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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB88

Dear Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Brock Smith, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Britney VanCitters and I live in SE Portland. I am writing in support of SB 88 to make sure that advertising, legal and lobbyist fees come out of company profits, not rate payer pockets.

This is about fairness. Portland General Electric (PGE) made \$313 million in profits in 2024, a record high for the company and they've raised rates two years in a row. I'm just singling out PGE, they were just the earliest to release their 2024 profits publicly, and early enough for me to include them here. NW Natural, Pacific Corp, and others are engaging in the same behavior.

As the cost of living rises, everyday Oregonians are having to make tough choices and tighten their budgets. Why should for-profit, corporate, monopoly utilities continue to make record profits off the backs of struggling Oregonians? They shouldn't.

It makes sense to pay for the heat or power we use and for utilities to invest in clean energy. But we should not be paying for things that promote the for-profit, corporate utility's interests, like suing Oregon to overturn our climate protection laws, salaries for several Capitol lobbyists working to kill good environmental bills, or marketing to improve the brand name of a monopoly utility.

I urge you to pass SB 88 to reduce utility rates for Oregonians, and protect ratepayers from being charged for excessive and unnecessary expenses that shareholders should be paying for.

Thank you,
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