

County of Yamhill
VOTERS' PAMPHLET

March 9, 2004
SPECIAL ELECTION

Proposed Formation of Yamhill County People's Utility District

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Dear Fellow Yamhill County Voters:

As your newly appointed county clerk, I am pleased to present to you a Yamhill County Voters' Pamphlet for the March 9, 2004, Special Election. The Yamhill County Voters' Pamphlet is published to provide a forum for candidates and the important issues being presented to you, the voters.

Candidate statements and measure arguments are included in this pamphlet by the payment of a fee. Candidates are arranged in order in the pamphlet and on the ballot according to a random alphabet established by the Secretary of State for each election. Not all candidates choose to submit candidate statements and appear in the voter pamphlet. The text of each statement or argument is printed as submitted by the author, no corrections are made by Yamhill County for punctuation, grammar, syntax errors or inaccurate information. The persons submitting the statements and arguments for the voter pamphlet are solely responsible for the content of the statements.

This voter pamphlet includes two ballot measures and the selection of directors for the formation of the Yamhill County People's Utility District. This issue was placed before the county commissioner's by citizen initiative, and the county commissioners were responsible for crafting the "Ballot Titles" and "Explanatory Statements".

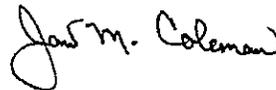
Because the proposed Yamhill County People's Utility District **does not** include voters who receive electrical service from McMinnville Water & Light, Tillamook People's Utility District or West Oregon Electric Coop, not all voters in Yamhill County will be voting on this issue. Registered voters who receive electrical service from Portland General Electric Company should be receiving a ballot for this election after February 20. Some of you may receive this voter pamphlet who are not eligible to vote on the PUD issues. If you are not a Portland General Electric customer and a registered voter, please just discard this pamphlet. We have taken the least expensive way to mail the voter pamphlet which means that some of you who are not eligible to vote on this issue may receive this pamphlet; however, you will not receive a ballot. If you **DO NOT** receive a ballot, but believe that you should have, please contact Yamhill County Elections at 503-434-7518 after February 20.

As a convenience to voters, "Official Ballot Drop Sites" have been designated in each city in the county. Look for the list of official drop sites in this pamphlet; you may take your ballot to any drop site listed. Some of the drop sites allow the voter to deposit a ballot without leaving the car or looking for a parking place; others are located in parking lots or along sidewalks. **If mailed, the postage required to return this ballot is 37¢, but ballots deposited in an "Official Ballot Drop Site" are postage free.** Remember, **postmarks do not count.** All ballots must be in an Official Ballot Drop Site or the Office of the County Clerk by 8:00 p.m. election day, March 9.

Any voter who needs assistance in voting because of any disability is invited to please contact me or my staff. We will make every attempt to meet your voting needs.

We hope that you will take time to become informed on the issues and exercise your right to vote.

Sincerely,



Jan Coleman
Yamhill County Clerk

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

When you get your ballot packet in the mail, immediately examine it to make certain it is complete. It should contain the following items:

- * A printed ballot on which you may vote your choices;
- * A secrecy envelope with voting instructions printed on it;
- * A pre-addressed return envelope in which to return your ballot;

If any items are missing or if you spoil your ballot, contact the Yamhill County Clerk's Office, 503-434-7518, and a replacement ballot pack will be sent to you.

Follow the instructions on the secrecy envelope.

After voting, fold your ballot along the pre-scored folds and insert it into the secrecy envelope.

Seal the return envelope and sign the statement on the back of the envelope. Your ballot will not be counted if your envelope is not signed.

Take the ballot return envelope to any "Official Ballot Drop Site" listed in this Yamhill County Voters' Pamphlet - OR...

Place the appropriate first class postage of 37¢ on the return envelope and mail it so that it is received in the Yamhill County Clerk's Office not later than 8:00 p.m., March 9, 2004.

If you make an error on your ballot, spoil it in any way or lose it, you may obtain a replacement ballot by contacting the Yamhill County Clerk's Office at 503-434-7518.

IMPORTANT:

YOUR BALLOT WILL NOT BE COUNTED IF IT IS NOT RECEIVED BY 8:00 PM ELECTION DAY.

Office hours on March 9, 2004, are 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Voting Your Ballot

To vote for a candidate whose name is printed on the ballot, use a #2 pencil or a black ball point pen, and simply connect the arrow next to the candidate of your choice.

To vote for a candidate whose name is not printed on the ballot, under the heading of the appropriate office, write the person's name on the (WRITE-IN) line provided. Then complete the arrow pointing to the write-in line. **You must connect the arrow to insure that your write-in vote is tallied.**

Oops! Make a mistake? Contact the Yamhill County Clerk, 503-434-7518, for a REPLACEMENT BALLOT.

Example of how to vote for a candidate

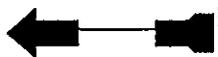
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Example of how to vote a "Write-in" candidate

(WRITE-IN)

George Washington



NOTICE

You may deliver your voted ballot to the following Official Yamhill County Ballot Drop Sites 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, beginning February 20, until 8:00 p.m., election day, March 9, 2004. The Official Ballot Drop Site is located either in the parking lot or on the sidewalk of the site listed:

**Amity City Library
Parking Lot Box
Hwy 99W, Amity**

**Dayton City Hall
Sidewalk Box
416 Ferry Street, Dayton**

**Lafayette City Hall
Parking Lot Box
486 3rd St (99W), Lafayette**

**Sheridan City Hall
Parking Lot Box
120 SW Mill St, Sheridan**

**Willamina City Hall
Sidewalk Box
411 NE C Street, Willamina**

**East end of Courthouse
Parking Lot Box
Enter 5th Street - Exit 6th Street,
McMinnville**

**Carlton City Hall
Parking Lot Box
191 East Main St, Carlton**

**Dundee City Hall
Parking Lot Box
620 SW 5th St, Dundee**

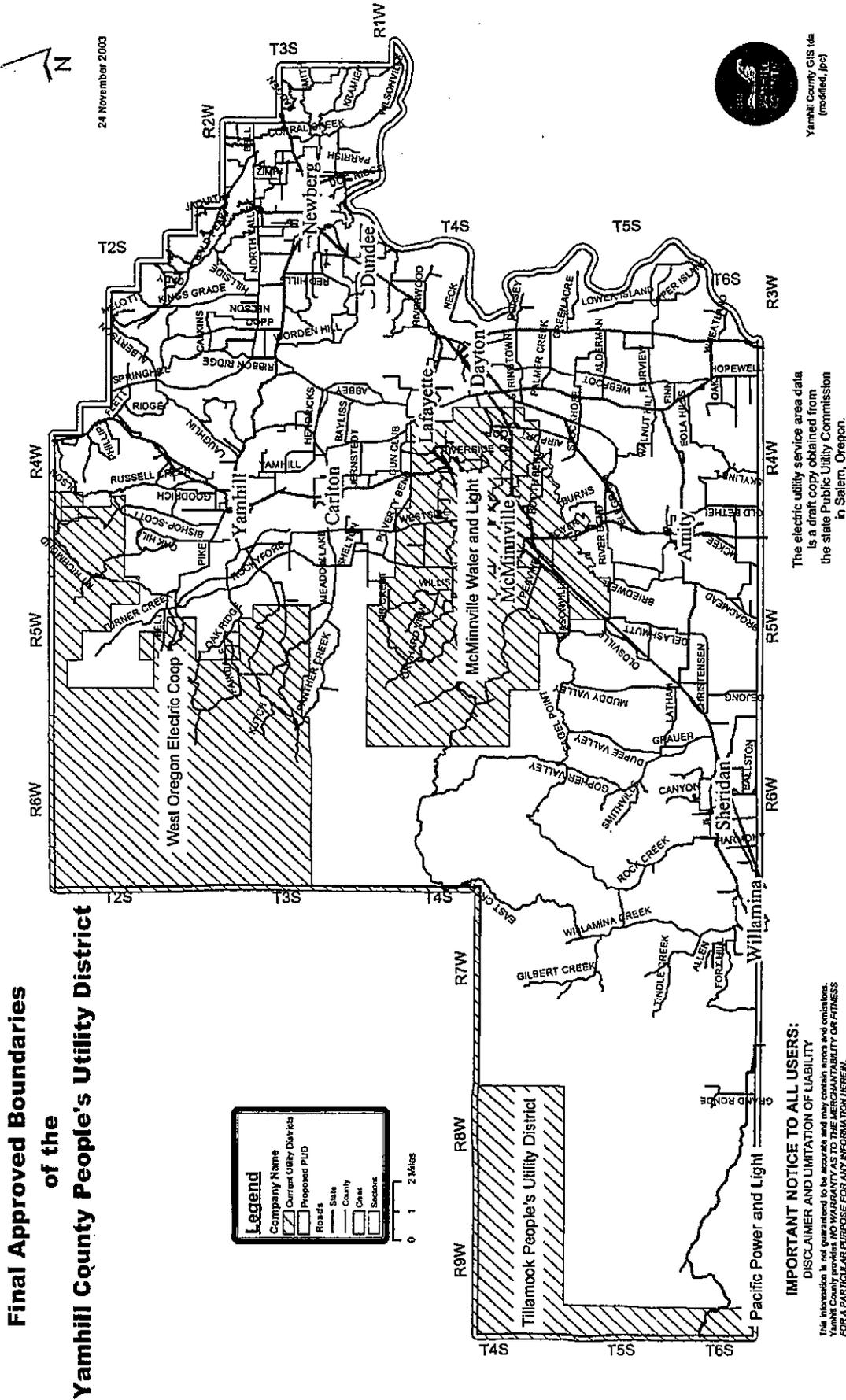
**Chehalem Aquatic Center
Sidewalk Box
1802 Haworth Ave, Newberg**

