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Stephan Wright,

Snohomish P.U.D. Watts Happening Newsletter, states "B.P.A. has stated that it plans to raise rates to cover a \$900 million financial shortfall."

You greedy S.O.B.'s at B.P.A. need to get your head out of ass and stop bloodsucking the public to death.

It's common sense! The higher, the rates, the less people use and the more people on assistance. The intelligent people at Snohomish P.U.D. (using their brains) realize lower electricity rates, mean more people would use electricity, and less would be on assistance. It's a concept!

You have been stealing from the public for more money in your pocket, and trips to the Caribbean, since the brain dead Regan administration.

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You want more money. Tell California to pay the bill.

You raise your rates again, and people will cut back even more to despite B.P.A. administration.

B.P.A. in a nutshell is nothing more than legal thieves not doing any jail time.

Sincerely, Lynnwood, WA 98036

"Casper" The living by candlelight Ghost

SN-03-W-0976

April 16, 2003

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Steve Wright, Administrator
Bonneville Power Administration
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, OR 97208-3621

RE: BPA Proposed Rate Increase

Dear Mr. Wright:

The Columbia Basin is in as much of a struggling local economy and is facing challenges as any other entity or group in our present economic climate. We have lost many employers. Those who help us pay the costs of our local and national societies.

With wages practically froze, the citizens of our fair country suffer often for administrators increasing costs for services and products. We continually absorb costs that in many cases are over and above what is necessary to continue reasonable operating standards.

All private business and individuals are forced to reduce their operating costs to stay competitive and liquid, thus results the coalition of business and the citizen's inability to absorb, absorb, absorb costs that should be reduced and streamlined to effectively operate in any economy. Private business and citizens who do not operate that way will no longer compete for market share and will fail in their personal endeavors. All of their employees and their dependents stand to lose their stake value in society as well. The homeless are not all there due to the mishandling of their personal affairs. It is usually a last straw demand the family unit cannot absorb without personal disaster.

Jobs are few and far between; companies continue to shrink their bottom lines trying to stay profitable while serving their communities need for profitable work and their relationships. We must all resist calling for more cheese in an economic climate that is living on less and less capital each and every day.

Are our needs and goals fair and equitable to all we interact with and serve? We are all serving someone and that service is all that stands in the way of progress and the personal freedoms we all desire.

In closing, we as citizens and the companies we serve, cannot suffer another large rate increase to promote large organizations that may need to plane their administrations to the same model as the successful citizens and private business of this great country. I trust your group will re-think this proposal of a rate increase in the interest of your entire dependant constituents.

Sincerely,



David Speed
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Moses Lake WA. 98837

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Prosser School District 116
MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

APR 28 2003



Dave Schell ...Maintenance Supervisor
823 Park Avenue, Prosser, Washington 99350
Telephone: (509) 786-3008 FAX: (509) 786-3105

March 21, 2003

REC'D B. PUD
MAR 24 2003

Mr. Steve Wright
Bonneville Power Administrator
P. O. Box 3621
Portland, Oregon 97208-3621

Dear Mr. Wright,

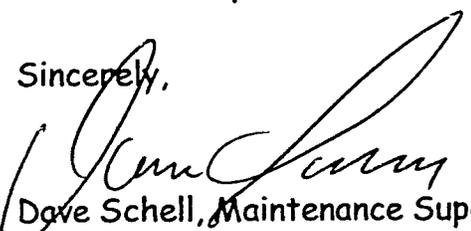
I am a customer of a consumer-owned electric utility that buys power from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). I'm worried about my electric bill. BPA power costs have increased dramatically since October 2001. Now BPA threatens a 25% Safety Net CRAC in October.

The Pacific Northwest is reeling from bad economy and loss of jobs - we suffer some of the highest unemployment rates in the nation. Businesses have closed, and our basic public services, schools and our very future are threatened. The economy in this region must turn around and begin to recover. We absolutely cannot begin that recovery if we suffer another increase in our power bills.

BPA has dramatically exceeded its own budget the past two years, and we read that it will take another three years of the current high rates plus the proposed large price increase before costs are under control. Customers like me need relief now. BPA must realize the part it has played in our regional economy. BPA must solve its budget crisis, passing these costs on to my neighbors and me not the answer.

The answer to these high electricity prices is in your agency's control. I urge you to do as others have in the region, BPA must find ways to cut costs. Don't let your agency force the Northwest into total economic collapse.

