



THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI  
Governor

July 22, 2005

The Honorable Peter Courtney  
President of the Senate  
900 Court St. NE., S-203  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear President Courtney:

I am returning Enrolled Senate Bill 1008 unsigned and disapproved.

Enron Corporation has terminated its negotiations with the City of Portland for the acquisition of Portland General Electric (PGE) and will continue the process of stock distribution to its creditors. I believe returning PGE to its pre-Enron status is in the interests of PGE ratepayers and the employees of PGE.

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 have not changed my position on this issue and, therefore, have vetoed SB 1008.

My primary goal over the last several months has been to ensure that PGE, under any ownership model, continues to provide reliable and affordable power to its customers and remains an economic asset for communities throughout the state, which can be achieved without creating the option for the state to acquire a private utility company.

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, which is why I cannot support this legislation.

Sincerely,

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

THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI  
Governor

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