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March 5, 2015

*Via Electronic Filing and U.S. Mail*

Oregon Public Utility Commission  
Attention: Filing Center  
PO Box 1088  
Salem OR 97308-1088

**Re: UE 294 - PGE's Request for a General Rate Revision**

Attention Filing Center:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned docket are an original and one copy of the **Affidavit of Sandy Ragnetti Regarding Notice of General Rate Revision** and the corresponding exhibits. These documents are also being filed by electronic mail with the Filing Center and electronically served upon the UE 294 service list.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. C. Tingey", is written over the typed name.

**DOUGLAS C. TINGEY**  
Associate General Counsel

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cc: UE 294 Service List

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON

UE 294

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC  
COMPANY

Request for a General Rate Revision

**AFFIDAVIT OF SANDY RAGNETTI  
REGARDING NOTICE OF  
GENERAL RATE REVISION**

I, Celena Carr, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and say:

1. My full name is Sandy Ragnetti. I am a Specialist with Portland General Electric Company's ("PGE") Corporate Communications Department.

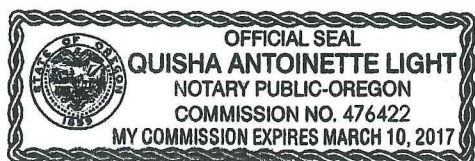
2. PGE filed its Request for a General Rate Revision with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon on February 12, 2015.

3. Pursuant to OAR 860-022-0017, PGE caused to be published a display advertisement announcing the General Rate Revision on Sunday, February 15, 2015, in *The Oregonian* and *The Salem Statesman Journal*. The ad sizes were four columns wide by 10.5 inches tall. Affidavits of Publication from the aforementioned newspapers, along with the published announcements, are attached as Exhibits A & B respectively.

DATED this 4 day of March, 2015.

Sandy Ragnetti  
SANDY RAGNETTI

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 4 day of March, 2015.



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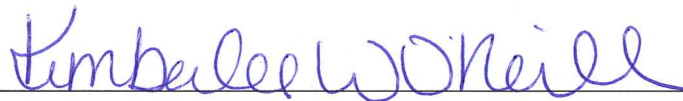
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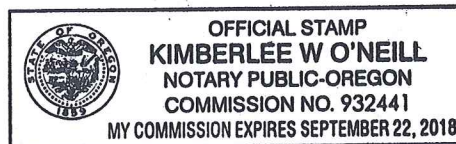
  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this date: **2nd Day of March, 2015**



Notary Public for Oregon

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# Pro-vaccination bill picking up backers

By Amy Wang  
The Oregonian/OregonLive

The state Senate Health Care Committee will hold a public hearing this week on proposed legislation that would remove parents' ability to exempt their children from vaccinations for nonmedical reasons.

Senate Bill 442, as currently written, directs the Oregon Health Authority to give parents deadlines for submitting the required documentation for nonmedical exemptions. But state Sen. Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, D-Beaverton, said that planned amendments to the bill, which she is sponsoring, would effectively limit exemptions to specific medical conditions.

Steiner Hayward, the Senate's majority whip, said the planned amendments would remove language in the current law that allows parents to forgo vaccinations for a child attending school or child care with a document "stating that the parent is declining one or more immunizations on behalf of the child ... because of a religious or philosophical belief."

The planned amendments would also task the Oregon Health Authority with establishing by rule "what conditions qualify someone for a medical exemption and which licensed providers are qualified to do that," Steiner Hayward said.

If the bill passes, it would take effect immediately.

The hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, which happens to be "exclusion day," the date by which children over 18 months old must be up to date on their immunizations to continue attending school or child care.

Steiner Hayward said she has strong bipartisan support for the bill. "Frankly, I've never had so many people clamor to (co-sponsor) with me," she said. "I've got people just banging down my door."

Sens. Laurie Monnes Anderson, D-Gresham, who chairs the health committee, and Diane Rosenbaum, D-Portland, are listed as co-sponsors of the bill.

Steiner Hayward said she didn't think the committee would have more than one public hearing on the bill, though there will have to be a work session. It's possible, she said, that there could be a floor vote on the bill by the end of the month.

"I have no question that I have plenty of votes to get it off the Senate floor," Steiner Hayward said.

She said she also has broad support in the House, including a promise of co-sponsorship from Rep. Knute Buehler, R-Bend, who like her is a physician and who sits on the House

Health Care Committee.

Buehler said he was ready to co-sponsor the legislation in the House.

"I think it's necessary," he said. "I'm all for freedom until it starts to do harm to others, and I think that this bill helps prevent this."

