

# A government takeover can mean higher electric rates.

Even the Oregon Office of Energy could not determine whether this new government utility would guarantee lower rates than what we are already paying.

## Higher Electric Rates?

Before you vote on a government takeover of Pacific Power and PGE, consider that rates could easily be higher. That's because this new government utility would have to buy virtually all of its electricity from others.

How high would rates be? No one knows, not even the Oregon Office of Energy.

## We'd Pay More Than \$1 Billion

In addition to buying electricity, this new government utility would also have to spend more than \$1 billion to take over the poles, wires and substations currently owned by Pacific Power and PGE.

Where would they get the money? From us—the ratepayers. We'd all pay for it through higher electric rates. That would average about \$3,000 per ratepayer.

## Boundary Lines Make No Sense

The boundary lines of this new government-owned utility are poorly thought out and make no sense. They would cut the existing service territory to pieces, costing more to serve with less reliability.

That's why the union of line workers and electricians who bring you safe, reliable power also urges you to vote NO on both Measures 26-51 & 52.

## New Property Taxes

This new government utility is already asking for new property taxes. According to the official ballot, a yes vote will raise your property taxes. And who knows how much they'll ask for in the future.

We already have reliable electric service. It makes no sense to pay higher electric rates and higher property taxes for something we already have.

Vote **NO** on both Measures 26-51 & 52.

**Stop the Costly Government Takeover.**