**Newberg Public Safety Bldg.
Parking Lot Box
Howard Street , Newberg**

**Yamhill City Hall
Sidewalk Box
205 S Maple St, Yamhill**

**Yamhill County Clerk's Office
Courthouse, Rm 119
535 NE 5th Street, McMinnville
Business hrs - 9:00AM-5:00PM
Election Day 7:00AM-8:00PM**

Final Approved Boundaries of the Yamhill County People's Utility District



24 November 2003



Yamhill County GIS (ds
(modified, jpg)

The electric utility service area data is a draft copy obtained from the state Public Utility Commission in Salem, Oregon.

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<p align="center">FORMS YAMHILL COUNTY PEOPLE'S UTILITY DISTRICT</p> <p>QUESTION: Shall voters form the Yamhill County People's Utility District covering Yamhill County territory currently served by Portland General Electric Company?</p> <p>SUMMARY: INITIATIVE MEASURE. This measure was referred to the voters by initiative petition.</p> <p>FORMATION OF PEOPLE'S UTILITY DISTRICT. If this measure passes, the Yamhill County People's Utility District ("PUD") will be formed. If the PUD is formed, its territory will be that territory allocated to the Portland General Electric Company by the Oregon Public Utility Commission. If formed, the PUD will not include territory served by McMinnville Water and Light, Tillamook County PUD, West Oregon Electric Cooperative or Pacific Power and Light.</p> <p>POWERS OF DISTRICT. If the PUD is formed, it will have certain powers. These include the authority to acquire property, to exercise the power of eminent domain, to issue voter-approved bonds, and to set utility rates.</p> <p>MUNICIPALITIES. If the voters of any incorporated city cast a majority of votes against formation of the PUD, the city will be excluded from the proposed PUD.</p> <p>GOVERNING BODY. If formed, the PUD will be governed by a 5 member board of directors elected from within the district.</p>	<p align="center">FORMS YAMHILL COUNTY PEOPLE'S UTILITY DISTRICT</p> <p>NATURE OF REQUEST. This measure was proposed by initiative petition signed by the required number of electors within Yamhill County.</p> <p>EFFECT OF PASSAGE. If this measure passes, the Yamhill County People's Utility District ("PUD") will be formed. If the PUD is formed, its territory will be that territory allocated to the Portland General Electric Company by the Oregon Public Utility Commission. If formed, the PUD will not include territory served by McMinnville Water and Light, Tillamook County PUD, West Oregon Electric Cooperative or Pacific Power and Light.</p> <p>POWERS OF DISTRICT. If the PUD is formed, it will have certain powers. Among the powers of the PUD are the authority to acquire property, to exercise the power of eminent domain, to issue voter-approved bonds, and to set utility rates.</p> <p>CITIES. All incorporated Yamhill County cities except for the City of McMinnville are within the proposed boundaries of the PUD. If the voters of any incorporated city within the proposed PUD boundaries cast a majority of votes against formation of the PUD, the city will be excluded from the proposed PUD.</p> <p>GOVERNING BODY. If formed, the PUD will be governed by a 5 member board of directors elected from within the district.</p> <p>EFFECT OF FAILURE. If this measure does not pass, the PUD will not be formed.</p> <p align="right"><i>Submitted on behalf of the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners By John M Gray, Jr., Yamhill County Counsel</i></p>

<p align="center">REFERRED BY INITIATIVE PETITION MEASURE 36-55</p>	<p align="center">EXPLANATORY STATEMENT MEASURE 36-55</p>
<p align="center">AUTHORIZES SPECIAL LEVY IF YAMHILL COUNTY PUD IS FORMED</p> <p>QUESTION: Shall voters authorize levy of \$0.003 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation if Yamhill County People's Utility District is formed?</p> <p>SUMMARY: This measure may be passed only at an election with at least a 50 percent voter turnout.</p> <p>If the Yamhill County People's Utility District is formed, this measure allows the District board of directors to impose a special levy on property within the district. Funds raised from the levy would be used to pay for an engineer's report and a later election to issue revenue bonds, if held.</p> <p>This one-time levy will raise about \$9,700.00. The levy for a house with an assessed value of \$150,000 would be about 45 cents.</p> <p>The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate.</p>	<p align="center">AUTHORIZES SPECIAL LEVY IF YAMHILL COUNTY PUD IS FORMED</p> <p>NATURE OF REQUEST. This measure was proposed by initiative petition signed by the required number of electors within Yamhill County.</p> <p>EFFECT OF PASSAGE. If the Yamhill County People's Utility District is formed, this measure allows the District board of directors to impose a special levy on property within the district. The special levy would raise about \$9,700. Funds raised from the levy would be used to pay for an engineer's report and a later election to issue revenue bonds, if held.</p> <p>TAX IMPACT. The levy for a house with an assessed value of \$150,000 would be about 45 cents. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate.</p> <p>CONDITIONS FOR SUCCESS OF MEASURE. This measure will be passed only if all three of the following conditions are satisfied: (1) A majority of voters approve the measure. (2) The companion measure on the ballot to form the Yamhill County People's Utility District is approved by the voters. (3) At least 50% of registered voters within the boundaries of the proposed district vote in the election.</p> <p align="right"><i>Submitted on behalf of the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners By John M. Gray, Jr., Yamhill County Counsel</i></p>

