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Lee Beyer, Chairman
Oregon Public Utility Commission
550 Capitol Street NE #215
Salem, OR 97308

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Dear Chairman Beyer:

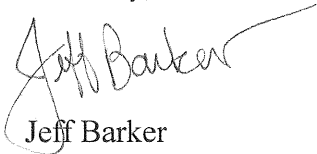
As you and your fellow commissioners discuss the implementation of SB 408, I ask that consider the legislature's intent. In passing this legislation, my colleagues and I simply stated our desire to see that utility customers' bills are adjusted if the utilities paid less in taxes in total than what was collected through rates.

We all want to remedy the problem of utilities collecting in rates more than they paid to government to cover their income tax liabilities. But, I do not believe that the legislature wanted any correction to additionally punish those utilities and their parent companies.

I do appreciate that you have a difficult charge in addressing both the complex issues of taxes and utility ratemaking. Therefore, may I suggest, that as you and your fellow Commissioners work to craft permanent rules for SB 408, you limit your scope to correcting the utilities' errors in setting their rates.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,


Jeff Barker

CC:

Commissioner Ray Baum
Commissioner John Savage
Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski

