

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON POWER DEREGULATION WORK GROUP**

**April 9, 1997 Hearing Room 137**

**1:00 P.M. Tapes 107- 110**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**Randy Algrin, Portland General Electric**

**Gary Conkling, Oregon Electric Coalition**

**Diane Cowan, Oregon People's Utility District Association**

**Ron Eachus, Oregon Public Utilities Commission**

**Thomas Grim, Eugene Water and Electric Board**

**Marc Hellman, Oregon Public Utilities Commission**

**Denise McPhail, Portland General Electric**

**Daniel Meek, Energy Electrons Environment**

**Paul Murphy, Portland General Electric**

**John Savage, Office of Energy**

**Liz Schuler, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers**

**Brad VanCleve, Oregon Electric Coalition**

**Steven Weiss, Fair and Clean Energy Coalition**

**Paul Wielgus, Enron**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**John Larson, Administrator**

**Paul Zolezzi, Administrative Support**

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**

**Development of a Consensus Bill**

**These minutes are in compliance with Senate and House Rules. Only text enclosed in quotation**

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<b>Tape/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>TAPE 107, A</b>		
005	Vice-Chair Wooten	Convenes meeting at 1:20 PM.
040	Ron Eachus	Introduces himself as representing the Oregon Public Utility Commission and states concern about Section 15 of bill relating to timelines. Discusses concerns.
087	John Savage	Introduces himself as representing the Office of Energy and states concern about Section 24 (1) of bill.
108	Gary Conkling	Introduces himself as representing the Oregon Electric Coalition (OEC) and states that issue of stranded costs need to be addressed in bill.
131	Denise McPhail	Introduces herself as representing Portland General Electric (PGE). States concerns about bill including timeline issues.
154	Diane Cowan	States concerns about bill including definition concerns.
168	Jim Anderson	Introduces himself as representing PacifiCorp and discusses issue of competitive services.
177	Paul Murphy	States concerns about bill on behalf of PGE.
192	Steven Weiss	Discusses concerns on behalf of Fair and Clean Energy Coalition.
250	Eachus	Discusses pooling issues.
275	Steve Munson	Introduces himself as representing Vulcan Power Company. Discusses stranded cost and renewable fund issues.
302	Cowan	Discusses transition cost issues.
317	Savage	Describes Governor's appointed task force established to address low-income household energy assistance funding shortfalls. Discusses findings of task force.
<b>TAPE 108, A</b>		
034	Weiss	Discusses need to reach consensus on low-income energy assistance issue. Discusses "straw-man" issue and relating fiscal issues.
106	McPhail	Asks for clarification of "straw-man" fiscal issues.
118	Weiss	Discusses "straw-man" fiscal issues. Compares private, state and federal contributions to program.
140	Savage	Discusses and explains fiscal issues of bill.
203	Conkling	Discusses relating-to clause of bill and possibility of subsequent referral to the Ways and Means Committee.
		Discusses and compares different possible collection mechanisms used to fund

218	Eachus	low income weatherization program.
339	Thomas Grim	Introduces himself as representing the Eugene Water and Electric Board and submits proposed amendments relating to competitive transactions ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ). Explains amendments and discusses Section 24 of bill.
<b>TAPE 107, B</b>		
030	Grim	Submits and explains proposed amendments relating to joint development of power facilities ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ).
123	Eachus	Discusses existing law relating to ownership of power facilities.
160	McPhail	Asks for clarification of amendments relating to joint development of power facilities
179	Grim	Explains proposed amendments.
350	Grim	Elaborates on ORS 307.090 and describes its relation to proposed amendments.
389	Rep. Wooten	Outlines concerns of proposed amendments relating to joint development of power facilities.
<b>TAPE 108, B</b>		
080	Rep. Wooten	Recesses at 2:50 PM. Reconvenes at 3:21 PM.
085	Liz Schuler	Introduces herself as representing the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Submits and explains proposed amendments ( <b>EXHIBIT C</b> ).
190	Weiss	Asks if bill passage will result in job layoffs.
215	Schuler	Discusses labor issues relating to power deregulation.
228	Eachus	Discusses labor issues relating to power deregulation.
321	Brad Van Cleve	Introduces himself as representing OEC and discusses Schuler's proposed amendments.
355	Paul Wielgus	Introduces himself as representing Enron and states company's position on Schuler's proposed amendments.
398	Weiss	Discusses Schuler's proposed amendments.
<b>TAPE 109, A</b>		
100	Eachus	Discusses stranded costs and contrasts to Schuler's proposed amendments.
140	Marc Hellman	Introduces himself as representing the Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC) and submits proposed amendments ( <b>EXHIBIT D</b> ). Explains amendments.
249	Randy Algrin	Introduces himself as representing Portland General Electric and discusses demographics of company's customers. Explains and discusses Section 9 (4) of proposed amendments.
<b>TAPE 110, A</b>		

015	Munson	Discusses Hellman's proposed amendments and states concern about concept of amendments.
032	Daniel Meek	Introduces himself as representing Energy Elections Environment and discuss Hellman's proposed amendments.
040	Hellman	Explains concept of OPUC's proposed amendments.
075	Anderson	Asks for clarification of OPUC's proposed amendments.
080	Hellman	Explains concept of OPUC's proposed amendments.
220	Weiss	Discusses page 4 of proposed amendments.
256	Conklin	Discusses Section 9 of "strawman" bill.
296	Paul Murphy	Introduces himself as representing direct service customers and discusses OPUC's proposed amendments. States support of eliminating Section 9 (4) of proposed amendments.
350	Hellman	Discusses Section 9 (4) of proposed amendments.
<b>TAPE 109, B</b>		
010	Easchus	Discusses Section 9 (4) or proposed amendments.
190	Conklin	Discusses Section 4 of "strawman" bill.
350	Wielgus	Discusses hypothetical situation relating to market based index rates.
<b>TAPE 110, B</b>		
005	Eachus	Responds to Wielgus' hypothetical.
085	Hellman	Discusses market aspects of power industry.
113	Weiss	States support for OPUC's proposed amendments.
160	John Larson	Committee Administrator takes a vote on whether or not to include OPUC's proposed amendments in "strawman" bill. Discusses vote tally and decides to take another vote during 04/10/97 work group.
226	Larson	Adjourns meeting at 4:22 PM.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

Paul Zolezzi, John Larson,

Administrative Support Administrator

**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A - Proposed Amendments, Thomas Grim, 1 p.**

**B - Proposed Amendments, Thomas Grim, 2 pp.**

**C - Proposed Amendments, Liz Schuler, 1 p.**

**D - Proposed Amendments, Marc Hellman, 5 pp.**