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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Leann Bleakney, Oregon office

SUBJECT: Local panel of utility representatives

BACKGROUND

PRESENTER: Roger Gray, Eugene Water and Electric Board
Scott Coe, Emerald PUD

RELEVANCE: These utilities are among the consumer-owned electric utilities in the state of Oregon. There are 13 municipal electric utilities, six people's utility districts and 15 cooperatives (16 if PNGC power is included).

BACKGROUND: The local Eugene area is home to a number of consumer-owned electric utilities, including the Eugene Water and Electric Board, Lane Electric Cooperative, Springfield Utility Board, Blachley-Lane Electric and Emerald PUD. We are lucky to be joined during the March Council meeting by two general managers of public utilities: Roger Gray from EWEB and Scott Coe from EPUD.

Roger Gray joined EWEB as general manager in 2010. He manages a staff of 500 people at EWEB, which serves 200,000 people with electricity and water in the Eugene metro area. EWEB is Oregon's largest consumer owned utility.

Mr. Gray has worked in the electricity utility industry for many years and has held positions at Pacific Gas and Electric, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Southern California Edison, Bechtel and Duke Power.

Scott Coe is the general manager of Emerald PUD. Emerald PUD was formed in 1983 after a grass-roots effort by local residents formed the utility and acquired it from Pacific Power and Light. The utility has about 20,000 customers.

Before he arrived as general manager of Emerald PUD, Mr. Coe worked for the Bonneville Power Administration, where he was the manager of the Western Area Power Account Executives. He had previously been a manager in both generation supply and power scheduling areas.