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The Office of the Secretary of State received a draft ballot title from the Attorney General on September 28, 2007, for initiative petition #135, proposing a statutory amendment, for the General Election of November 4, 2008.

The draft ballot title is as follows:

**CREATES COMMISSION AUTHORIZED TO: DEVELOP, GENERATE,
SELL, BUY, DISTRIBUTE ELECTRICITY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY;
ISSUE BONDS**

RESULT OF "YES" VOTE: "Yes" vote creates elected commission authorized to: develop, generate, sell, buy, distribute electricity, renewable energy; acquire, operate generation, transmission, distribution facilities; adopt rules; issue bonds.

RESULT OF "NO" VOTE: "No" vote retains current law: the state does not generate, transmit or distribute electricity or renewable energy; retains existing state bonding authority and regulatory authority.

SUMMARY: Currently, the State of Oregon does not generate, transmit, or distribute electricity. State agencies have authority to supervise and regulate public (investor-owned) utilities and energy resources. Measure creates Oregon Energy Development Commission, composed of three nonpartisan members elected statewide. Commission has authority to: develop, generate, transmit, distribute, buy, and sell electricity and renewable energy (defined); acquire and operate facilities for electricity and renewable energy production and distribution; undertake energy development and conservation projects; regulate rates and charges related to water power, electricity, renewable resources; condemn private property; issue state bonds. Commission is not under Public Utility Commission regulation. Moneys received by Commission fund its activities. Measure creates separate fund to pay administrative costs, principal and interest on all bonds issued by Commission. Other provisions.

Chief Petitioner(s): John Bartels, 3500 SE Concord RD #86, Milwaukie, OR 97267, George Wingard, 2323 Fairmont Blvd, Eugene, OR 97403 and Phyllis Wilson, PO Box 335, Myrtle Point, OR 97458.

Copies of the text of this initiative are available at Room 141, State Capitol for \$2.50. Written requests for copies with your remittance of \$2.50 prepaid, should be addressed to: Elections Division, Room 141 State Capitol, Salem, OR 97310-0722.

There now follows a comment period of 10 business days during which any member of the public may submit written comments which address the specific legal standards a ballot title must meet to the Secretary of State's office. This period ends October 12, 2007. Comments must be addressed to: Elections Division, Room 141 State Capitol, Salem, OR 97310-0722; fax (503) 373-7414.

The Secretary of State will deliver all written comments to the Attorney General. If comments are received, the Attorney General shall issue the certified ballot title not later than the 10th business day after receiving the comments from the Secretary of State. If no comments are received, the Attorney General shall issue the certified ballot title not later than the 10th business day after the deadline for submitting comments.

In addition, during this ballot title comment period, the Secretary of State will also seek statements from interested persons regarding whether or not a proposed initiative petition complies with procedural constitutional requirements for submission of proposed initiative petitions. The Secretary will consider the information provided in the statements received from interested persons. If you wish to comment, this period ends October 12, 2007. Comments must be addressed to: Elections Division, Room 141 State Capitol, Salem, OR 97310-0722; fax (503) 373-7414.

Any elector who is dissatisfied with the ballot title certified by the Attorney General, and who timely submitted written comments which addressed the specific legal standards a ballot title must meet, may petition the Oregon Supreme Court seeking a different title. This appeal must be filed not later than the 10th business day after the Attorney General certifies a ballot title to the Secretary of State.

The required number of signatures for placement on the 2008 general election ballot is 82,769. These signatures shall be filed in this office not later than July 3, 2008.

HARDY MYERS
Attorney General



PETER D. SHEPHERD
Deputy Attorney General

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John Lindback
Director, Elections Division
Office of the Secretary of State
141 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97310

Re: Proposed Initiative Petition — Creates Commission Authorized To: Develop, Generate, Sell, Buy, Distribute Electricity And Renewable Energy; Issue Bonds
DOJ File #BT-135-07; Elections Division #135

Dear Mr. Lindback:

We have prepared and hereby provide to you a draft ballot title for the above-referenced prospective initiative petition. The proposed measure relates to creating an Oregon Energy Development Commission.

Written comments from the public are due to you within ten business days after your receipt of this draft title. A copy of all written comments provided to you should be forwarded to this office immediately thereafter.

A copy of the draft ballot title is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Misty Kintz
Legal Secretary

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Enclosure

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