the Oregon Wheat Growers League to express support for Sam Myers in identifying alternatives to mitigate the adverse impacts to a valuable farm from expanded transmission line development. We support Mr. Myers in prioritizing what is in the best interest of his farm and commend his dedication to protecting the livelihood and sustainability of his family farm.

As an organization representing the collective voice of wheat growers throughout the state, we deeply value the important role that family farms play in Oregon's agricultural landscape. We recognize the countless hours of hard work, dedication, and sacrifice that go into maintaining a successful farming operation.

Transmission lines can have a significant impact on agricultural production, disrupting not only the land but also the daily operations of farms. We understand the potential consequences of these lines on a farm's productivity, including the disturbance of valuable acreage, impacts to firefighting and potential interference with crop growth and harvesting activities.

We believe that farmers should have the autonomy to make choices that best align with their values and objectives, ensuring the future prosperity of their operations. As an organization, we are committed to advocating for the rights of farmers and protecting the interests of agricultural communities across the state.

Sincerely,

Erin Hansell-Heideman
Morrow County President
State Secretary/Treasurer
Oregon Wheat Growers League