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Rebuttal to S.32 in Case 2022-16220

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Hearings Officer,

I'm writing to object to Portland Water Bureau's claim that they are being good environmental stewards during their building of and after completion of a water filtration plant plus their statement that environmentally the area will be better off in the end than at the beginning. I live right next to the site and have personally observed the loss of many natural resources.

Since this project began;

our groundwater is diminished,
our springs have disappeared,
elk no longer visit our property,
we only see an occasional deer instead of many weekly in season,
we no longer fall asleep to the delightful sounds of owls,
we personally saw water runoff from the project site pouring into Johnson Creek pulling contaminated soils along with it,
from our house we can no longer watch the sunset along the horizon if we look northwest,
quiet has returned during the Remand period and we really missed that element of the natural environment and it may never be present again if this plant is built,
quiet has been a valuable aspect of the natural soundscape and a reason so many of our neighbors moved here to begin with to be away from human noise,
the addition of urban like human noise especially in a rural setting is another example not being a good steward,
removing so many large trees is definitely not being a good environmental steward,
aesthetic pleasure was loss when so many large trees lining our road, SE Dodge Park Blvd, were cut down, lovely trees on one side and expansive agriculture fields on the other,
both stormwater runoff and watershed management are two areas where the Portland Water Bureau have shown very poor stewardship of natural resources,
replacement of large mature trees with smaller young trees will not replace the damage done nor replace the natural habitat for the animals that were displaced,
human impact to an environmentally natural area with industrial sized structures and functions is the perfect example that the Portland Water Bureau is NOT a good steward of any environmental systems that have been in place for hundreds of years!

Siting a massive water filtration plant within the urban growth boundary near other existing large structures would be more environmentally responsible in so many ways.

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Exhibit U.11