

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Approving a Ballot )  
Title and Explanatory Statement for )  
People's Utility District #1 and ) ORDER  
Approving Inclusion of Material in ) #88-15  
State Voters' Pamphlet. )

WHEREAS, a petition for formation of Pioneer People's Utility District #1 (PUD #1) was filed with the Director of Elections on September 18, 1987; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Elections certified that the petition contained sufficient valid signatures on September 28, 1987; and

WHEREAS, the boundaries of the PUD #1 were established by the Board of County Commissioners on January 7, 1988 pursuant to ORS 261.161; and

WHEREAS, ORS 261.171(1) requires the Board of County Commissioners to submit the question of formation of Pioneer PUD #1 to the electors within the affected territory at the earliest practical date; and

WHEREAS, ORS 261.171 requires that a tax levy for an engineer's report be voted on by the electors of the district at the time of the formation election; and

WHEREAS, the petition for formation of Pioneer PUD #1 sets the amount necessary for the engineer's report at \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, ORS 261.190 requires that five directors be elected to manage and transact the business of the district at the time of the formation election; and

WHEREAS, County Counsel, at the direction of the Board of County Commissioners, has prepared a ballot title for this measure (attached hereto as Exhibit 1); and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State has advised that material concerning this measure can be included in the State Voters' Pamphlet for the May 17, 1988 election; and

WHEREAS, an explanatory statement for inclusion in the Voters' Pamphlet has been prepared (attached hereto as Exhibit 2);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED that:

1. The ballot title and explanatory statement attached hereto are approved, and

2. Pursuant to MCC 4.10.520(D), the Director of Elections of Multnomah County is directed to place the measure relating to P.U.D. #1 in the State Voters' Pamphlet with the ballot title and explanatory statement as approved herein.

3. A copy of this Order shall be forthwith delivered to the Director of Elections.

DATED the 18th day of February, 1988.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By Gladys McCoy  
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Multnomah County Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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BALLOT TITLE

CAPTION:

Formation of Pioneer People's Utility District #1,  
Authorizes Levy for Report.

QUESTION:

Shall Pioneer People's Utility District #1 be formed with authority to impose a special levy of \$50,000 for engineer's report?

PURPOSE:

Measure creates Pioneer People's Utility District #1 governed by five district residents elected to the board of directors. Measure also authorizes special levy (property tax) of \$50,000, estimated at \$.03 per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation, for an engineer's report. Report would study the costs of acquisition or construction of an electric utility system. If district voters approve in a future election, District could condemn existing electric utility properties and issue revenue or general obligation bonds.

EXHIBIT 1

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT - P.U.D. NO. 1

This measure has two parts. First, a yes vote is in favor of creating Pioneer People's Utility District (P.U.D.) #1. The district would be in North and Northeast Portland and Sauvie Island. These areas are now served by Portland General Electric (PGE).

Second, a yes vote authorizes a \$50,000 special levy (tax) on property in the district, estimated at \$.03 per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation.

A P.U.D. is a publicly owned entity for providing electrical service to residents of the district. It is governed by a five-person Board of Directors. The Directors are elected from residents of the district. Their activities are subject to Oregon's public meeting and public contracting requirements, in addition to other Oregon laws. If the P.U.D. obtains separate approval from district voters in a future election, a P.U.D. can issue revenue bonds and general obligation bonds.

Election of the district's initial Board of Directors is also on today's ballot.

The funds raised by the levy that is part of this measure would pay for a report by a professional engineer. The report would:

1. examine PGE's rates and its plans for new power supplies to meet local load growth;
2. inventory the present electrical utility system and estimate the cost of acquiring it; and

3. compare the cost ratepayers would pay if the P.U.D. is formed with what they currently pay PGE.

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