

## What You Need To Know

On May 18, voters will be asked to:

- vote for formation of a PUD;
- elect five PUD directors;
- decide whether to vote to invest 30¢ per \$100,000 of assessed property value "one time" to fund an engineer's report. This report will carefully examine all facets of forming a ratepayer-owned utility, including the rates we could expect.

If the engineer's report shows significant savings, voters will be asked to approve revenue bonds to purchase the system. If savings are not there, the PUD will lay dormant as an "insurance policy" in the event of trouble like another Enron-type disaster, or worse. In any event, future owners of PGE will be on their best behavior with a PUD waiting in the wings.

Ratepayers control the process because the PUD must get approval from voters before long-term revenue bonds can be offered to investors to pay for PGE's assets. In other words, there's no risk in voting for a Clackamas County PUD in May but there's much to gain. It's that simple.

**Become a PUD Volunteer!**  
**503-222-1133**  
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## Citizens for Lower Electric Rates Like Neighboring Utilities

**P.O. Box 614**  
**West Linn, Oregon 97068**

Please volunteer or make a contribution. Each year, Oregon taxpayers can contribute up to \$50 (single) or \$100 (joint filers) and receive a dollar-for-dollar credit from state income taxes owed. Contact us or the Department of Revenue at 1-800-356-4222 for details. Make your contribution to "Citizens for Lower Electric Rates Like Neighboring Utilities" or "CFLERLNU." Please include your occupation, required by Oregon law. You can also contribute on-line at our Web site.

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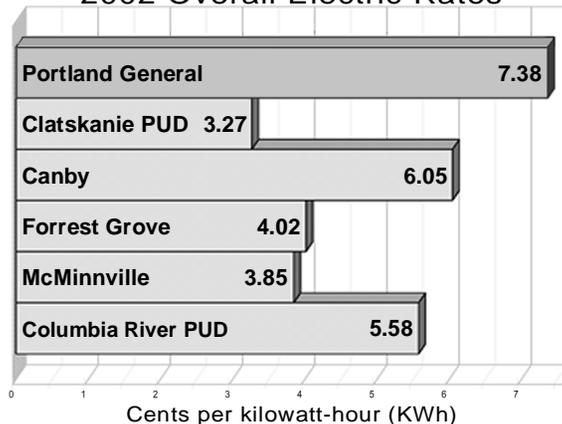
**DO YOU WANT A BETTER IDEA OF WHAT YOU'LL PAY IN RATES WITH A CLACKAMAS PUD? Call: 503-222-1133 or visit our Web site after April 25.**

**We want you to make an educated decision on a PUD. That's why we raised \$13,000 to commission a Feasibility Study by a respected engineering firm with over 35 years of experience.**

**The Feasibility Study will give a close estimate of PUD rates, whether favorable or unfavorable to Clackamas PUD proponents.**

**Although the Feasibility Study examines almost all areas of a complete Engineering Report, it will not provide the level of detail needed to plan actual system changeover.**

PGE vs. Publicly-Owned  
 2002 Overall Electric Rates



NOTE: All data is from the Oregon Public Utility Commission, 2002 Oregon Utility Statistics (September 2003).

All these publicly-owned utilities either border PGE or cities within once got their electricity from the utility.

### HOW MUCH LESS OUR NEIGHBORS PAY

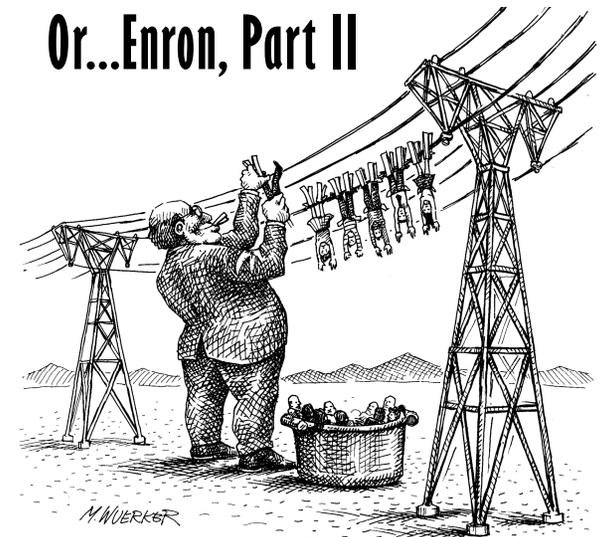
- Clatskanie PUD -56 percent
- Canby (in our county) -18 percent
- Forest Grove -45 percent
- McMinnville -48 percent
- Columbia River PUD -24 percent
- Pacific Power (PP&L) -20 percent

In FACT, every single PUD in Oregon has lower rates than Portland General.

