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I understand why developers want to develop where there are already transmission lines. It is cheaper and easier, especially if they take farm ground out of production that is already flat and tilled.

But developers still need to follow the rules and use common sense. Take, for example, Portland General Electric's Biglow Canyon Wind Farm. Adding solar to Biglow without oversight is irresponsible, and the fire danger is real. A solar and battery facility is very different from a wind farm, although the term " farm is a misnomer. These are industrial power plants that need to be run responsibly.

We don't need 4,000 pages of instructions for building and operating these projects, especially if it is the same cut-and-paste verbiage from Tetra Tech. Each project has specific issues to be addressed, in readable English, without complicating it.

Sound decision-making concerning weeds, wildlife, and other site specifications - with teeth, and feet held to the fire - so that transformers (battery boxes for solar) aren't rusting, catching fire, and dropping pieces that scream down at 90mph onto someone's head. A \$2500 fine, like ODOE has given PGE for oil spills, is nothing - they need to be held accountable, really accountable, for past mistakes. That should eliminate many future issues.

Just because a company has transmission available doesn't mean they don't need oversight, especially if they have done a poor job of maintaining what they already have. Most of Biglow's Phase 1 is not operating. Fifty of the 76 Vestas towers are not producing power. Why? Because the money was not allocated to maintain them. In fact, the dollar amount decreased by over \$20,000 million per year as the project aged! Now the Siemens towers are starting to fail, so let's move on to solar! NO!!!

I believe the tax credits and being able to say a certain percentage of their portfolio was green energy were PGE's reasons for building Biglow, not the actual production of green energy. Being able to say you have a 450 MW wind farm versus having a wind farm producing 450MW of power are two very different animals.