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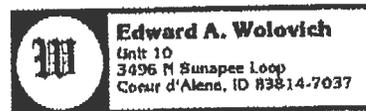
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Reason for objection:Tel.: 208-966-4336
208-699-6507 (cell)Sample survey shows
unanimous unpopular Avista Rate
increase.FAX: 208-930-4038Message:

The undersigned is a 92-year old WWII veteran, a licensed and registered professional engineer retired (Metallurgical/Environmental Engineer).

The State of Idaho being such as it is, I refer to recently enacted legislation criticised by the Sierra Club. However, I shall submit my suggestion and opinion knowing full well that it will fall on deaf ears, particularly in Governor Otter's offices.

Bear in mind that Avista owns and operates two (2) or three(3) coal mining operation for its power plants. The emissions often exceed set standards. What baffles most engineers is why the company often goes unpunished, often with only a warning.

I draw attention to Canada. There are reasons why there are no private utilities such as Avista. The utility in every Province and Territory from the Atlantic Coast to the Pacific Coast is state owned and operated without a cent of subsidy at cost plus 10%. FDR ran WWII upon that basis.

The enclosures are self-explanatory. Every one knows Enron's reputation. I aroused the interest of the Oregon Attorney General with a mailing of the Manitoba letter. Upon hostile takeover of PGE by Enron, the rates immediately increased considerably. The Oregon legislature actually passed a unanimous bill placing PGE under State ownership and control. The bill was only to be vetoed by "Democratic" Governor Kulangoski !! I need not comment further.

I trust that the Commission will find the enclosures and comments interesting. To emulate Canada's thinking would be too much to ask !!

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Wolovich:

Sorry for the delay in responding to you with the information that you had requested.

I am enclosing a copy of some information that we regularly hand out to prospective businesses explaining our electricity rates. We have the lowest published rates for both industrial and residential in all of North America. I have also enclosed information to support this statement. Should there be full-scale deregulation in Manitoba and if Manitoba Hydro were a private company, there would be massive increases in prices.

Manitoba Hydro contributes in many ways to the Manitoba treasury and the Manitoba economy. Government does not subsidize them in any way.

I hope this information helps. I would encourage you to go onto the Internet to Manitoba Hydro's website www.hydro.mb.ca. There you will find more information.

Yours truly,

Shaun Loney
Director of Energy Policy
Energy Development Initiative

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Enclosures

- c. The Honourable Gary Doer
- Honourable Greg Selinger

*The best existing rates in the USA is
FDR's TVA!!!*

Billie and I were customers in Beaverton. I tried to live and interview before the Oregon PUC. Then they heard I was going to promote state ownership using Hemingway as an example, a chain man made sure it was not to be!!



NADER
Visits Portland

Nader: Enron collapse could cause sell-off of PGE, double rates

By GAIL KINSEY HILL
THE OREGONIAN

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Consumer advocate Ralph Nader on Tuesday warned Oregonians that the Enron bankruptcy could force the piece-by-piece sell-off of Portland General Electric hydropower plants and transmission lines, with dire consequences for the utility's 730,000 ratepayers.

"Monthly bills could easily double or triple," Nader said of the bankruptcy's potential effect on PGE, an Enron subsidiary. "This is not theoretical."

Nader, joined by local consumer advocates Daniel Meek and Lloyd Marbet at a downtown Portland news conference, maintained that more bad news awaits PGE customers, recently hit with 30 percent to 50 percent increases in their utility rates. The activists called on the state to buy PGE assets, thus "preserving their value for Oregon ratepayers" and preventing further rate jumps.

Since Enron filed for Chapter 11 restructuring Dec. 2, questions have persisted over whether PGE would be dragged into

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Nader: State says PGE sale to NW Natural is on track

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the proceedings and picked apart or auctioned to the highest bidder.

PGE, as a subsidiary, is not included in the bankruptcy filing, and Enron has said it remains committed to the utility's proposed sale to Northwest Natural Gas for \$2.98 billion. Still, Enron's fall, the largest corporate collapse in U.S. history, has resulted in so many ugly surprises, no one is certain what will happen.

State regulators said a dismantling of PGE is unlikely, and that the proposal to sell PGE intact to Portland-based NW Natural remains on track. Members of the Oregon Public Utility Commission will be briefed today by attorneys who have been sorting through potential bankruptcy repercussions.

Meek valued PGE's hydropower plants and transmission lines at about \$2 billion. He said the state could buy the assets for "a few hundred million" by exercising its powers of eminent domain and by depreciating the assets over the 50-odd years the dams and power lines have been in use.

Meek said state legislators should take the first steps toward acquiring PGE during a special session in February. The Oregon Constitution allows the state to set up a

state power authority to buy, develop and control hydropower plants and to distribute electricity, he said.

Gov. John Kitzhaber and legislators plan to call a special session sometime next month to address the state's budget shortfall. Neither Kitzhaber nor key lawmakers have expressed an interest in buying a utility.

PGE officials were not immediately available for comment, but they have said they are confident a takeover by NW Natural will continue as planned.

"Management cannot predict with certainty what impact the bankruptcy of Enron may have on PGE," the utility stated in documents filed Dec. 4 with the Securities and Exchange Commission. "However, it does believe that the assets and liabilities of PGE will not become part of the Enron estate in bankruptcy and therefore does not expect the Enron bankruptcy proceedings to have a material effect on PGE's operations."

Paul Graham, an assistant attorney general for the Oregon Department of Justice and the lead counsel for the Public Utility Commission, said he will meet today with regulators to give them an update on where the bankruptcy proceedings might lead.

"In theory" the bankruptcy court could call for a sell-off of PGE assets, Graham said. "But this is not your typical bankruptcy case."

He said the interests of PGE customers, as well as Enron creditor need to be taken into consideration.

Incidentally, Nader made a virtual fool out of the guy!

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