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<p>Electricity is not a commodity to be "traded". Rather, it is a necessity that should be available to all of the citizens of Yamhill County on a not for profit basis.</p> <p>Public power—PUDS and Municipal electricity systems have existed in Oregon since the 1890's. Over all of the intervening years, the customer/owners of these publicly owned utilities have experienced lower rates and often superior service.</p> <p>The Yamhill County PUD will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide excellent service – all the current PUDs do this. Have lower rates Be locally controlled—this has worked well in McMinnville, Forest Grove, Ashland, Newport, Eugene, Springfield, Florence, Rainier, St. Helens, Clatskanie, and The Dalles for Years Provide local jobs—jobs in Portland do little to help Yamhill County <p>By supporting the formation of a local, publicly owned, electric utility you can derive all of the benefits of public power in the Pacific Northwest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preference to the power from BPA Low cost financing Local control Professional management Open meetings and public records Competitive bidding on all major contracts and constructions projects <p>Join your neighbors and vote for the Yamhill County PUD. (www.yamhill.us)</p> <p align="center"><i>Information submitted by Larry Nibler, Candidate for PUD Director Citizens for a Yamhill County PUD Helge R. Berg, Susan J. Williams, Barbara Nelson, Frank G. Nelson, Michael J. Caruso Katherine Futornick, Scott R. Plicker</i></p>	<p>Yamhill County residents can determine the future of their utility rates as well as the quality of service they will be guaranteed with the passage of the PUD measure in March, 2004.</p> <p>PGE cannot.</p> <p>The pending sale of PGE to the Oregon Electric Utility -- a <i>brand new</i> company totally controlled by Texas Pacific Group -- guarantees only continued outside ownership.</p> <p>Texas Pacific Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has its main offices in Fort Worth, Texas and San Francisco -- not in Oregon. The fund buying PGE is registered in the Cayman Islands -- just like 900 of Enron's subsidiaries that engaged in massive fraud against Oregonians Has a history of purchasing companies, increasing their profitability and reselling them quickly at large profits. TGP expects to resell PGE within just a few years. <p>When the City of Portland was seriously considering buying PGE, it showed that the result would be a rate decrease of 10% to 14%, even if it assumed that PGE's rates would somehow go down by 10% from current levels. Texas Pacific Group has stated it expects no change at all in PGE's rates, higher than every publicly-owned utility in Oregon.</p> <p>How will Texas Pacific Group make PGE more profitable in the next 5 years? Raise rates? Reduce wages? Reduce services? Lay off personnel?</p> <p>In the PGE December, 2003 customer update -- an insert that arrived with our utility bill -- PGE announced that it requested a 1.9% rate increase to take effect in January of 2004.</p> <p>For lower rates and local accountability, vote YES for a PUD on March 9.</p> <p align="center">More information on: www.yamhill.us</p> <p align="center"><i>Information submitted by Michael Caruso, Candidate for PUD Director Citizens for a Yamhill County PUD</i></p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">ENRON HAS TAKEN OREGON FOR BILLIONS; MORE TO COME</p> <p>Enron still owns 100% of PGE, with plans to sell PGE to another high-flying Texas firm, the Texas Pacific Group (TPG), by 2005. TGP has a local front, headed by Neil Goldschmidt, to apply even more political influence. PGE's rates, higher than every PUD and every municipal utility in Oregon, are set by a purely political process in Salem.</p> <p>TPG is more secretive than Enron. Its "fund" to buy PGE originated in the Cayman Islands, notorious for shady dealings. TGP is not listed on any stock exchange and makes no reports to the Securities and Exchange Commission or other regulators.</p> <p>After extensive checking, The Oregonian on October 20, 2003, published these facts in a commentary:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Enron took over PGE in 1996. Ken Lay testified that Enron was "a company with very high integrity." He offered \$72 million in "benefits" for PGE ratepayers, which Enron now refuses to pay. Enron pumped in political contributions and liked Oregon so much that it dissolved itself in Delaware and reincorporated in 1997 in Oregon six years ago.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Enron has brought us the <i>biggest electric rate hike in Oregon history</i> - - \$400 million annually - - raising rates from 30 to 50 percent for households and businesses. PGE's total charges are:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">125% higher than Clatskanie PUD 92% higher than McMinnville 84% higher than Forest Grove 32% higher than Columbia River PUD, northwest of Portland) 22% higher than Canby</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">[source: September 2003 report of Oregon PUC]</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Since 1997, PGE has diverted to Enron over \$599 million the utility said it needed to charge Oregon ratepayers in order to pay its state and federal income taxes. But neither PGE nor Enron has paid that money to any government. Enron kept the money.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">By law, the PUD measures must include a levy to fund an engineer's report. This levy is equal to about 45 cents, once, on a \$150,000 house. Don't believe the misleading ads.</p> <p>Many more facts are at www.yamhill.us</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Information submitted by Daniel Meek Volunteer Attorney</i></p>	<p>As long time residents of the City of McMinnville and Yamhill County we have witnessed many advantages of having a locally owned public utility. McMinnville Water and Light is a reliable, low-cost, professionally and efficiently managed utility and we would like to see our neighbors and friends in Yamhill County enjoy the same advantages. Our residential electrical rates are about 1/3 less than PGE is charging Yamhill County residents. Commercial and Industrial rates are also much less than is charged by PGE. This has been a great incentive for both persons and commercial enterprises to move to McMinnville. A great deal of our prosperity and livability is due to this fact. This also means lower costs for schools, public buildings and other institutions.</p> <p>A publicly owned People's Utility District would have the same low cost rates and reliable delivery of electricity as McMinnville Water and Light. The district would have professional management without high cost executives and would be governed by locally elected officials dedicated to serving the interest of Yamhill County citizens not profit-making. The Yamhill County PUD exists to provide an essential service to local citizens at cost. As a public owned utility the board meetings would be open to the public and accounting would be public information.</p> <p>Another great feature of a PUD is that local citizens own and control it rather than some investment corporation in Portland, Texas or the Cayman Islands. A PUD must pay all local property taxes so ratepayer's money stays here in Yamhill County. Why not have the same vision for Yamhill County as our forefathers in McMinnville had over 100 years ago?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Information submitted by Barbara & Francis Nelson Citizens for Yamhill County PUD</i></p>
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<p>The fate of our electric utility continues to concern our community. Seven years ago, PGE was purchased by Enron, which has filed for bankruptcy, depleted PGE's retirement funds, increased our electric rates to record-high levels, and charged Oregon ratepayers over \$600 million for "income taxes" it never paid. Recently we learned that Texas Pacific Group, an out-of-state private investment firm, has agreed to acquire PGE from Enron. Texas Pacific Group has stated it intends to sell PGE within 5-7 years. What we can count on is this: that within 5-7 years we will once again be concerned with the uncertainty of PGE's future.</p> <p>Doesn't it make more sense to own the utility on which all of our livelihoods depend rather than pay higher and higher rates as each of these corporations come in, reap their profits, pay tens of millions of dollars in bonuses for executives and deal-makers, and leave us with even more uncertainty? We in Yamhill County can put an end to this never-ending cascade of large corporations, with their Caymen Island funds, playing roulette with an essential component of our every day lives.</p> <p>The uncertainty of PGE's future offers us in Yamhill County an opportunity to experience what our neighbors take for granted – reliable, low cost electricity that is locally operated through a People's Utility District (PUD). The City of McMinnville sells to homes at 4.1 cents per kWh, which is 49% less than PGE's 8.03 cents. All around us are PUD's with lower rates and a more certain future than the constant cycle of selling PGE. PUD's aren't making headlines because they are simply doing their jobs efficiently, without scandal, and are negotiating the best deals for their ratepayers.</p> <p>We should not have to experience such uncertainty over a basic necessity of life every 5-7 years PGE goes on sale. For more information on PUDs, rates, acquisition, and operation, go to www.yamhill.us, the Yamhill County PUD web page.</p> <p align="center"><i>Information submitted by Katherine Futornick</i></p>	<p align="center">LIBERTARIANS SAY VOTE "NO" ON MEASURES 36-54 and 36-55 www.lporegon.org 1-800-829-1992</p> <p align="center">We Don't Need More Government</p> <p>Our current suppliers of power have served Yamhill county well for decades. Though power rates fluctuate over time, they have usually been very competitive. Now, you are being asked to vote on a high-risk plan that uses more government to fix what isn't broken. Measures 36-54 and 36-55 are terrible ideas because...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We Don't Need Another Layer of Government <p>A lot of average people struggle to find time to keep track of the many layers of government. Measure 36-54 would create an additional layer of government to serve a purpose already served well by our current power providers. Given how badly politicians often use our money, why would we let them control our power system too? We don't need a new layer of government.</p> • A New Tax will Destroy Yamhill County Jobs <p>High taxes are already driving jobs out of Oregon and are keeping new jobs away. Another new tax in Yamhill county, designed to enable the condemnation of a well-run utility, is like putting up a "STAY AWAY" sign to business. Yamhill county is still in a recession and we need to attract new jobs and wealth. Measures 36-54 and 36-55 moves us in the wrong direction.</p> • Measures 36-54 and 36-55 Will Cost You Money <p>While supporters claim a PUD would save us money, wait until the hidden costs hit. What would stop a PUD from putting it's employees onto PERS, the costly Public Employee Retirement System? What would stop it from making you subsidize other people's light bills or raising more taxes? Since PUDs don't pay property or income taxes, your taxes may rise to make up the loss. Measures 36-54 and 36-55 will end up costing you money and become a drain on the local economy.</p> <p align="center">VOTE NO ON MEASURES 36-54 AND 36-55 LIBERTARIANS ARE ON YOUR SIDE CALL US AT 1-800-829-1992</p> <p align="center"><i>Information submitted by David T. Terry Chairman, Libertarian Party of Yamhill County</i></p>