Sincerely,



Dave Schell, Maintenance Supervisor

cc: NW Delegation and Benton PUD

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Kenn. Wa.
March 25/03

Dear Sir,

I'm writing to protest another rate increase. We are senior citizens living on a small income. I put a heat pump in to save money, but nothing helped when rates just keep climbing. How about trying to cut expenses. We would like to live in our home, but with rates going up, don't know how long we can. Give us a break!

We are now too old to get a job, no one wants us. We just go over the amount to get a cut on our bill. You should make it higher.

The Hunters

REC'D B. PUD

MAR 28 2003

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To whom: it may concern

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I'm very upset with our electricity

I have a 11yr. grandchild I'm raising on
\$68.⁰⁰ a month and get there's nothing I can
do about my elec Bill but pay and in the
mean time my child does with out, not counting
myself. I can't get school picture ~~by~~ ^{for} her
because you see ~~proving~~ ⁱⁿ ~~don't~~ ^{don't} ~~work~~ ^{work} -
she has to go to ~~school~~ ^{school} ~~when~~ ^{when} it comes to homework
I buy her cloth ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~St Vincent~~ ^{St Vincent} and Value Village,
and there not much Christmas here. ~~at hand~~
But she never complains, ~~but~~ ^{other} ~~to~~ ^{but} ~~say~~ ^{to} ~~they~~ ^{they}
~~want~~ ^{want} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~go~~ ^{go} ~~up~~ ^{up} ~~again~~ ^{again} ~~that's~~ ^{that's} ~~our~~ ^{our} ~~selfish~~ ^{selfish} ~~because~~ ^{because}
I know they don't live in poverty ~~they~~ ^{they} live in
25 ~~000~~ ⁰⁰⁰ 3,000 sq ft home. ~~how~~ ^{how} ~~much~~ ^{much} do they
give up for them self or there children
my mother is 83 yrs old get 700.⁰⁰ a month
+ 220.⁰⁰ for med⁸ 146.⁰⁰ ~~supplement~~ ^{supplement}.
Insurance, we don't drive but could afford to
if we could we don't get vacations or
to movies or even ~~best~~ ^{best} ~~movies~~ ^{movies} we don't
get that ~~pleasure~~ ^{pleasure} so yes I'm scared + worried
and very ~~anxious~~ ^{anxious} that they can't ~~manage~~ ^{manage} ~~there~~ ^{there}
money so ~~where~~ ^{where} our electric has to go up!

Thank You
Helen Marie Jones

April 17, 2003

Steve Wright
BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATOR
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, OR 97208-3621

Dear Mr. Wright:

UNREALISTIC, is the word that comes to my mind in regards to the proposed rate increase. One increase is understandable because times change, cost's increase and things happen which, justify an increase. A second increase just a few month's later is less understandable and takes more work to swallow, yet considering the conditions around us I for one try to be sympathetic and deal with it. This proposed increase bewilders me, it makes me wonder who is running the show there? Are there any internal controls? Is anyone at BPA thinking about the other guy and how their actions affect them? What are you doing to cut your operating costs? Are you within your operating budget? If not, why not?

JUSTIFY this increase and tell us why it is needed. A \$900 million gap between revenues and costs is not specific enough. While families and business's cut costs and change strategies to adjust to these increases, most of their incomes are not increasing (many of them have become unemployed because of the local economy). Many senior citizens, single/low income households and seasonal businesses are experiencing extreme hardships because of the already imposed increases.

REALISTIC solutions exist, beginning with cutting costs at BPA.

Sincerely,



Jody A. George
Benton PUD Customer

cc: NW delegation and Benton PUD

To whom it may concern:

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These electric rates are getting ridiculous. Nothing else has gone up this much in 1 1/2 years. With all these dams, windmills and Energy Northwest our rates shouldn't be this high. Soon no one will be able to afford electricity!!

Dana Foster
525 N Mayfield
Kennewick, Wa.
99336

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Please No More Rate Increases

Mr. Steve Wright
Bonneville Power Administrator
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, OR 97208-3621

Dear Mr. Wright:

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BPA has dramatically exceeded its own budget the past two years, and we read that it will take another three years of the current high rates plus the proposed large price increase before costs are under control. Customers like me need relief now. BPA must realize the part it has played in our dismal regional economy. BPA must solve its budget crisis – passing these costs on to my neighbors and me is not the answer.

