

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SUBCOMMITTEE

January 20, 1993 Hearing Room D 1:30 p.m. Tapes 1 - 2

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Bob Repine, Chair Rep. Marilyn Dell Rep. Sam Dominy Rep. Bill Fisher Rep. Carl Hosticka Rep. Dennis Luke Rep. Bill Markham Rep. Nancy Peterson Rep. Ray Baum

STAFF PRESENT: Kathryn Van Natta, Committee Administrator
Catherine Fitch, Committee Administrator Karen Edwards, Committee Assistant

ITEMS CONSIDERED: Agency Overviews: Public Utility Commission
Bonneville Power Administration

WITNESSES: Ron Eachus, PUC Commissioner Roger Hamilton, PUC
Commissioner Lynn Baker, Bonneville Power Administration [--- Unable To Translate Graphic ---]

These minutes contain materials which paraphrase and/or summarize statements made during this session. Only text enclosed in quotation marks report a speaker's exact words. For complete contents of the proceedings, please refer to the tapes. [--- Unable To Translate Graphic ---]

TAPE 1, SIDE A

007 CHAIR REPINE: Calls the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

AGENCY OVERVIEWS

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OVERVIEW

030 RON EACHUS, COMMISSIONER, PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION: Presents agency overview, budget and legislative proposals from (EXHIBIT A).

208 EACHUS: Continues testimony.

TAPE 2, SIDE A

035 REP. BILL MARKHAM: Do you regulate the cogeneration plants? 036
EACHUS: No.

094 REP. MARKHAM: How many districts will be affected if PUC no longer regulates the small water districts?

096 ROGER HAMILTON, COMMISSIONER, PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION:
About 500 customers.

098 REP. MARKHAM: Are they at the mercy of the small water plant businesses?

099 HAMILTON: Yes.

114 REP. CARL HOSTICKA: Do the taxpayers save any money from anything

that you have proposed.

117 EACHUS: We do not use any general fund dollars.

126 REP. HOSTICKA: Is the allocation of cost-responsibility on the basis of cost-causation embodied in a rule or statute?

129 EACHUS: It is embodied in policy.

155 REP. TOM JOSI: Have you been involved with the removal of positions in the Governor's program?

161 EACHUS: Twenty-six positions have been eliminated without laying anyone off, but fifteen positions will require layoffs.

254 REP. SAM DOMINY: Refers to HB 2201 from (EXHIBIT A). Wants to know why issues should go directly to Appeals Court as opposed to Circuit Court

and the cost.

264 EACHUS: The agency is quasi-judicial and the orders are appealable. The cases that go through Circuit Court usually end up in Appellate

Court. The process will be more expedient and less costly for all parties involved.

332 CHAIR REPINE: Is the rate making goal achievable?

340 EACHUS: Feels that it is.

365 CHAIR REPINE: Do you transfer funds to the State Police?

372 EACHUS: Yes. For the purpose of vehicle safety.

TAPE 1, SIDE B

BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION OVERVIEW

047 LYNN BAKER, BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION: Gives agency overview of current issues and BPA's relationship with the state of Oregon from

(EXHIBIT B) and a slide presentation.

182 REP. BAUM: What government agency is in charge of the Energy Facility Siting Council?

184 BAKER: The Oregon Department of Energy.

187 REP. BAUM: Asks questions regarding the Bonneville Dam and the Trojan Nuclear Plant.

190 BAKER: Responds to questions.

272 BAKER: Continues testimony.

290 REP. BILL FISHER: Asks questions about average megawatts and

peak capacity.

295 BAKER: Responds to questions.

313 BAKER: Continues testimony.

TAPE 2, SIDE B

001 BAKER: Continues testimony.

124 REP. FISHER: How do you work with other states?

132 BAKER: In 1964, the Coordination Agreement was established where almost all of the utilities of the Pacific Northwest, the Bonneville Power

Administration and other government agencies agreed to operate all of the dams in the Columbia River system as if they had one owner.

169 REP. NANCY PETERSON: How much time does the BPA spend with the Department of Energy in relation to Oregon entities?

172 BAKER: In the BPA's Lower Columbia office, there is one full-time person who works with state organizations. The Department of Energy

carries out much of the BPA's work.

244 REP. LUKE: Does the BPA anticipate any changes in the Oregon Energy Code?

246 BAKER: Not at this time.

263 REP. LUKE: Asks questions about the weatherization of manufactured homes in Oregon and stick-built and manufactured homes in Washington.

269 BAKER: Responds to questions.

326 REP. HOSTICKA: What happens to the power that you sell to private utility companies?

328 BAKER: Do not sell much power to private utility companies.

347 REP. HOSTICKA: Are accelerated payments to the federal government still an item of discussion?

351 BAKER: Yes. The Bonneville repayment process has not changed.

367 REP. HOSTICKA: Adjourns the meeting at 3:21 P.M.

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EXHIBIT LOG:

A - Agency overview - Public Utility Commission - Ron Eachus - 55
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