"The role of government is really to protect our most vulnerable citizens," Buehler said. "When necessary, we need to lead people and encourage them to do the right things."

Steiner Hayward said she expects testimony at Wednesday's hearing from public health officials, health professionals and teachers about why the proposed legislation is an important change, "about the public health risks associated with Oregon's abysmal immunization rate, about the safety of immunizations and how important they are and how we know that they are very safe."

She also expects "passionate" testimony from those who oppose vaccinations because of concerns about vaccines' safety and a desire to preserve parental autonomy. She said she is sympathetic to those perspectives.

But "when it comes to parental choices that put their child at significant risk and put our community at significant risk, that's where I start to draw the line," she said.

"I'm a family physician and a mom," she said. "I care deeply about the health of our state's children and about my children and I think it's the right thing to do."

She and Buehler both said that studies implying a link between vaccines and adverse health effects have been discredited. Last week, Autism Speaks, a leading advocacy organization, revised its longtime stand on a possible autism-vaccination link, issuing a statement that read, "Over the last two decades, extensive research has asked whether there is any link between childhood vaccinations and autism. The results of this research are clear: Vaccines do not cause autism. We urge that all children be fully vaccinated."

Washington and California lawmakers also are considering bills to restrict vaccination exemptions.

In Washington, state law requires a licensed health care provider to sign certificates of exemptions unless a parent is claiming a religious exemption. A bill now before the Legislature would remove philosophical opposition as an acceptable exemption.

In California, which also allows parents to opt out of vaccinating their children by

## Hearing

**What:** A hearing on Senate Bill 442, which would restrict vaccination exemptions.

**When:** 3 p.m. Wednesday.

**Where:** State Capitol, Room HR A, 900 Court St. N.E., Salem.

citing "personal beliefs," a bill before the Legislature would remove that exemption.

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**In The Matter Of: PGE**

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This is to certify that the above advertising for PGE appear in

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On (Date) February 15, 2015

*Sandra Mukherjan*  
Signature

Sworn to before me this Fourth day of March 2015.

*Janet L. Gallaher*  
Notary Public



# Bill targets coal-fired power supply

By Phuong Le  
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Lawmakers hoping to wean Washington state off coal power are trying to ease the way for the state's utilities to end the electricity it gets from coal. Bills in the House and Senate set up certain favorable conditions for three private utilities, should they decide in the future to shut down a massive coal-fired power plant in eastern Montana that provides power to a chunk of the Pacific Northwest.

Supporters say the proposal gives the utilities the tools they need to begin diverting from coal power plants, including a way for the utility to issue bonds for shutdown and other costs that would be paid back by ratepayers over time.

But the Sierra Club and other critics say the proposal removes too much utility oversight, sets too long a timeline for closing a power plant and doesn't ensure that coal power gets replaced by something cleaner.

"It's important that we start the discussion about how to diversify ourselves of energy supply from coal," said Rep. Jeff Morris, D-Mount Vernon, prime sponsor of HB 2027. "This is not a plant-closure bill. It's just a process to set up the opportunity to close the plant."

The bill would allow utilities to recover any mitigation costs from a plant closure, such as financial assistance to displaced employees, from its utility customers.

Washington state gets less than 14 percent of its power from coal. The state's only coal-fired power plant in Centralia is slated to shut down by 2025. Much of the state's coal-fired electricity comes into the state from the Colstrip Steam Electric Station in Colstrip, Montana, and the Jim Bridger Station in Wyoming.

To reduce carbon pollution, Gov. Jay Inslee and others are trying to persuade three investor-owned utilities operating in the state — Bellevue-based Puget Sound Energy, Portland-based PacificCorp and Spokane-based Avista Corp. — to reduce or eliminate electricity they get from out-of-state coal plants.

PS&E is the largest owner of Colstrip, which consists of four separate coal-fired units. PPL Montana operates the facility on behalf of six owners, including Avista and PacificCorp.

Because of Colstrip's complicated ownership structure, no single owner can unilaterally decide to retire a plant. A provision in the bills sets up favorable conditions so that one utility could buy out another share of the coal plant with the goal of ultimately shutting it down.

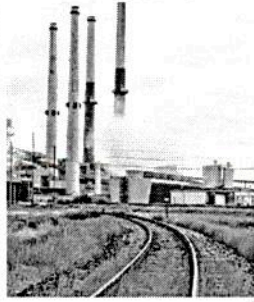
There's an opportunity for Puget to acquire an additional interest in Colstrip, PS&E's Ken Johnson told lawmakers at a Senate committee hearing Wednesday. "We believe it's in the best interests of customers to do that," he added.

Johnson noted there are existing federal regulations around air quality that will make it more economically challenging to operate Colstrip.