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<p>YAMHILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PASS RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO FORMING A PUD</p> <p>The Board of Commissioners of Yamhill County ("the Board") resolved on January 8, 2004 to oppose Measures 36-54 and 36-55.</p> <p>Commissioners Leslie Lewis, Kathy George and Mary Stern stated the following reasons for their position:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board is not opposed to publicly owned utilities, however, after extensively studying this particular, proposed PUD, the Board has concluded that the formation of a Yamhill County PUD, at this time, is not in the best interest of the citizens of the county; and • There are valid reasons, such as reliability and efficiency of service, maintenance and repair, to retain PGE in its current form, including its valuable, combined power generation and transmission assets; and • Condemnation proceedings brought by the PUD against the assets of a private utility business will result in protracted litigation at a great cost to ratepayers; and • While a PUD would qualify under federal law for preference power from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), adequate power may not be available from BPA for even its current preference customers, which could result in further electric power rate increases for customers in Yamhill County. <p>For all these reasons, it was hereby resolved that the Board opposes the formation of a People's Utility District in Yamhill County based upon the negative consequences it may have for the citizens of Yamhill County.</p> <p>Done at McMinnville on January 8, 2004.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Information submitted by Gary Stewart Yamhill Citizens Against the Costly Takeover</i></p>	<p>Yamhill Citizens Against the Costly Takeover, a group of local business owners, educators, community advocates and elected officials, has formed to oppose Measures 36-54 & 55.</p> <p>These measures would form a new government-owned utility—called a People's Utility District (PUD)—and impose a small but brand new property tax in Yamhill County. This new, unnecessary layer of government would take over Portland General Electric, jeopardizing our reliable electric service.</p> <p>Before you vote, consider how much this takeover would cost you.</p> <p>We'd Pay \$150 Million A new PUD would have to pay about \$150 million to take over the poles, wires, substations and equipment currently owned by PGE.</p> <p>Where would this new government utility get \$150 million? From us—the ratepayers. We'd all pay for it through higher electric rates.</p> <p>How High Would Rates Go? This new PUD would have powerlines but no electricity of its own. PGE generates most of its own electricity—but this new government utility would have to buy all of its electricity from others. No one knows how much it would cost or how high rates would go.</p> <p>A Brand New Property Tax A "yes" vote would impose a brand new property tax on Yamhill County and would give a new government-owned utility the legal authority to raise taxes again and again.</p> <p>A Government Takeover is Wrong The idea that the government can come in and take over a private utility that doesn't want to sell is just not right.</p> <p>PGE has provided good service to Yamhill County for over 100 years. Why trade their proven track record of reliability for a government-owned utility with no experience?</p> <p>It doesn't make sense to pay a brand new property tax and nearly \$150 million to create a new layer of government with no operating experience, no source of power and no idea how high rates will go.</p> <p>For more information, visit the site www.NoCostlyYamhillPUD.com.</p> <p>Please Vote NO.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Information submitted by Gary Stewart Yamhill Citizens Against the Costly Takeover</i></p>
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<p>Findings from the "Report on the Proposed Yamhill County People's Utility District" by the Oregon Office of Energy, October 3, 2003</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Because these issues require extensive investigation and analysis to resolve, no definitive conclusion as to the impact on rates of forming a PUD can be made under the limited time provided by state law to issue this report." • "...many questions must be analyzed thoroughly. ... For example, whether a new PUD would have access to significant amounts of BPA power, how much BPA rates will increase, whether a PUD could condemn PGE's generating resources and if so, at what price, what the cost of financing capital for a new PUD would be and to what extent tax-exempt bonds could be used are all factors which could impact the cost of electric service by a new PUD compared to the cost of service currently provided by PGE." • "...it is likely that BPA will have difficulty in acquiring additional low-cost resources to serve a new large load formed by a new PUD. Moreover, BPA's wholesale rates have increased substantially in the last few years as a result of supply and price problems in the wholesale market." • "ORS 261.385 provides that a PUD may also levy and collect property taxes prior to receipt of operating revenues. In any one year, the tax cannot exceed one-twentieth of one percent of the true cash value of all taxable property within the PUD. Over 10 years, the tax cannot exceed in the aggregate one-fourth of one percent of the true cash value of property within the PUD." • "PGE officials indicated that they would not willingly sell or transfer their facilities, including generating resources and distribution assets, to a new PUD. Thus, the PUD would be required to acquire assets from PGE through condemnation." <p>(See the full report at www.energy.state.or.us/pubs/YamhillPUD.pdf)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>This information submitted by Gary Stewart Yamhill Citizens Against the Costly Takeover</i></p>	<p><u>County Commissioners, State Legislators, Mayors and City Councilors Urge You to Vote NO</u></p> <p>As elected officials, we are seriously concerned about this major decision before voters to form a PUD. This vote could severely impact our county's economy and livability.</p> <p>We've looked at the facts, and have all come out strongly against forming a new PUD to take over PGE.</p> <p>First of all, just to get started, this new government entity would have to come up with more than \$150 million to buy the poles, wires, substations and equipment currently owned by PGE. That works out to about \$6,000 per customer in Yamhill County. This \$150 million debt would have to be repaid by PUD ratepayers.</p> <p>But, it gets worse. After buying the poles and wires from PGE, a new PUD still wouldn't have any electricity. This new utility would have to buy all of its electricity from others.</p> <p>How much would it cost? No one knows. But buying power on the open market or from BPA could be very expensive, which means our electric rates could easily go up.</p> <p>Plus, it would require raising property taxes. As elected officials who have seen the benefits of well-run programs in our county, we're not against all taxes. But in this case, we can't and don't support new property taxes now for something so unnecessary. There are many more worthwhile ways — like improving roads and schools — to spend taxpayer dollars.</p> <p>We are not opposed to publicly owned utilities, but this proposal for PUD formation and its associated property tax measure just does not make sense. We already have reliable electric service.</p> <p>Signed, County Commissioner Leslie Lewis County Commissioner Kathy George State Senator Gary George State Representative Vic Backlund State Representative Donna Nelson Newberg Mayor Bob Stewart Sheridan Mayor Joseph M. Fabiano Carlton Mayor Kathie Oriet Newberg City Councilor Bob Larson Newberg City Councilor Bob Andrews Sheridan City Councilor Angela Barry</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>This information submitted by Gary Stewart Yamhill Citizens Against the Costly Takeover</i></p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">You can count on PGE to be there.</p> <p>We at PGE truly appreciate the opportunity to serve our customers in Yamhill County.</p> <p>For 114 years, our top priority has been to provide you, your neighbors and local businesses with safe, reliable electricity. During that time, we've built and maintained one of the most reliable distribution systems in the nation. We own and operate several power plants, which provide a dedicated source of energy for our customers.</p> <p>Every day, you'll find PGE employees at work throughout Yamhill County, making sure you get the power you need to run your homes and businesses. We volunteer and contribute to non-profit groups in the community, and provide low-income assistance to your neighbors in need.</p> <p>Now, however, much of what you've come to rely on is at risk. Measures 36-54 and 36-55 would throw PGE out of Yamhill County and replace it with a start-up utility with no source of power and no electricity experience.</p> <p>PGE is a solid company with a strong future ahead. Our operations will continue to be locally managed, and our company will remain whole. In fact, the biggest threat to PGE's future – and to the future of safe, reliable electricity in Yamhill County – is a takeover by a start-up PUD.</p> <p>On a personal note, I'm also invested in Yamhill County because Yamhill County invested in me. I lived in the area for 11 years, graduated from George Fox College, and my parents still live in Newberg. Many of my co-workers live and work in Yamhill County today. These personal ties make us even more committed to the county's future and the need to defeat these measures.