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Kitchen Creek Ranch

December 15, 2008

John Van Landingham, Chairman, Oregon Department of Land Conservation & Development

Dear Chairman Van Landingham:

My wife and I live and work in rural Baker County. We are landowners, ranchers, and conservationists. We are writing to you today to let you and your colleagues know we oppose Idaho Powers Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project being constructed on 86% of private land in eastern Oregon. The B2HTLP is a 298 mile project that will expand power resources to the ever growing Boise area from Columbia River dams and coal fired plants.

Why through 86% of private land when the majority of land in eastern Oregon is public? That's what we'd like to know. We along with thousands of other Oregon citizens living and working here believe Idaho Power has found it easier to condemn and seize private land rather than fight BLM and other government agencies that require environmental impact statements and other very restrictive documentation and studies. The seizing of private property by corporations is outrageous especially considering the fact that Oregonians won't benefit from this project in the least. Why is the Oregon Department of Energy's Siting Council even considering this proposal for using this much private property?

We understand Boise and the rest of the nation needs more power and an updated power grid infrastructure. However, when so much public land is available shouldn't the Oregon Department of Energy, The Oregon Energy Siting Council, and Idaho Power try to work with BLM and other government agencies to try and keep this project on public ground and not over our homes and ranches where our families and children live and work every day? Idaho Power will violate their own Electrical Plan to avoid diagonal line routes, keep lines out of view sheds, use existing transmission Right of Ways and use transportation corridors if B2HTLP comes through Baker County as proposed.

Idaho Power's B2HTLP should not be allowed to cross any Exclusive Farm Use land in Baker County or EFU in any other county in Oregon. Idaho Power should follow a more responsible corridor that avoids Exclusive Farm Use property, as required by Oregon regulatory standards. Why hasn't this come up in their application process with the Oregon Department of Energy and the Energy Siting Council? If a corridor through public land is too expensive, an alternate corridor inside Idaho should be adopted.

Please call and write the Oregon Department of Energy, The Energy Siting Council, Idaho Power, and the BLM. Please tell them that the condemnation and seizure of private property is unacceptable and not what Oregon is about. We landowners have to abide by the property and land use laws, so should Idaho Power. Please tell them that they need to find an alternate route through public ground and stay off of private property in Oregon.

We have worked hard all our lives in order to live, work, and improve our property in Baker County. The seizure of our property by the B2HTLP will be a terrible life changer for us and hundreds of other property owners in Baker County and eastern Oregon. We refuse to sell our property to Idaho Power at any price.

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Without your help, we landowners, ranchers, farmers, and other citizens of Oregon will be subject to having our property condemned and seized. We have included a few names that are part of this process and will facilitate your communication with the various participants and agencies involved with the B2HTLP so our voices as well as yours can be heard. Thank you so much for your help.

Ted Kulongoski, Governor, State of Oregon, 503-378-4582

Ron Wyden, U.S. Senator, State of Oregon, 202-224-5244

Greg Walden, U.S. Representative, State of Oregon, 541-624-2400

John Van Landingham, Chair, Oregon LCDC, johnvl@lclac.org

Energy Siting Council, Oregon Department of Energy, 625 Marion St. NE. Salem, OR 97301

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Adam Bless, Energy Facility Analyst, Oregon Department of Energy, 503-378-8692

John White, Energy Facility Analyst, Oregon Department of Energy, 503-378-3194

Lucas Lucero, B2H Federal Project Manager, BLM, 702-515-5059

Eric Hackett, B2H Project Manager, Idaho Power, 208-388-5712

Ken Anderson, U.S. Forest Service Baker County, 541-523-1901

Fred Warner, Baker County Commissioner, 541-523-6196

Tim Kerns, Baker County Commissioner, 541-856-3250

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Sincerely,

Richard & Nora Adamo



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January 12, 2009

Chair John VanLandingham
And Commissioners
Land Conservation and
Development Commission
635 Capitol Street NE, Suite 150
Salem, OR 97301-2540

Re: LCDC Meeting of December 3-5, 2008, Agenda Item # 10
Greater Bear Creek Valley Regional Problem Solving
Calculation of Land Needed for Urban Reserves

Dear Commissioners:

Recently there has been some debate regarding data used by the Bear Creek Valley Regional Problem Solving Project to calculate urban reserve estimates. We apologize for the confusion, and together offer a note of clarification.

As you know, this has been a long, complex project with massive amounts of data submitted by numerous parties. Over time, this data has undergone constant adjustments and updates, which has sometimes made it difficult to ensure that everyone has the same data, or that everyone understands the data the same way.

Since our December 5, 2008 presentations to you, we have been working together in good faith to develop a consistent understanding of the available information, and to suggest a way in which a reasonable measure of efficiency in the UGB can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of all. We are both pledged to continuing that work, and to avoid the suggestion that any confusion at this point over the numbers is due to anything more than too many cooks toiling too long over the proverbial broth.

Thank you for your patience as we work through this,

Michael Cavallaro
Rogue Valley Council of Governments

Greg Holmes
1000 Friends of Oregon

cc: Richard Whitman, DLCD
John Renz, DLCD