

## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON POWER DEREGULATION

**January 21, 1997 Hearing Room E**

**1:00 PM Tape 1**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Rep. Jim Welsh, Chair**

**Rep. Cynthia Wooten, Vice-Chair**

**Rep. Randall Edwards**

**Rep. Jim Hill**

**Rep. Patti Milne**

**Rep. Ken Strobeck**

**MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Lonnie Roberts**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**John Larson, Administrator**

**Julie Neburka, Asst. Administrator**

**Lynda Sloan, Administrative Support**

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: Organizational Meeting**

**Introduction of Members**

**Adoption of Committee Rules**

**These minutes are in compliance with Senate and House Rules. Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words. For complete contents, please refer to the tapes.**

<b>Tape/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Tape 1, A</b>		
<b>005</b>	Chair Welsh	Opens meeting at 1:05 p.m. Acknowledges members present, notes Rep. Roberts is in district.
		Welcomes members of audience, announces that this is an organizational meeting, and this is only business of the day.
		Asks committee members to introduce themselves with any notation they want to make concerning the committee.

015	Committee members	Introduce themselves.
044	Chair Welsh	Thanks committee members, expresses intention that meetings will begin and end on time, recognizes that witnesses' time is valuable.
		<p>Introduces committee staff. Notes that he and Mr. Larson have worked together in the past on another issue.</p> <p>Expresses recognition of potential expertise among audience members, notes that their participation in development of legislation as Oregon's plan will be important. Says concise and accurate presentations are necessary, as it is a big issue that also has to be explained to the rest of the 90 members.</p> <p>Mentions that he plans informational meeting January 28, with an independent presenter. He plans to take two to four sessions to look at power deregulation issues, including the Oregon electricity system, the Federal relationship, and the Bonneville Power Administration, taking as independent a view of this as possible. Public Utility Commission (PUC) will also be provided time to describe the Oregon situation from its perspective. Mentions that there are four bills in Legislative Counsel not yet referred to committee, and expects that the fifth bill will be the committee bill put together with the help of members of the audience.</p>
<b><u>COMMITTEE RULES</u></b>		
119	Chair Welsh	Notes need to adopt committee rules.
108	Rep. Strobeck	<b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT the proposed Committee Rules (EXHIBIT A).</b>
081		<b>VOTE: 6-0</b> <b>EXCUSED: 1 - Roberts</b>
	Chair	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
<b><u>READING ASSIGNMENT</u></b>		
125	Chair Welsh	Mentions proposals delivered directly to committee members by Fair and Clean Energy Coalition and Oregon Energy Coalition. Also points out materials provided during meeting: a news release from American Legislative Exchange Council; <u>Public Powers Fundamentals</u> from the Public Power Council; PUC's <u>Electric Industry Issues</u> in Oregon; and materials provided by the Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association. Asks committee members to review materials as quickly as possible. Tells audience that copies of materials distributed at meeting can be provided. Notes that sign up sheet is available for communicating that need. Asks Mr. Larson if he wishes to add anything.

<b>163</b>	Larson	Encourages people desiring copies of materials distributed at the meeting to complete the sign up sheet.
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>		
<b>170</b>	Chair Welsh	Thanks everyone for coming and adjourns meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

Lynda Sloan, John Larson,

Administrative Support Administrator

**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

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