</p> <p>We urge you to vote no on Measures 36-54 and 36-55. As long as voters reject a takeover of our company, we'll be there every day, 24 hours a day, working to keep the lights on in Yamhill County.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>This information submitted by Peggy Fowler Chief Executive Officer, Portland General Electric</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PGE UNION LINEMEN SAY 'NO' TO A PUD TAKEOVER</p> <p>We are PGE linemen who live or work in Yamhill County and belong to IBEW Local 125. We are opposed to the takeover and the break up of PGE in Yamhill County.</p> <p>Yamhill County could lose reliability. When there is an outage in Yamhill County PGE can mobilize linemen from six counties to get power back on quickly. PGE has a team of first response linemen who are on call 24-hours a day. This helps us get to a situation in a timely manner and is appreciated by emergency organizations such as police and fire crews.</p> <p>Overhauling these systems is very risky. We are proud of the systems that we have helped design, build and maintain. Cutting off PGE equipment at the county line and separating it from the rest of PGE's system would be very complicated and risky. And, on top of that, in this election, some cities within Yamhill County could vote to be a part of the PUD, and some cities could vote not to be in the PUD. What a technical disaster, and a huge nightmare for a lineman!</p> <p>Breaking up the system is costly. In Yamhill, the cost to break a part the electrical system could run \$25-30 million. It will cost a fortune for customers on the PUD side and the PGE side because history has shown that when a PUD is formed they don't rely on agreements with other utilities. They want to control their own system even if it costs more.</p> <p>We urge you to vote NO on Measures 36-54 and 36-55.</p> <p>Bob Thom, General Line Foreman Tony Adams, Repairman Gary Bryant, Working Line Foreman Jay Eastin, Leadman Lineman Chip Mayes, Lineman Troy Wolf, Lineman Pat Merten, Lineman Jeff Cloepfil, Lineman And many more.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>This information submitted by Bob Thom, PGE Lineman</i></p>
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<p>Local Businesses Oppose Measures 36-54 and 36-55</p> <p>As members of the business community in Yamhill County, we strongly encourage you to oppose the PUD takeover.</p> <p>We are united in opposition because an overhaul of our electrical system would put residents and business at risk of higher rates and disruption in services.</p> <p>We are satisfied with PGE's services and reliability, and do not wish to make such a significant, costly change.</p> <p>Local businesses also believe that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condemning Portland General Electric's facilities in Yamhill County would be costly, lengthy and very disruptive to the community. • There is no assurance of lower power rates or improved reliability with a new PUD. • PGE has been a good neighbor in the Yamhill community and contributed to many worthwhile projects. • The formation of a PUD would shift the power provider from a tax paying entity to a non-tax paying entity, thereby shifting more tax burden to households and businesses. <p>Higher rates and higher taxes would be bad for both our economy and our community.</p> <p>So please join local businesses in voting <u>No on Measures 36-54 and 36-55.</u></p> <p>Signed, John Barch, Carlton Plants LLC Chuck Cox, Wilhelm Foods, Ltd Carol Ann Dauenhauer, Whitman Shoe Repair Mike Gougler, MJG Development, Inc. Jim Hirte, Colamette Construction Co. Mike Lipke, Hampton Lumber Mills Inc., Willamina Division Cyndie Nelsen-Odam, Cyn-Sational Hair & Nail Co. Leonard A. Rydell, Rydell Engineering Alan Steiger, A-dec Inc. Curt Walker, Pacific Empire Developers, Inc. Dean Werth</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>This information submitted by Gary Stewart Yamhill Citizens Against the Costly Takeover</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>A letter from Joan and Ken Austin regarding the proposed PUD takeover</i></p> <p>Dear neighbors and friends,</p> <p>Yamhill County looks very different from when we started our business, A-dec, in 1964. Back then, our community depended primarily on agriculture. Public services and access to arts were not well funded.</p> <p>Today, things are going pretty well in Yamhill County. In more than 40 years of public and private service to this community, we have been privileged to watch our region grow. By focusing on initiatives to attract business, support education at all levels and help revitalize our towns, together as neighbors we have created a region that is known across the state for being livable, friendly, scenic and successful.</p> <p>While we usually prefer to focus our attention on ways to continue to move our community forward, at this time we feel compelled to let you know what we should NOT do for our future. We must reject two measures on the March 9th ballot, Measures 36-54 and 36-55. These measures would form a new government-owned utility and impose a small but brand new property tax. This proposal is just too costly and risky for our county at this time.</p> <p>As a community, we are known for coming together in times of economic stress. Instead of turning our heads when things are tough, voters in Newberg decided to build new schools and maintain our investment in the future. Progress is being made on transportation challenges like the Newberg-Dundee Bypass and improving health services with the new Providence Newberg Hospital. These are the kinds of initiatives that will move us forward. A government takeover of a private utility only sets us back. It is a solution in search of a problem that doesn't exist. It takes time, energy and resources from the real issues — education, economic development, health care and jobs. We ask you to please join us in voting no. Thank you.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sincerely, Joan and Ken Austin</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>This information submitted by Gary Stewart Yamhill Citizens Against the Costly Takeover</i></p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">PGE EMPLOYEES SAY 'NO' TO PUD</p> <p>As PGE employees, we're proud of the work we do. Every day, we run the power plants, climb the power poles and answer the phones -- so when you flip a switch, your lights go on. When we're not on the job, you've probably seen us volunteering in our communities.</p> <p>We like our jobs, and we like the company we work for. We're optimistic about our future. The idea that the government can come in and condemn a private utility that does not want to sell to a government is just not right. We don't need to be "rescued" by a small group of activists who know nothing about running an electric utility.</p> <p>We're professionals dedicated to delivering safe and reliable service. PGE has the sixth most reliable electricity system in the nation, according to an independent study by JD Powers and Associates. It makes no sense to trade our experience and proven track record of reliability for an untested government-run utility with no experience. Anyone can run for the PUD board, and the top five vote-getters will be in charge.</p> <p>We're local and committed to the community. For 114 years, we've been doing our job and have maintained strong relationships with the communities we serve. The Enron that caused the problems is gone, and it makes no sense to punish PGE and our customers by creating a poorly thought out government owned utility. Hundreds of PGE employees, like us, are standing up to fight a takeover of our company.</p> <p><u>Please join us in voting 'No' on Measures 36-54 and 36-55.</u></p> <p>Dave VanBossuyt Jill Whitman Phil Tompkins David Spencer David Johnson Kim Peffers Melanie Kernodle Patti Hansen Mike Eisele Davia Brigante And many more.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Information submitted by Dave VanBossuyt, And Other PGE Employees</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">YAMHILL COUNTY REPUBLICANS OPPOSE MEASURES 36-54 AND 36-55</p> <p>The Yamhill County Republican Central Committee is recommending the rejection of the PUD for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The costs and risks are too great. This new government-owned utility would have no electricity of its own, so it would be forced to buy power from the financially troubled BPA or on the volatile power market. No one can predict how much it would cost, or how high rates would go. • Its not realistic that the \$9,700 raised by Measure 36-55 for an engineering study will come close to what a report will really cost. This new government-owned utility would have the legal authority to raise taxes again and again. There has never been a layer of government created that didn't try to keep raising taxes once they had the authority to do so. • The takeover of one of Oregon's largest private employers, PGE, would eliminate private sector jobs and diminish local tax revenues. • A PUD's power to condemn the private assets of PGE would result in protracted, costly litigation. The legal fights would drag on for years. <p>Don't be lured by empty promises from a few activists -- most of them coming from Portland. We encourage the people of Yamhill County, their elected officials and community leaders to defeat this measure or any proposal for a government takeover of PGE.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote No on Measures 36-54 and 36-55.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>This information submitted by Neil Cohen Yamhill County Republican Central Committee</i></p>
