

**COLUMBIA CORRIDOR**  
A S S O C I A T I O N

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Public Utilities Commission  
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Dear Commissioners,

The Columbia Corridor Association (CCA) is an intervener in LC 48 and would like to comment on recent activity.

We continue to support PGE's 2020 plan for Boardman and support staff's recommendation that the Commission acknowledge PGE's 2020 plan as part of the IRP. We also agree with staff's opinion that the DEQ 2015/2016 proposal is not a viable option. A 2016 timeline would not allow PGE to develop a sustainable alternative to Boardman, thus forcing use of more fossil fuels. In addition, it would likely force PGE to choose the 2040 option, extending the use of coal in Oregon far beyond a date that is palatable to PGE, the environmental community or us.

It appears to us that the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) has already approved the 2040 plan. It would speed the process if the Commission would acknowledge the choice to be made is between the EQC- approved 2040 plan and a variation of PGE's 2020 plan.

It's especially important to note the recent positive discussions with the Group of public interest advocates. CCA agrees with the Group that a 2040 date is undesirable and that a 2020 closure of Boardman is practical. We applaud the discussion between the Group and PGE and hope you will support them in every way you can.

To quote the Group, "if such a plan can be finally approved...PGE will cease coal-fired operations at Boardman at least 20 years early and achieve significant emissions reductions in the interim. In all, Oregon will have achieved a significant environmental victory. "

We appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director