The answer to these high electricity prices is in your agency's control. I urge you to do as others have in the region – BPA must find ways to cut costs. Don't let your agency force the Northwest into total economic collapse.

Sincerely,

Tracy L. Bure

cc: NW delegation and Benton PUD

Steve - I am a widow on a single income and the electrical increases have greatly effected my budget. Additional increases will be a hardship. Thank goodness I have a good job, however what about others who aren't as fortunate - a critical situation

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Bonneville Power Administrator
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, OR 97208-3621

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Sincerely,



cc: NW delegation and Benton PUD

I work 2 jobs and with the rate increase can just barely afford to pay my basic bills. It used to be much more affordable before the increase – now my power is threatened to be shut off every month. Please don't increase rates – I can't work 3 jobs just to live.

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2003 8:26 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: save family wage jobs

-----Original Message-----

From: Job, Van [mailto:Van.Job@alcoa.com]
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2003 8:42 PM
To: 'sjwright@bpa.gov'
Subject: save family wage jobs

Dear Mr. Wright, I am asking if you will reconsider the proposed 15% increase in power cost for the pacific northwest. Our economy is not in very good shape as is, and with increased power cost it will devastate it all the more. I am asking for your help to keep the cost down. Thank you. Van Job

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2003 8:27 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: power rates

-----Original Message-----

From: Elizabeth Nyberg [mailto:bernibabe@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 26, 2003 1:32 PM
To: sjwright@bpa.gov
Subject: power rates

Dear Mr. Wright,

Please lower the power rates!

What can I do to help you acquire the political clout you need to turn this situation around?

I am very afraid the power rates are a cause of the dwindling US economy which, in turn, contributing to the destruction of our country.

Please stop the high power rates. And PLEASE let me know how I can help you. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bernice E. Nyberg

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From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2003 8:27 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: BPA rate increases-----Please be advised that copies are going to my Elected Officials and the White House, Thank You .



I have lived in
 Washington Sta...

Derek Stevens

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-----Original Message-----

From: Stevens, Derek [mailto:Derek.Stevens@alcoa.com]
 Sent: Saturday, April 26, 2003 3:51 PM
 To: US DEPT OF ENERGY (E-mail)
 Cc: STEVEN J. WRIGHT (E-mail)
 Subject: BPA rate increases-----Please be advised that copies are going to my Elected Officials and the White House, Thank You .

The Honorable Spencer Abraham,

Sir I am writing on the BPA increase, which will cripple our Northwest Economy. I am enclosing a letter that I sent to the BPA also. Please Put a Stop to this increase and even roll back some of the last increase to give our businesses and people a chance to make it through this. Thank You, Derek Stevens <<I have lived in Washington State for over 45 years.doc>>

I have lived in Washington State for over 45 years, and haven't seen a downturn this bad and a failing economy with no outlook for the future.

Out of the 45 years over forty have been spent in Whatcom County, our area is even harder hit. Our industrial base is dying, and not being replaced after GP shut down its pulp plant in Bellingham we lost 400 immediate jobs, Intalco where I work, has trimmed its work force down to just under 700 jobs from our all time high of over 1200, we are now facing a layoff of 125 people and are being told it will probably go down if we can't get long term power from BPA at an affordable rate. For every job directly lost in our industrial base four other jobs will be lost also. Washington, Oregon, Idaho residents don't need this, we are still in a recession and there is no clear outlook for a quick recovery. If you raise the rates again and cause wide spread layoffs because of curtailing or closing plants in the above states, I believe this recession could turn into a depression in the pacific northwest that may spread. I will probably leave this area to find work elsewhere so will a lot of others. Has BPA cutback its workforce to match the downturn or done away with inefficiency, have they cut their budgets to the bone, like all other businesses have done?

I think not or they wouldn't be in the mess they are now, how did BPA get to sell more power than it was able to produce? Who allowed it and when? These Questions need to be asked and answered.

Derek Stevens an aluminum worker

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2003 8:28 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: Save the Northwest Aluminum Industry

-----Original Message-----

From: Loren Jackson [mailto:lnkjackson@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 26, 2003 8:27 PM
To: sjwright@bpa.gov
Subject: Save the Northwest Aluminum Industry

Mr. Wright:

Please do not raise electrical rates. I ask you not to put myself and thousands of other Northwest families out of work. Our great state of Washington and our country need the family wage jobs the aluminum industry provides.
Please "No Rate Increase"

Thank You

Loren B. Jackson
1117 Sunset Avenue
Bellingham Washington 98226
360-384-1679
lnkjackson@hotmail.com
Alcoa Intalco Works Shift Supervisor

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2003 8:28 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: Save our jobs!

