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My Name is Dale Weise,;

My home used to be at 123 E. Sorbin Ave, Gates, Or., 97346. I am a Former Gates City Councilor & President, also former North Santiam Sewer Authority board member. Both of these positions leave me with the emotions of incomplete projects, due to having to relocate outside of Oregon.

I support the passage of SB926.

Pacific Power refusing to de energize the lines in Set,7, 2020 was out of sheer greed. Not only would there be loss of revenue, but Pacific Power would also have to reinspect every foot of line & piece of equipment prior to re energizing any line. Additional & excessive labor costs.

Given this legislation is directly involving Pacific Power's accountability for criminal negligence, I'd like to list just a few instances & histories, the fires are not isolated incidents of poor maintenance and hazardous situations Pacific Power. created I lived in the Santiam Canyon for 16yrs, power outages, flickers, & blips, etc., were common without fail. Power surges that ruined a TV & Computer .

- Pacific Power installed smart meters some years prior to the fires, how is it not they did not monitor & see meters dropping offline/communicating due to fire destruction, and did not realize the power needed to be shut down? After warnings from the State of Oregon to be ready to shut off the power!

- Power Pole off Kingwood Ave., back road from Gates to Mill City, is frequently impacted by vehicular traffic, resulting in power outages (and potential fire ignition) , Pacific Power has yet to my knowledge installed any kind of vehicular barrier for the frequently impacted power pole, this would seem the prudent approach & more permanent solution than continually replacing the pole. Which takes many hours to complete, and power restoration. And a reduction of any chance of fire ignition.

- Just about a month prior to the fires Sept.7,2020 Pacific Power had a tree power line incident at Fisherman's bend campground, see the link.

<https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/2020/08/03/fishermens-bend-recreation-site-reopens-after-wildfire-campground/5574688002/>

- Pacific Power caught destroying evidence day(s) after the fires.

- Pacific Power caught tampering with employees pre depositions.

- Pacific Power caught post-trial tampering with jurors.

- Pacific Power defying court orders/Subpoenas to submit corp documents for discovery.

- Pacific Power did not, has not replaced "cooked" transformers post fire, and many of the post fire outages are transformer related. Often reported on FB by community members, witnessing showering sparks when transformers are exploding.

- Pacific Power has been awarded by the PUC several rate hikes post fire. And post Gross Negligence conviction, how does that work? Yet desired to create a fire fund at the expense of rate payers!!! Shut down by the PUC, the Legislators Marsh/Mannix introduce a near verbatim piece of legislation, thankfully it got shut down. Coincidence?
- ODF report finally is issues, containing complete contradictions, of evidence, testimonies, USFS, ect... again near verbatim of Pacific Power's claims of innocence. Please explain how residents extinguished 10 of the 12 spot fires from wind driven downed lines, in 70 mph winds, when power loss was clearly evident for any wells, and municipal water systems were depleted dry & too without power. Total stretch for the most vivid imagination!!!ODF way off here. But again near verbatim of Pacific Power's claims, coincidence? Think not personally.
- Pacific Power claims no direct involvement with Atty.'s outside the James Class, that are coercing fire victims to settle for absurdly low amounts. Amounts that pre-Tax exempt legislation passage by state & Federal legislators would have left victims with \$200,000 +/- to rebuild with. Surely with all certainty Pacific Power & the shyster Atty.'s was fully aware of the net settlement amounts, & how low they would be. The public comments in a Canyon Weekly article, by P