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<p>We are registered Democrats in Yamhill County, asking you to join us in opposing a new PUD to take over Portland General Electric here. We are not opposed to public power, but this proposal for a startup PUD would not help our county. It would only bring us unnecessary risks and costs.</p> <p>This measure is unnecessary. We already have reliable electric service. Why should we vote to create a new PUD that will raise property taxes now and likely in the future, when there are so many other pressing needs? It just doesn't make sense.</p> <p>Our county resources and time could be better spent on other issues. The costs and resources spent on this election could be much better focused on helping solve our traffic congestion and transportation issues, not to mention many other public services that really need our help now.</p> <p>PGE employees have made many contributions to our community. PGE and the hundreds of employees who have served us for over a century have contributed significantly to our community as well as provided good, reliable electric service. In fact, currently there are about 75 PGE employees and retirees who live here. They are our friends, neighbors and colleagues. They have been involved in many charities and volunteer efforts in the community.</p> <p>Please join us in voting NO on Measures 36-54 and 36-55. We should not risk losing the supportive community involvement and reliable electric service that PGE provides for Yamhill County.</p> <p>Signed, Marilyn L. Fergus Terry M. Fergus Lucille Overton Ralph Overton Kimra Peffers Douglas VanBossuyt Jill Whitman</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Information submitted by Kimra Peffers</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PGE RETIREES URGE A "NO" VOTE ON MEASURES 36-54 AND 36-55</p> <p>PGE's retirees have hundreds of years of experience building and operating Oregon's largest electric utility. The ill-considered idea of a forced takeover of PGE service territory in Yamhill County will have a negative effect on customers.</p> <p><u>This PUD would increase rates and decrease service quality.</u> This scheme will break up PGE's integrated system and isolate Yamhill County from PGE's power plants. In its place you get a new layer of government with no oversight of rates by the Oregon Public Utility Commission. Running an electric utility is too complicated to turn over to five people with no utility industry experience. A new government utility will not own any generating plants and will need to buy power from the volatile power marketplace. This messy and confusing scheme is a prescription for higher rates – all without any expectation of improving PGE's already nationally recognized reliability record of 99.99%.</p> <p><u>Employees and communities would be hurt by the new PUD.</u> PGE, its employees and retirees have a deeply embedded tradition of community service. We have suffered enough through recent stock losses and now have a chance to be owned by a private company headed by local Oregonians. People are mad at Enron for good reasons, but paying millions for something we already have hurts the people of Yamhill County.</p> <p>When you cast your vote, remember that hard-working employees who are carrying on a 114-year-old PGE tradition of reliable service have done nothing to deserve a government takeover. This measure puts good, family wage jobs in Yamhill County at risk.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SAY "NO" TO HIGHER RATES AND REDUCED RELIABILITY. SAY "NO" TO MEASURES 36-54 AND 36-55</p> <p>Signed, Durell Belanger Jerry Bernards Del Hodges Leland (Lee) Hall Leighton Livengood Don Matthews Bruce A. Trout Ray Welch And many more retirees.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Information submitted by Del Hodges, PGE Retirees</i></p>
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<p>IBEW Local 125 Opposed to Measures 36-54 and 36-55</p> <p>We are the 3,700 Union electrical workers who are dedicated to providing you safe, reliable power.</p> <p>Our Local Union is not opposed to public power nor are we opposed to people's utility districts. But, a PUD takeover in Yamhill County makes no sense. Proponents of this measure have not taken the time to consider the real-world effects of their ideas.</p> <p>The new PUD would have to pay about <u>\$150 million</u> just to take over the poles and wires that currently belong to PGE. After paying \$150 million, the new PUD still wouldn't have any electricity. No one can say for sure where it would get power or how much it would cost.</p> <p>We have worked in Yamhill County for over 60 years and we understand what it takes to bring you safe, reliable electricity. The current electrical system works well — why trade reliability for a new government-owned utility with no operating experience?</p> <p>Please join the electrical workers of IBEW Local 125 in voting NO on both Measures 36-54 and 36-55.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Bill Miller Business Manager International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 125</p> <p align="center"><i>Information submitted by Bill Miller, IBEW Local 125</i></p>	<p>Newberg Schools would lose funding with a new PUD</p> <p>As members of the Citizens Construction Advisory Committee for Newberg School District, we are asking our friends, colleagues and neighbors to please vote NO on the proposed PUD. We are very concerned that Newberg School District would be negatively impacted with the passage of Measures 36-54 and 36-55.</p> <p>You may be wondering how an electric utility takeover would affect education. Here's how: our school renovation is being partially financed by the use of public purpose funds that are guaranteed by Senate Bill 1149.</p> <p>As an investor-owned utility, PGE collects and distributes these funds. A new PUD would not be required to contribute public purpose funds.</p> <p>Newberg School District is counting on using \$750,000 to \$900,000 of public purpose funds over the next 10 years to help pay back loans for energy improvements in school buildings. Our schools would have to find another source of money to pay back the loans if the PUD came into existence.</p> <p>We are also concerned that the loss of PGE volunteers would negatively impact education in our community. For decades, their involvement has helped many areas of education, from volunteer grants that bought musical instruments and educational materials for Antonio Crater Elementary School to adjusting the lights on the football field every fall before the start of the season. In 2003, PGE employees contributed over \$3,500 to educational organizations in Newberg and McMinnville through employee giving campaigns.</p> <p>We hope that when voting on the PUD measure, you will consider the potential unintended negative consequences of this proposal. Our schools are depending on these public purpose funds. They simply cannot take the potential loss of \$75,000 to \$90,000 they receive each year from PGE.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Bart Rierson, Chairman, Newberg School District Citizens Construction Advisory Committee</p> <p>Hawkin Au, Member, Citizens Construction Advisory Committee and former Newberg School Board member</p> <p align="center"><i>Information submitted by Gary Stewart Yamhill Citizens Against the Costly Takeover</i></p>
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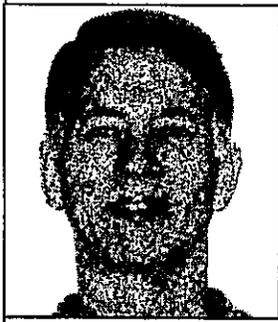
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<p>Local Business and Economic Development Organizations Oppose a PUD Takeover</p> <p>The Newberg Area Chamber of Commerce and Strategic Economic Development Corporation of the Mid-Willamette Valley (SEDCOR) urge you to vote NO on Measures 36-54 and 36-55.</p> <p>First, we are opposed to the idea of government condemning PGE assets. Condemnation and the break up of PGE send an "anti-business" message to businesses looking to locate or expand in our region.</p> <p>Second, this proposal would put our reliable electric service at risk. The operation of a utility business is complex and requires technical and management expertise in the energy field. The proponents have not produced a business plan showing the technical and financial merits of their proposal. We are not convinced that a new PUD would be able to deliver as reliably and responsively as PGE.</p> <p>Third, business and residential customers would likely see their rates increase with a new PUD. Because of BPA's oversubscribed power supply capability, a new PUD may have to buy much or all of its electricity on the wholesale market. This would subject the PUD to price fluctuations and higher-cost power.</p> <p>A PUD takeover and the breakup of PGE operations is the wrong idea at the wrong time. Please join us in voting NO.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Newberg Area Chamber of Commerce SEDCOR</p> <p><i>The Newberg Area Chamber of Commerce is a collaboration of businesses and organizations. The Chamber is the voice for civic affairs and politics, both locally and nationally. Their goal is unity of effort for improvement of the overall well-being of the community. The Chamber serves Newberg, Dundee and St. Paul and is a non-profit corporation.</i></p> <p><i>SEDCOR is the lead economic development agency for Marion and Polk Counties. They are a private non-profit membership organization, composed of over 400 business and community leaders.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Information submitted by Ann Dolan Executive Director, Newberg Area Chamber of Commerce</i></p>	<p>Family farmers and ranchers encourage a NO vote on the PUD takeover</p> <p>The Yamhill County Farm Bureau represents 465 family farms and ranches. We are a grassroots organization dedicated to working with the Oregon Farm Bureau and others in the natural resource community to find positive solutions to the challenges facing today's family farmers and ranchers.</p> <p>We believe that forming a new People's Utility District in Yamhill County is unnecessary. We don't see any benefit to kicking a long-established private company out of our county and replacing it with a new, untested government-owned utility. We are not against public power, but in Yamhill County, there is no real need to make a change — especially when the change includes a property tax increase.</p> <p>Taking over the existing electric system is estimated at \$150 million just for the new utility to purchase the poles, wires and substations from PGE. The cost would be passed on to us through higher electric rates. We've already paid for this system — why buy another one?</p> <p>There is no guarantee that the new PUD can purchase electricity from Bonneville Power Administration or other energy suppliers. If the new PUD can purchase electricity, there is no guarantee that the rate will be cheaper than the current PGE rate. PGE has electricity generating facilities — the new PUD will not.</p> <p>The Yamhill County Farm Bureau is hard at work in the community on issues that help ensure that our family farmers and ranchers have the opportunity to continue to work the land for many years to come. Let's work together as neighbors on community initiatives that help us toward a brighter future, not ones that bring us more costs and risks. Please vote "NO."</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Information submitted by Dave Cruickshank President, Yamhill County Farm Bureau</i></p>