# May 18 -- Vote YES CLACKAMAS COUNTY P.U.D.

- ◆ Lower Rates
- ◆ Accountability
- ◆ Local Control

## Or...Enron, Part II



**PGE = Enron = Texas Pacific  
 high rates-risk-manipulation**

“Generally speaking, you like to dance with the girl that brung you, and if you can’t sometimes you have to shoot her.” — David Bonderman, Texas Pacific chief, commenting about corporate buyouts.

## Fast Facts

Since Enron’s 1997 purchase, little of the nearly \$2 million per week (\$625 million as of 2-04) that’s been charged ratepayers for state and federal income tax has made its way to government. Instead, Enron has kept all but about \$221,000 of it, using creative accounting and its bankruptcy losses. Oregon has received \$10 total!

PUDs don’t pay income taxes (they don’t make a profit off you) but you won’t be billed for them either. You actually pay less tax with a PUD!

PUDs pay franchise fees and property tax to cities and counties and Tri-Met taxes at the same rate as PGE.

No Oregon PUD collects ongoing taxes. All revenue comes from power sales.

PUDs provide more low income assistance through public purpose contributions, on average, than investor-owned utilities.

Oregon law allows PUDs to take control of hydroelectric facilities from for-profit utilities. Within our county, there’s generation capacity to provide as much as 1/3 of our needs. This percentage can be increased over time.

PUDs qualify for less expensive BPA power immediately. After October 2006, our PUD would receive equal preference and priority with all other Pacific NW publicly-owned utilities.

PUDs acquire the assets needed to begin providing electricity through long-term, low-interest revenue bonds and not from taxes.

PUDs have an excellent record of customer service, reliability, and emergency response; all with lower electric rates!

## Enron, Texas Pacific, and then ??

Do you want to end the risky, uncertain future of PGE and stop revolving-door owners who “soak” ratepayers to enrich a few? Do you believe Neil Goldschmidt will look out for your best interests’ when he and two other political heavyweights, with tremendous power to influence government, stand to profit generously? And who will their bosses at Texas Pacific Group sell PGE to in a few years to achieve their standard 20-40 percent profit? Will Texas Pacific put PGE into bankruptcy, as it did to California-based Zilog? Will PGE’s generation and transmission assets be sold off, bringing even higher PGE rates? Will we become the next Montana Power where prices “doubled, then redoubled, and doubled again” after deregulation? (CBS, 60 Minutes, 8/10/03)

A PUD will end such risk and uncertainty by providing ratepayer ownership. A PUD is a not-for-profit utility that provides cost-based rates. Our PUD will be professionally run by an experienced management team (talent without multi-million dollar compensation packages.) There will be citizen oversight and a locally elected board of directors.

Within Clackamas County, ratepayers of Canby’s municipal pay 18 percent less. In FACT, Oregon Public Utility Commission data shows that every single PUD in Oregon has lower rates than PGE. Clatskanie PUD charges less than half!

Throughout the West Coast, publicly owned power is LESS expensive, MORE reliable, more environmentally responsible, and better for employees.

Clackamas County deserves a ratepayer-owned utility that can be trusted to provide reliable energy at the lowest possible cost.

The ONLY option for the future of PGE that protects ratepayers and the Clackamas County economy from further damage is a People’s Utility District.

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## THE TEXAS PACIFIC PUC FILING TO BUY PGE PROVIDES NO REDUCTION IN RATES.

It does add \$707 million in new debt to the \$1.1 billion of existing PGE debt.

Oregon PERS money may total 71%+ of the \$419 million invested by the Texans, pitting ratepayers against PERS retirees in a financial downturn. (Enron, Part II)

PGE reserve funds will be cut to \$10 million, trashing PGE’s bond rating.

The PUC filing says Texas Pacific will have veto power over major decisions meaning there’s no real local control.

## Quotes About PGE/Enron/TPG (50+ at [www.cheappower.org](http://www.cheappower.org))

“These rates, and they are very high rates, are sucking the life out of the local economy.” — Ken Canon, Executive Director, Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities.

“Enron needed help to pull off these tricks, in part because it didn’t control the transmission grid. The names of PacifiCorp, Spokane-based Avista and most frequently, Portland General Electric, appear in the new Enron documents as Enron’s counterparts.” — The Energy Source Network describing evidence given to a California Senate Committee in June 2002.

“This is a scam and you know it.” — A PGE employee to a colleague at another energy trading company at the time energy price manipulation was taking place. Provided to regulators as part of their fraud investigation. Reported by Oregon Public Broadcasting and others.

“Texas Pacific is in it to make money, and they want high returns,” she said, “and the quickest way to get that is by selling off assets and getting out.” — Lynn Hargis, an attorney for the consumer advocacy group Public Citizen. Portland Tribune, “Will new owners revive PGE or direct ‘Enron, Part II’?”, November 21, 2003.