



THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI
Governor

July 22, 2005

The Honorable Ryan Deckert
Oregon State Senator
900 Court St. NE., S-219
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senator Deckert:

Thank you for your letter urging that I reconsider my intent to veto SB 1008. I appreciate the work you have done on this issue. I have been clear from the beginning of this process that I would not support the State of Oregon becoming financially entangled in the purchase of PGE. I will not change my position on this issue. I share your concerns about Enron and believe returning PGE to its pre-Enron status as a locally headquartered, stand-alone utility is in the best interests of PGE ratepayers and the employees of PGE.

As Governor, my focus must remain on growing the economy, creating an education enterprise from pre-school through graduate school, ensuring our citizens have their basic needs of food, shelter and health care met, and opening the doors of opportunity for all Oregonians. Creating the option for a state-owned utility company would only distract from – not strengthen – our ability to move forward toward accomplishing these goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Theodore R. Kulongoski".

THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI
Governor

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