"As it's written right now, it's unacceptable," said Doug Howell, senior campaign representative with the Sierra Club.

The measure gives utilities up to 30 years to end coal use and doesn't ensure that coal is replaced by cleaner energy sources, he said. Current regulatory, economic and other pressures may force a closure sooner than this bill actually provides, Howell added.

John Rublin with Avista told senators that Colstrip is a source of cheap, reliable energy and it remains a



Washington state Gov. Jay Inslee wants to persuade utility owners to reduce the electricity they get from coal plants, including the Colstrip Steam Electric Station in Montana.

cost-effective resource for the next 20 years. Avista, which was involved with the other utilities in drafting the bill, gets about 9 percent of its energy from Colstrip.

Rothlin said Colstrip plant contributes \$600 million to Montana's economy, so its future has major implications for that state's tax base and the plant's workers.

Sen. Jim Honeyford, R-Sunnyside, also worried about the impact on Montana, asking, "Do we have a moral responsibility for the jobs lost and the economic impact on Montana?"

Sen. Kevin Ranker, D-Oreoc Island, said it's imperative that the state weans itself off coal. Senate Bill 5074, which is sponsoring with Sen. Doug Erickson, R-Fernside, is a good start, though he would like to ensure that any coal replacement is significantly cleaner

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## Portland considers smoking ban at city's golf courses

Associated Press

PORTLAND — The city of Portland is considering a tobacco ban in public parks that would extend to its five golf courses.

The Oregonian reports such a ban would be the first in Oregon. Other Oregon cities that have banned smoking in their parks have exempted public golf courses.

"If they pass this, it's going to be everybody," said John Zoller, Portland's manager of golf. "It's going to be across the board. It's going to be all parks and parks

properties."

In Eugene, the city-owned nine-hole Laurelhood course allows tobacco use, which is prohibited in city parks. Lake Oswego also has a tobacco ban in parks, but it allows smoking on the Lake Oswego Golf Course.

In Newberg, the Chehalis Park and Recreation District barred tobacco use in parks, but decided to continue allowing it at Chehalis Golf Course.

Head professional Brandon Thompson said he and his staff were concerned about how a ban would affect rounds played and how they would be able to enforce a ban. The district opted to allow smoking on the course, but to quit selling tobacco products there.

The Portland-owned golf courses include two at Horowitz Lakes, as well as Rose City, Eastmoreland and Red Tail. To help with potential lost revenue, Portland's proposed ordinance allows groups that rent city courses for tournaments to apply for a permit that would allow smoking.

The vote is scheduled for Wednesday, but it could be delayed a week.

Other major cities have instituted total bans at public parks that include golf courses, including New York City, San Francisco, San Diego and Salt Lake City.

San Francisco's ban went into effect in 2005. The city's municipal courses include the famed TPC Harding Park, a historic course that has hosted PGA Tour events, a Presidents Cup and has been awarded the 2020 PGA Championship.

Tom Smith, the course's general manager, said the policy has not caused a drop in rounds played.

"The best positive things about it from non-smokers who want to come out for the fresh air," Smith said. "They value that policy."

## Trooper sues state police for firing threats

Associated Press

EUGENE — An Oregon State Police trooper who made headlines when he was ejected from a University of Oregon football game has sued his employer, saying state police higher-ups threatened to fire him after he accused a lieutenant of illegally searching a motor home.

The Register-Guard newspaper reports the \$6.6 million lawsuit was filed Thursday by Marc Boyd in U.S. District Court in Eugene.

Boyd previously sued the city of Eugene and one of its police officers, alleging he was roughed up and wrongfully detained at an Oregon Ducks game in October 2013. That case remains unresolved.

In the latest federal suit, Boyd says he was told he'd be fired after accusing a lieutenant of searching the motor home without probable cause in March 2013.

The lawsuit says one DSP captain warned Boyd in writing not to discuss the incident and another told a troopers' union official that he intended to investigate Boyd for "every minor infraction or perceived infraction" in retaliation for the complaint.

According to the lawsuit, Boyd was later told by two officials that state police intended to fire him once a series of internal investigations against him were completed.

State police spokesman Lt. Josh Brooks said the agency does not comment on pending litigation. The newspaper says Brooks did not respond to an emailed request for comment on Boyd's job status. The lawsuit states that Boyd, who was suspended after the Astoria Stadium incident, remains employed by the agency.

Boyd's lawsuit claims several civil rights violations, including one that alleges he was discriminated in his process rights in relation to the internal investigations that resulted in his suspension, and another accusing his bosses of retaliating against him when he exercised his right to free speech and reported the alleged wrongdoing.

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