

Tell the DEQ to keep Boardman operating

IBEW Local 125 wants Portland General Electric to keep its Boardman Coal-fired Generation Facility operating until 2040 and beyond. Many factors influence the company's ability to run the plant, including approvals from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and Environmental Quality Commission. PGE's Bart III proposal requires the company to stop using coal by 2020 but does not mandate closure of the plant. Your Local is supporting the company's efforts to find an alternative fuel source that will enable continued operation; however, the company needs firm answers now on its 2020 plan to maintain existing operations with various pollution controls being installed.

Below are the dates, times, and locations of upcoming DEQ public hearings which will be held throughout Oregon. Please try to attend a meeting and share your thoughts about Oregon's energy needs. If you have any questions about these hearings, call Marcy Putman at 503-804-3401.

Remember, in lieu of making public comments, you can submit written testimony via email to newbart4pge@deq.state.or.us, at one of the public hearings, or mail at Department of Environmental Quality, ATTN: Brian Finneran, SW 6th Avenue, Portland, OR 97204. Comments must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on October 1, 2010. Tell the DEQ that Oregon needs this plant operating.

Between **Sept. 1 and Oct. 1, 2010**, DEQ will open the public comment period on its three emission reduction options and PGE's alternate proposal.

Date/Time Place

Sept. 21, 2010 Council Chambers, Metro Regional

6 p.m.	Center 600 NE Grand Avenue, Portland	View MapQuest map
Sept. 23, 2010 6 p.m.	Willamette Conference Room, Eugene State Office Building 165 East 7th Avenue, Eugene	View MapQuest map
Sept. 28, 2010 6 p.m.	Hermiston Conference Center 415 S. Hwy 395, Hermiston	View MapQuest map
Sept. 29, 2010 6 p.m.	Conference Room, Suite 201, DEQ Medford Office 221 Stewart Avenue, Medford	View MapQuest map
Sept. 30, 2010 6 p.m.	Columbia Gorge Community College, Health Science Building Building Three, Room 3.203 400 E Scenic Drive, The Dalles	View MapQuest map