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Chair Lee Beyer
Commissioner Ray Baum
Commissioner John Savage
Oregon Public Utility Commission
550 Capitol Street NE #215
Salem, OR 97308

Dear Chair Beyer and Commissioners:

I am writing to you regarding the Public Utility Commission's implementation of Senate Bill 408 from the 2005 Legislative Session. As I have reviewed the temporary rules, I am concerned that the PUC is moving beyond the legislative intent behind this law.

I voted for SB 408 because it was the only vehicle before the Legislature addressing the issue of "taxes" being collected from some utility customers which have not always resulted in actual taxes paid by the utilities to government. From my perspective, the intent of SB 408 was clear: Utility customers' bills should be adjusted if and when utilities paid less in total taxes than what was collected through rates. I also understood that any adjustments would be based on actual 2006 tax information. The goal of SB 408 was not to punish utilities, or even their parent companies. The goal was to ensure accuracy in customers' bills.

Interpreting legislative intent is not always easy. As you and your colleagues write permanent rules to implement SB 408, however, I urge you to carefully consider the intent of legislators like me who voted for this bill and to ensure that your final rules have a positive impact on our state's economy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dave".

Dave Hunt
State Representative

