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Lee Beyer, Chair
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Dear Chair Beyer,

The organizations and the businesses that supported SB 408, and that are supporting the OPUC temporary rules implementing that measure belie the PacifiCorp claim that SB 408 is unfriendly to business. It appears that the only businesses that oppose this new law are the utilities being regulated. The fact is that PacifiCorp was caught with their hand in the taxpayers' cookie jar. In my opinion, the OPUC temporary rule regarding SB 408 is an appropriate attempt to implement the exact intent of the 73rd Legislature. Utilities must not charge rate payers in Oregon for taxes that are not paid in Oregon. Utilities are virtual monopolies. They must be prevented from collecting fees from captive rate payers in one jurisdiction to pay for losses or tax obligation offsets by other business entities related only by ownership.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance in your efforts to implement SB 408.

Best regards,

Senator Doug Whitsett
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