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<p>Argument in Favor of Levy:</p> <p>Unlike PGE/ENRON our PUD will not collect state and federal income taxes from you in your bill. Each month PGE collects money from each of its customers to pay these taxes. This amounts to \$93 million per year from Oregon customers. It is important to know that all this tax money PGE is collecting this year will not be paid to the state or federal treasury. PGE is keeping this money as it has in the past 7 years. This is in addition to the 10% profit PGE is also allowed to collect from you. The PUC has refused to tell PGE to return this money to its ratepayers.</p> <p>Oregon State Law outlines the steps in formation of a Peoples Utility District. One of these first steps is a ONE-TIME property tax levy to provide money for an engineering report. That report will determine what real estate, transmission wires, transformers, substations etc., that will need to be purchased from PGE to form the P.U.D. It also looks at what the cost will be to purchase them. It is very similar to having an appraiser look at a house before you take out a mortgage to buy it.</p> <p>The amount of the levy is set by State Law also, at 30 cents per \$100,000 assessed value of property in the county. So if your home is assessed at \$1 million dollars you would have to pay a one-time fee of \$3.00 extra in your property tax bill.</p> <p>You may see and hear misleading reports and advertisements about this issue. There are several P.U.D's in Oregon and all have carefully avoided assessing any other property taxes. So please examine any claims about Taxes made by opposing parties carefully.</p> <p>Further information regarding this issue can be found at: www.yamhill.us</p> <p>Thankyou</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Information submitted by Helge R. Berg, Treasurer Citizens for Yamhill County PUD</i></p>	<p>Yamhill Citizens Against the Costly Takeover, a group of local business owners, educators, community advocates and elected officials, has formed to oppose Measures 36-54 & 55.</p> <p>These measures would form a new government-owned utility—called a People's Utility District (PUD)—and impose a small but brand new property tax in Yamhill County. This new, unnecessary layer of government would take over Portland General Electric, jeopardizing our reliable electric service.</p> <p>Before you vote, consider how much this takeover would cost you.</p> <p>We'd Pay \$150 Million A new PUD would have to pay about \$150 million to take over the poles, wires, substations and equipment currently owned by PGE.</p> <p>Where would this new government utility get \$150 million? From us—the ratepayers. We'd all pay for it through higher electric rates.</p> <p>How High Would Rates Go? This new PUD would have powerlines but no electricity of its own. PGE generates most of its own electricity—but this new government utility would have to buy all of its electricity from others. No one knows how much it would cost or how high rates would go.</p> <p>A Brand New Property Tax A "yes" vote would impose a brand new property tax on Yamhill County and would give a new government-owned utility the legal authority to raise taxes again and again.</p> <p>A Government Takeover is Wrong The idea that the government can come in and take over a private utility that doesn't want to sell is just not right.</p> <p>PGE has provided good service to Yamhill County for over 100 years. Why trade their proven track record of reliability for a government-owned utility with no experience?</p> <p>It doesn't make sense to pay a brand new property tax and nearly \$150 million to create a new layer of government with no operating experience, no source of power and no idea how high rates will go.</p> <p>For more information, visit the site www.NoCostlyYamhillPUD.com.</p> <p>Please Vote NO.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Information submitted by Gary Stewart Yamhill Citizens Against the Costly Takeover</i></p>
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<p>Confused about the complexity, costs and risks of forming a new government owned utility? Here's a more complete summary of what Measures 36-54 & 55 would do.</p> <p>Measure 36-54 would establish a new government owned utility - - the Yamhill County People's Utility District (PUD) - - with authority to condemn and take over Portland General Electric's territory as an electric utility serving much of this county. Measure 36-55 would be the startup PUD's first property tax.</p> <p>The PUD would have a five-member Board of Directors — no experience required - - elected from within the district to run the PUD and set electric rates.</p> <p>The PUD would include parts of Yamhill County except areas required by law to be excluded. Some other parts of the county, like Dayton, Dundee, Newberg and others, might or might not be included, depending on the vote in those incorporated areas.</p> <p>The PUD would have authority to levy and collect taxes, to exercise the power of eminent domain, to borrow money and incur indebtedness, to issue and sell voter-approved revenue bonds and general obligation bonds, and to acquire facilities for the distribution of energy from existing utilities within the boundary of the PUD.</p> <p>After the votes, the taxes, the years of court battles and the potential for more than \$150 million in ratepayer debt for an electricity system, a PUD would have to buy all the electricity needed to serve more than 24,000 homes and businesses, because it has no electricity of its own.</p> <p>Concerned? Vote NO on Measures 36-54 & 55.</p> <p>(Please review the statute at www.leg.state.or.us/orsl/261.htm for more details about all the taxing and takeover powers of a new people's utility district.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Information submitted by Gary Stewart Yamhill Citizens Against the Costly Takeover</i></p>	<p>Local Business and Economic Development Organizations Oppose a PUD Takeover</p> <p>The Newberg Area Chamber of Commerce and Strategic Economic Development Corporation of the Mid-Willamette Valley (SEDCOR) urge you to vote NO on Measures 36-54 and 36-55.</p> <p>First, we are opposed to the idea of government condemning PGE assets. Condemnation and the break up of PGE send an "anti-business" message to businesses looking to locate or expand in our region.</p> <p>Second, this proposal would put our reliable electric service at risk. The operation of a utility business is complex and requires technical and management expertise in the energy field. The proponents have not produced a business plan showing the technical and financial merits of their proposal. We are not convinced that a new PUD would be able to deliver as reliably and responsively as PGE.</p> <p>Third, business and residential customers would likely see their rates increase with a new PUD. Because of BPA's oversubscribed power supply capability, a new PUD may have to buy much or all of its electricity on the wholesale market. This would subject the PUD to price fluctuations and higher-cost power.</p> <p>A PUD takeover and the breakup of PGE operations is the wrong idea at the wrong time. Please join us in voting NO.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Newberg Area Chamber of Commerce SEDCOR</p> <p><i>The Newberg Area Chamber of Commerce is a collaboration of businesses and organizations. The Chamber is the voice for civic affairs and politics, both locally and nationally. Their goal is unity of effort for improvement of the overall well-being of the community. The Chamber serves Newberg, Dundee and St. Paul and is a non-profit corporation.</i></p> <p><i>SEDCOR is the lead economic development agency for Marion and Polk Counties. They are a private non-profit membership organization, composed of over 400 business and community leaders.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Information submitted by Ann Dolan, Executive Director, Newberg Area Chamber of Commerce</i></p>
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<p align="center">YAMHILL COUNTY REPUBLICANS OPPOSE MEASURES 36-54 AND 36-55</p> <p>The Yamhill County Republican Central Committee is recommending the rejection of the PUD for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The costs and risks are too great. This new government-owned utility would have no electricity of its own, so it would be forced to buy power from the financially troubled BPA or on the volatile power market. No one can predict how much it would cost, or how high rates would go. • Its not realistic that the \$9,700 raised by Measure 36-55 for an engineering study will come close to what a report will really cost. This new government-owned utility would have the legal authority to raise taxes again and again. There has never been a layer of government created that didn't try to keep raising taxes once they had the authority to do so. • The takeover of one of Oregon's largest private employers, PGE, would eliminate private sector jobs and diminish local tax revenues. • A PUD's power to condemn the private assets of PGE would result in protracted, costly litigation. The legal fights would drag on for years. <p>Don't be lured by empty promises from a few activists — most of them coming from Portland. We encourage the people of Yamhill County, their elected officials and community leaders to defeat this measure or any proposal for a government takeover of PGE.</p> <p align="center">Vote No on Measures 36-54 and 36-55.</p> <p align="center"><i>This information submitted by Neil Cohen Yamhill County Republican Central Committee</i></p>	<div data-bbox="787 243 1055 556" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>SCOTT R. PICKER</p> <p>OCCUPATION: Landscape Contractor— Aspen Creek Landscaping, Inc.</p> <p>OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Owner, Aspen Creek Landscaping, Inc. (2000 –Present); Crop Advisor, Simplot Soilbuilders (1999-2000); Teacher, Evergreen School District (1998-1999)</p> <p>EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Washington State University—B.S. Agriculture Education; Prosser High School—Prosser Washington</p> <p>PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None</p> <p>I try to take the common sense approach to everything I do. Common sense would say that selling control of our local power to a company backed by Texas Pacific Group is not in the public's best interest. Every private corporation's first priority is to turn a profit. How can PGE claim they will be more concerned with Yamhill County's power than a locally owned PUD? A Yamhill County Public Utility District will exist for the sole purpose of supplying it's customers with power. Of course, this is not as simple as it appears. People's jobs, a management system, efficiency, cost, and many other aspects have to be considered.</p> <p>My interest is in doing the right thing. In my opinion, a decision is not made on its level of difficulty. A decision is made because it is the right or wrong thing to do. Allow me to help us make the right decision.</p> <p>As a director of Yamhill County's PUD, I will do my part to assure that we have affordable, reliable and responsible power throughout the county.</p> <p align="center"><i>Information furnished by Scott R. Picker</i></p>
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DIRECTOR**



