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Baertschiger addressing higher electric bills

SALEM, Ore.-This week, state Sen. Herman Baertschiger Jr., R-Grants Pass, met with Pacific Power representatives regarding constituent concerns over recent higher charges on electric bills. Pacific Power and Baertschiger agreed to collaborate on legislative solutions to address these concerns. There are several proposed laws this session that could adversely affect Oregon ratepayers.

Baertschiger offered the following statement:

"I am concerned about what I am hearing from my district and I asked for an explanation and a commitment from Pacific Power to address this issue. The company has reassured me that they are working to avoid new cost increases. In addition, there are several proposals in the legislature that could impact customer costs, and we will work together to protect customers from ill-considered bills."

Pacific Power Vice President of External Affairs Scott Bolton said:

"Like Sen. Baertschiger, we want to keep rates low for our customers. We've kept rates steady for several years now, and we'd like to continue to do so. That's why we oppose legislation that seeks to put unnecessary new costs on our customers. After a hard winter that has increased energy bills across the state, it is important for policymakers to be sensitive to the bottom line for families and businesses."

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