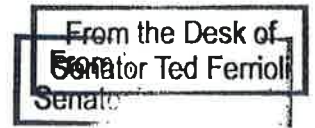


DAVIS Diane

From: SAVAGE John F.
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2016 2:56 PM
To: SAVAGE John F.; 'Kavulla,Travis'
Subject: RE: What a joke



By the way, sorry for the rant. I'm in a dark Commissioner place.

From: SAVAGE John F.
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2016 2:55 PM
To: 'Kavulla,Travis'
Subject: RE: What a joke

This thing's a fait accompli. I'll get you a list of what it reverses or requires us to revisit. One of my favorite ones is a requirement that we must consider investment proposals for charging stations and related EV equipment that would be eligible for rate-basing. It sets forth easy criteria for the utility to meet but no prudence standard. Their apparent target is fast-charging stations for homes and businesses as well as public places. Our current policy since 2012 is that a utility can install, own, and operate EV equipment for rate recovery if and only if they demonstrate significant net benefits for all customers from the EV investment. The utilities have brought forward no proposals under that standard. I can't wait for a proposal to provide rebates for home charging stations for a Tesla.

Others would require us to true-up all federal and state tax credits (difference between actual and forecasted each year) and all costs of renewable resources (fixed and variable). They not only get to rate-base a bunch of stuff, there's no risk associated with it.

And the Governor's office thinks we have gall to even critique the damn thing and are questioning who we are and what we do.

From: Kavulla,Travis [<mailto:TKavulla@mt.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2016 2:43 PM
To: SAVAGE John F.
Subject: Re: What a joke

Out of curiosity -- which decisions does it effectively reverse? (Not as acquainted as I should be via my Clearing Up reads!)

So is this thing a fait accompli or is there a chance it gets axed in the legislature?

I was saying to Susan -- this is the only circumstance when it is better to be elected as a commissioner, and be a political force in one's own right...

From: SAVAGE John F. <john.f.savage@state.or.us>
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2016 3:41 PM
To: Kavulla,Travis
Subject: RE: What a joke

We are furious about it and we are going to be silenced. This bill is absolute crap and it won't even reduce emissions that much (the "no-coal-by-wire" is a sleight of hand, a shell game that will result in no actual emission reductions and

higher rates for Oregon customers). And then the utilities get to stuff our decisions they didn't like down our throats. The Governor's press statement talks about the Oregon way. The Oregon way is now the Louisiana way.

So, in short, I appreciate your note. This is beyond a joke.

From: Kavulla, Travis [<mailto:TKavulla@mt.gov>]

Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2016 2:36 PM

To: SAVAGE John F.

Subject: What a joke

Just read the OR legislation.

Straight out of the if-you-can't-beat-them-rely-on-their-naivete-to-obtain-guaranteed-cost-recovery camp of utility legislative strategy.