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To whom it may concern,

My comments regarding the Boardman to Hemingway project are as follows. First of all, it is not lawful to seize lands (either private or public) by method of eminent domain in a state where there is not clear and substantial public need. The problem with this project is that the people of Oregon will not directly benefit from the project. There is no net energy demand for the people of Oregon. Currently, Oregon has the capacity to produce more power for its people if needed. But there is no need. Therefore, no need for this transmission line. Possibly a need for the people of other states, but not the people of Oregon. Therefore it is not lawful to use eminent domain in Oregon if there is no substantial net benefit to the people of Oregon.

I would also like to address a portion of the transmission line that is proposed to traverse through my families elk ranch in Union County, The Elk Song Ranch. This ranch is home to one of the largest elk populations in North America. The ranch is wild, rugged, and pristine. The ranch is home to a wide variety of species of all kinds. Some of the species including fish and plant life are endangered. Putting a transmission line in this area of Union County would be a sin. The environmental impacts, as well as economic impacts would be enormous.

It is in my opinion, as well as hundreds of others, that the transmission line needs to stay on existing Corredor's wherever possible. There is substantial evidence that Idaho power did not do everything possible to keep the line on existing Corredor's. One of them being the 230. Idaho power has picked and chosen who it wants to deal with and who it doesn't throughout the process. I have sat in various meetings with the BLM and Idaho power. Idaho power has been misleading on various issues. On some issues, it has downright lied.

Idaho power has tried to accommodate LaGrand's citizens as well as its representatives. In an effort to please the people and keep them quiet as much as possible. The problem is, the citizens of LaGrande and the county commissioner do not want the line in sight. The goal five plan however does not protect visual impact to the people of the city.

In conclusion, I do not believe the use of eminent domain should be allowable pertaining to this project. If I can be proven otherwise, the line needs to stay on existing Corredor's wherever possible to minimize the overall environmental and economic impacts to the people of Oregon. Visual impacts to the city do not overpower impacts to landowners directly impacted.