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On Thursday March 2, 2017 OPUC staff spoke with Chris Tebben regarding LC 66, PGE's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). Ms. Tebben had the following to share with the Commission:

- She wanted to express her displeasure with PGE's IRP. Specifically, she wanted to voice her strong opposition to PGE's preferred portfolio as it requires the building of over 400 MW of natural gas generation.
- Ms. Tebben feels PGE's new natural gas generation would lock in PGE's emissions at unnecessarily high levels for decades to come.
- Ratepayers would also be paying for any new, natural gas plant for over forty years. Economically, this would expose PGE ratepayers to financial risks for many decades.
- As an Oregonian she feels we should be doing better. PGE and the OPUC have an unique opportunity with the closing of Boardman in 2020 to find creative ways to build and integrate more renewable resources to meet our future needs. She is particularly concerned that Oregon's expansion of natural gas-powered plants will lock Oregon into a long-term reliance on fracked natural gas that fails to account for the externalities both for the communities whose water and land is directly impacted as well as the broader impact on climate change. She feels this is particularly unacceptable at a time when the cost of other renewable energy sources is dropping steeply. Ms. Tebben wants better decisions made in this IRP so that Oregonians are not locked into a future with unnecessarily high levels of greenhouse gas emissions and exposed to long-term financial risks.

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