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As BPA is aware, Cowlitz PUD expressed considerable concerns with Clark's request to obtain residential exchange benefits resulting primarily from costs associated with their River Road generation facility. We believed that the development of River Road, and the associated decision to take load off of BPA was made solely at Clark's discretion. Had that decision been financially advantageous Clark would have benefited. As such, we believed Clark should bear the consequences in the event the decision was not financially advantageous. Furthermore, Cowlitz PUD is a strong supporter of allocation. We believe allowance of public exchange is fundamentally incompatible with a meaningful allocation of the BPA system. Thus we were most interested in how BPA resolved this matter. In reviewing the proposed settlement we commend BPA for their efforts to minimize the cost of Clark's filing on other ratepayers. Given BPA's belief that it had a weak basis on which to deny Clark's application, the agreement appears to be a reasonable balancing of Clark's interest with those of other BPA customers. Both Clark and BPA should be commended for the creativity displayed in the agreement. While we would have preferred Clark to have not filed for exchange benefits, we support BPA's execution of the proposed settlement agreement.