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**Part One: Testimony Submission for April 16, 2025, Remand Hearing Case File T3-2022-16220 affecting wildlife sustainability in East County,**

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Subject: Environmental and Compliance Concerns for PWB Water Treatment Plant Case File: T3-16220 and subsequent approval of Case File: T2-2024-0061 (see Part Two) Submitted by Cindy Bennington

I am submitting this testimony as a 25-year resident along SE Dodge Park Blvd., Gresham, across from the Portland Water Bureau owned 2-acre property at [35227 SE Carpenter Lane](#). In September 2024 Multco Land Use approved a Temporary Permit (Case File: T2-2024-0061). This property lies between Carpenter Lane on the South and Dodge Park Blvd on the North. PWB intends for this to be the access strip for the pipeline to enter Dodge Park Blvd. This is problematic for the wildlife on many levels.

The two PWB owned properties lie just west of a designated Riparian & Wildlife Habitat (2002 Multnomah West of Sandy Rural Plan, Goal 5 Resources, Map Page 21, "ST"). In spite of this, no environmental overlays were done on this 2-acre site nor required impact studies on nearby significant resources done thus ignoring the loss of this corridor and its connectivity to protected habitat. (More on Case File: T-2004-0061 to follow in a subsequent submission Part Two.)

Environmental Concerns: Significant loss of Wildlife Habitat since PWB construction began. In the Fall 2024, PWB cut down hundreds of mature trees. This wooded habitat provided protective cover for migrating herds of elk, daily travel of deer, coyotes, lynx, bobcats, and occasional bear, as they made their way along the bluffs of the Sandy River Canyon. This right-of-way strip provided protective habitat and nesting areas for numerous birds including bald eagles, falcons, owls and doves to name a few. I counted well over 100 cherry, wild plum and other fruit and nut trees that has been a stable food sources for wildlife for over a century. For years my family has observed these species crossing between the back of our property and the property now owned by PWB. Since construction began, wildlife presence has been all but nonexistent.

My concerns focus on the significant environmental impacts of PWB's activities on wildlife habitat and apparent violations of Multnomah County's land use regulations. I urge the county to address these issues in the remand hearing for the Bull Run Treatment Plant Case File T3-2022-16220 and T2-2024-0061 and reconsider any permitting for either.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Cindy Bennington

Dehydrated Peregrine Falcon Chick, August 2022

Exhibit N.42



Deer photo from our bedroom window, July 2023. Note trees in the background on the southside of Dodge Park Blvd. which have been cut down. Below is a sample row of stumps along Dodge Park Blvd.



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