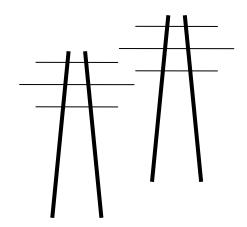
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RE: Great Northern Transmission Line – DEIS Public Hearings PUC Docket No. TL-14-21; DOE No. EIS-0499

Dear Ms. Smith and Mr. Storm:

I've reviewed the Notice of Availability for the GNTL DEIS, and note that there are public "meetings" planned, and not public hearings. Is this consistent with the requirements of NEPA?

What is your authority for holding public "meetings" rather than public "hearings?" Will people making public comments at meetings be offered the option of making their comment under oath? Will there be a publicly available transcript made?

Thank you for your consideration of these points.

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Very truly yours,

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