

ISSUED: October 4, 2004

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1121

In the Matter of)	
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OREGON ELECTRIC UTILITY)	NOTICE OF
COMPANY, LLC, et al.,)	EX PARTE CONTACT
)	
Application for Authorization to Acquire)	
Portland General Electric Company.)	

On September 22, 2004, Commissioner Baum was invited to speak at the Beaverton Rotary Club. Upon his arrival, Commissioner Baum learned that Dan Meek, counsel for the Utility Reform Project (URP) and Linda Williams had also been invited to speak about the initiative in Washington County to create a Public Utility District (PUD). During their presentation in support of the PUD, Mr. Meek and Ms. Williams addressed several issues related to this docket. They indicated opposition to the sale of Portland General Electric to the Texas Pacific Group (TPG) and made the following statements:

1. A protective order in UM 1121 prevented the public from getting information on who owns TPG;
2. That TPG was really just Enron trying to purchase PGE again;
3. Stated that the proposed purchase does not include any rate credits or reductions;
4. Mentioned PGE ratepayers paid \$90 million in taxes to Enron that were never paid to the state or federal government.

Mr. Meek and Ms. Williams made these statements to the general audience and did not directly discuss these matters with Commissioner Baum. Nonetheless, these statements relate to the merits of issues pending before the Commission and constitute an *ex parte* contact under OAR 860-012-0015(2). Parties have the right to rebut these communications on the record. Moreover, a copy of this notice will be made part of the official record in this proceeding.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 4th day of October, 2004.

Michael Grant
Administrative Law Judge

