

Trio rips Atiyeh plan to share federal power

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Three Eugene officials yesterday attacked Gov. Vic Atiyeh's proposal to activate the DRPA and Rural Power Authority. The DRPA would give the state authority to channel hydroelectric power from the Columbia River dams to private utility customers who otherwise do not have access to such power.

In a news conference at the EMU Tuesday morning, EWEB Commissioner John Bartels, Sen. Ed Fadeley, D-Eugene and John Stewart, vice-chair of the Lane County Democratic Party, issued statements opposing the DRPA.

Rather than implement an "illegal and unconstitutional" program such as DRPA, Bartels said, the state should enact Article 11-D of the Oregon Constitution, under which an elected three-member commission could sell federal power from the Bonneville Power Administration to consumer-owned utilities and initiate programs to produce power for public consumption.

Under federal law, only consumer-owned utilities such as EWEB and Springfield Utility have access to power produced by the dam in the Columbia River Gorge, Fadeley said. But if DRPA was implemented, private utility consumers also would receive some of this federal power, he added.

Fadeley said DRPA gives the state

the ability to sell the lower-cost hydroelectric power to private utility consumers by renting private utility lines.

He said only the private utility stock holders, who receive money from use of their lines, and private utility customers, who receive cheaper electricity, would benefit from DRPA.

The consumer-owned utility customers are hurt by DRPA because it spreads thin an already short supply of Columbia River power, ultimately meaning less power for these consumers, Fadeley said.

Bartels called DRPA a "paper tiger" and said activating DRPA "will only result in costly lawsuits in which the taxpayers of the publicly-owned Oregon will be compelled to sue the Oregon taxpayers to protect their legitimate right to federal power."

He said the DRPA is unconstitutional because the state, by selling power to consumers of privately-owned utilities, would not be a legal customer of federal power.

"The only way to qualify for federal power is to form a publicly-owned utility," Bartels said.

"The only way we can reduce rates for Oregonians and achieve independence from foreign countries and technologies we don't like, such as nuclear power, is to produce, own and control our own power," Fadeley said.

If Gov. Atiyeh was genuinely concerned with providing lower-cost



Photo by Jimmi Harris

State Sen. Ed Fadeley of Eugene and EWEB Commissioner Jack Bartels yesterday ripped a proposal by Gov. Vic Atiyeh that would allow the state to purchase federal power from the Bonneville Power Administration and resell it to private utility customers.

energy to more people, he would activate Article 11-D, which unlike DRPA gives the state power to produce energy that would be owned by the public in addition to providing access to federal power, Fadeley said.

He said DRPA goes only halfway because it doesn't generate any power and doesn't place the control in the hands of the people.

DRPA promises private utility stockholders a profit on their investment "with the use of publicly produced power in the Columbia River system,"

Fadeley said.

"In this instance it seems the governor has left his guts and courage on the rug in the boardroom of private utilities," Fadeley said.

"DRPA is really a lever to pass the Northwest Power Bill," Fadeley said.

The Northwest Power Bill, also known as the Jackson Bill after sponsor Sen. Henry Jackson D-Wash., currently is resting in the U.S. Senate and would, if passed, spread the regions' power equally among all consumers of either private or public utilities.

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TO THE BEST little sisters from DDD, Connie Jean & Lynn Yvonne Marie, I hope you have a super turkey day

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STAR

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
I'll miss you and love you. Have a good Thanksgiving. Love,
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If I could be sure
That kisses would cure
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But if I was wrong
Some snuggles in bed
Would soon clear your head.
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TO THE BEST little sisters from DDD,
Connie Jean & Lynn Yvonne Marie,
I hope you have a super turkey day
And I'll see you on Monday so we can weigh!
(eat, drink and be wild)
All my love, Kristi Lou

Early Sunday morning, arriving without warning, quiet as a mouse, we messed up Pi Phi house. Over their surprises the sophomores dried their eyes, searched for us in vain, through dorm and coastal plain.

But, we had no doubt, We'd pulled the best walkout. For the first in five years, Pi Phi pledges deserve cheers!

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KAPPA SIGS: Thanks for the great wake-up breakfast. Have a nice Thanksgiving!! Love, The Alpha Phi

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