HELGE R. BERG

OCCUPATION: Physician—
Emergency Medicine

**OCCUPATIONAL BACK-
GROUND:** Full time Staff
Emergency Room Doctor at
Willamette Valley Medical Cen-
ter—McMinnville, OR 1985 to
present

**EDUCATIONAL BACK-
GROUND:** University of Oregon Medical School, MD—
1977; Pacific Lutheran University, BA—1973 Chem

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

A PUD will give us:

LOCAL CONTROL of our **ELECTRICAL UTILITY**—
Decisions made by residents of the county served by the
PUD - - Money paid to run the PUD stays here instead of
being sent out of state. No seven-figure salaries to execu-
tives; no golden parachutes.

LOCAL ACCOUNTABILITY—The Board that oversees the
PUD and the managers of the PUD will be local people who
will have to answer for their decisions to their neighbors and
friends here.

LOWER COST ELECTRICITY— PGE has a **MONOPOLY +**
They are a for-profit business = PGE has no incentive to
keep rates down

YAMHILL COUNTY PGE customers are surrounded by low
cost Public Power:

Forest Grove - 4.02 cents/ kwh

*** PGE—7.37 cents/ kwh ***

Tillamook—6.95 cents/ kwh

McMinnville—3.85 cents / kwh
Canby—6.05 cents / kwh

Salem—6.09 cents/ kwh

We can do better than PGE—Please vote for the PUD

Information furnished by Helge R. Berg

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LARRY NIBLER

OCCUPATION: Owner and
operator of Newberg Auto Elec-
tric and Nibler Controls.

**OCCUPATIONAL BACK-
GROUND:** Project Engineer in
Wood Industry, Private busi-
ness for past 27 years in Elec-
trical Controls Engineering and
consulting work, and Newberg
Auto Electric.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Two Years Industrial
Electronics, Industrial Electrical Apprenticed Program for
Electrical License and annual Electrical Code Classes.

My wife, Jamie and I moved to Yamhill County in 1980 and
have enjoyed our years in the Newberg Community, rearing
our five children here.

I feel very strongly about our community, its families, busi-
nesses, and working environment, and particularly our op-
portunities at working and supporting our families.

I believe that today, our greatest threat to our economic wel-
fare, is large corporate maneuvering for large profits at the
expense of our National Job Market and National Solvency.
In general, Free Trade and Deregulation that opens the
doors to exporting our jobs and building large monopolies of
goods and services. I do not know how we can stop the
corporate influence at the Federal Level, but we can do
something here and now that will have a major effect on our
immediate future and livability in our community.

We can own, purchase, and operate our local power distri-
bution system that is presently owned by PGE (Enron), in-
stead of renting it from a large corporation with bottom line
interest only. The benefits include lower, not higher power
rates, more equipment improvements, and a system running
by your local people whom you have access to, can talk to,
and vote in our out. The most important benefit is the secu-
rity of local ownership of this **ESSENTIAL** resource. Who of
us can survive the rate increases that folks in California and
Montana recently experienced (increases as high as 30 times
the previous billing).

I am looking forward to working at the opportunity we have
now to improve and secure our future livelihood in our com-
munity.

Information furnished by Larry Nibler

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KATHI FUTORNICK

OCCUPATION: Environmental Consultant

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Primary occupation is to assist regulated industries and municipalities to integrate environmental requirements with their business practices. I have served industries as a consultant for nearly 10 years;

as the regulated entity for nearly 5 years, and as the regulator for nearly 5 years. Since 2001, I have owned Environmental Consulting Associates, LLC. Previously I was employed by Limno-Tech, Inc. (Office Manager); Port of Portland (Environmental Affairs Manager, Corporate); CH2M Hill (Senior Project Manager); Oregon DEQ.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Oregon State University (research); University of Oregon (B. Arch); Massachusetts Institute of Technology (BS)

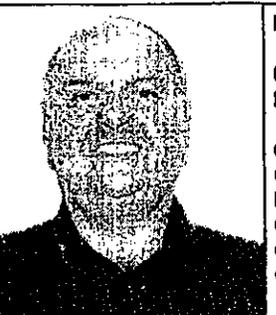
PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Chair, Lafayette Watershed Citizens Advisory Board; Co-chair, Portland Stormwater Advisory Committee; Oregon DEQ and USEPA, several advisory committees; Committee Administrator, Oregon Legislature.

Family: Ken, husband of nearly 34 years and best friend for life; twin young women, Sasha and Zoe. Ken and I purchased acreage in Yamhill County in 1974, built a wonderful life on the west slope of the Red Hills outside of Lafayette, raised our girls and several dogs and cats. During the past 30 years, we have made life-long friends in Yamhill County and plan to retire here.

Working in and for the community where I live are the major reasons I decided to form my own company. My career has allowed me to gain substantial experience in solving complex environmental/business problems, negotiating with governmental agencies, and managing multi-million dollar programs. It's time for me to bring this experience home. When the opportunity arose to work on the Lafayette watershed, my services were offered pro-bono. The same with the PUD Directorship. This is an unpaid position and allows me to work for the best most cost-effective solutions to meet our energy needs. Local ownership makes more sense than "renting" and paying monopoly prices to Texas corporations. For more information on PUDs, rates, acquisition, and operation, go to www.yamhill.us, the Yamhill County PUD web page. Thank you.

Information furnished by Kathi Futornick

**YAMHILL COUNTY PEOPLE'S UTILITY DISTRICT
DIRECTOR**



MICHAEL J. CARUSO

OCCUPATION: Wholesale Produce Sales & Buyer

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Partner, Caruso Produce Inc. 1974-1980; Owner, Yamhill County Fruit Center, Dundee, 1980-1984; Caruso Produce 1984-present

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Mt. Angel Seminary High School—St. Benedict, Oregon; Maryknoll College, Glen Ellyn, Illinois; B. A. Sociology—University of Portland

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer—Malaysia 1970-1973; Dundee Planning Commission—1982-1983

I feel that the only sure way to ensure a stable utility that can effectively serve Yamhill County is through the establishment of a People's Utility District -- owned and operated by the citizens of Yamhill County.

The recent attempt by Texas Pacific Group to purchase Portland General Electric, increases the risk of unstable electric rates.

On December 5, 2003, Portland City Commissioner Eric Sten stated in a public forum that Texas Pacific Group's plan is to own PGE for no more than 5 years, after which time their intention is to sell it at a profit. How would this affect our utility rates?

With a Yamhill County PUD, it would not. Local, committed, elected officials would have the the responsibility to set rates and policy to serve the best interests of all the citizens of the Yamhill County PUD.

Locally owned and operated public utilities such as McMinnville Water & Light, Forest Grove Electric, Emerald PUD and Columbia River PUD have already exhibited an incredible proficiency in responsibility and efficiently serving small to medium-sized communities (not unlike Yamhill County) with their electrical needs.

As a director of the Yamhill County PUD I will work toward making this utility:

Affordable - with lower rates due to the preferential access to BPA power as well as not for profit status.

Reliable—by hiring experienced professional management whose primary interest will be serving customers, not shareholders.

Accountable—by putting Yamhill County citizens first.

It's time for the citizens of Yamhill County to exercise their right to make a change to a brighter future for themselves and their children.

Information furnished by Michael J. Caruso

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