

May 13, 2010

DEQ Director Dick Pederson
OPUC Chairman Ray Baum
OPUC Commissioner Susan Ackerman
OPUC Commissioner John Savage

Dear Director and Commissioners,

The Strategic Economic Development Corporation (SEDCOR) is the leading economic development agency for Marion and Polk counties, representing businesses and leaders dedicated to the economic vitality of the Mid-Willamette Valley. SEDCOR believes PGE's proposal to install some emissions controls in the near-term and close Boardman in 2020 is the right plan for Oregon resulting in the greatest benefit for customers and the environment at the least cost.

One of our greatest concerns is that an earlier closure of the plant would have a devastating impact on the region's economic development. The financial burdens of higher electricity prices for Oregon businesses are heavy, especially in our challenged economy. A 2020 closure of Boardman would save PGE customers about \$600 million over the next decade, compared to a 2014 shutdown, helping PGE keep electricity costs reasonable.

SEDCOR also believes the health of our environment is important when furthering our region's livability and vitality. PGE's plan achieves state and federal environmental goals, while providing a reasonable time for a transition toward replacement resources, including the addition of new renewable resources to meet the state's Renewable Portfolio Standard of 25 percent renewables by 2025.

PGE's proposal is a balanced plan that would close the plant early while meeting customers' needs for reliable power at reasonable costs. On behalf of the more than 10,000 businesses and the 387,000 customers we represent that reside in the Mid-Willamette Valley (many of which are PGE customers), SEDCOR and its Board of Directors urges the Oregon Public Utility Commission and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality to provide the necessary rule changes and acknowledgements required for PGE to legally pursue its 2020 plan for the Boardman Plant set forth in its revised Integrated Resource Plan (LC 48) and petition to amend the Regional Haze Rule.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Raymond Burstedt
President
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I hereby certify that I have this day caused the attached comments of the Strategic Economic Economic Development Corporation regarding OPUC Docket No. LC 48 -- Portland General Electric's Integrated Resource Plan to be served by electronic mail to those parties whose email addresses appear on the attached service list, and by First Class US Mail, postage prepaid and properly addressed, to those parties on the attached service list who have not waived paper service from OPUC Docket No. LC 48.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 14th day of May, 2010.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Raymond Burstedt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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