-----Original Message-----

From: Bruce Stadt [mailto:stadts4@msn.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 26, 2003 10:20 PM
To: sjwright@bpa.gov
Subject: Save our jobs!

Dear Mr. Wright,

As an employee at Alcoa Intalco Works for the past 14 1/2 years it is really upsetting to me and my family that I will lose my job if you force your rate increase on power users in the Northwest. Not only will I lose a job, but the amount I pay for my power at home will go up too. How can I pay for a power rate increase when and if I can find a job, I will probably be making less than I am now?? We need more good paying family wage jobs, not less!! If you go ahead with your rate increase, it will likely cost thousands of people their jobs!! Are willing to live with that decision?? We need lower power rates, not higher!!

I hope you will seriously consider this decision and its lasting effects on thousands of lives in the Pacific Northwest.

Thanks for your consideration,

Bruce Stadt
217 Greens Lane
Everson, WA 98247
360-966-7200
stadts4@msn.com

4/28/2003

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2003 8:29 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: BPA rate increase

-----Original Message-----

From: David Workentin [mailto:dworkentin@peoplepc.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 27, 2003 7:10 PM
To: sjwright@bpa.gov
Subject: Fw: BPA rate increase

----- Original Message -----

From: David Workentin
To: sjwright@bpa.gov
Sent: Saturday, March 08, 2003 8:03 PM
Subject: BPA rate increase

Dear Mr. Stephen J. Wright:

I know a lot of industries in the Northwest have shut down because of the high costs of energy. It is not just aluminum companies, but also many others across the state. Some of these companies are now gone for good. Many others are close to shutting down. BPA's recent announcement that they intend to raise rates yet again may push more companies over the edge.

I hear that power prices are not coming down at least in the short-term, but there have to be other options short of forcing even more industry to leave our state. The Department of Energy must intervene in BPA's process to ensure that rates are not increased yet again. Every possible effort must be made to preserve the industries that provide good jobs in Washington, particularly now when the economy is still suffering and the unemployment rate is so high.

Surely you must understand that these industry jobs are important. These jobs support families, communities and our state's economy. We have already seen that our economy is not recovering as fast as the rest of the nation. Eliminating more industry must be the last resort. These jobs must be saved. Find options that keep BPA power prices low enough to keep industry in our state.

Sincerely,

David Workentin

4/28/2003

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APR 28 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2003 8:29 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: Family security and JOBS are at risk

-----Original Message-----

From: KEN D VANDERHAAK [mailto:kjvhaak@juno.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 27, 2003 8:37 PM
To: Senatormurray@murray.senate.gov
Cc: sjwright@bpa.gov; the.secretary@hq.doe.gov;
vice.president@whitehouse.gov
Subject: Family security and JOBS are at risk

Dear Senator Patty Murray,

I am writing you regarding the proposed rate increase from BPA. Here in the northwest we are already suffering from one of the highest rates of unemployment in the country, if this rate is implemented thousands will be affected. Not just lost jobs, but also families will suffer. I have already been told that if this rate increase takes affect I will be laid off. It will extremely hard to find another job that will sustain a family in this area, when not only Intalco closes but all other industry is affected. My wife will need to go to work full time and the children will need to be in child care. FAMILIES WILL SUFFER. Our children 5, 9, 10, Need to be with their family.

We need affordable power rates for residences and industry. Please support no rate hike.

Sincerely ,

Kenneth D. Vander Haak

APR 28 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2003 8:29 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW:

-----Original Message-----

From: jypsy1951@msn.com [mailto:jypsy1951@msn.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 27, 2003 10:05 PM
To: PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH; VICE PRESEDENT RICHARD CHENEY
Cc: THE HONORABLE SPENCER ABRAHAM; Mr. Stephen J. Wright
Subject:

DEAR PRESIDENT BUSH
AND VICE PRESIDENT CHENEY,

I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU BOTH ON THE QUICK END TO HOSTILITIES IN IRAQ, THE WORLD IS RID OF ONE MORE TYRANT. THERE WAS A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF MONEY SPENT IN THE CAMPAIGN. AND THE REAL WORK IS JUST BEGINNING AND LOTS MORE MONEY WILL BE NEEDED. IF YOU WOULD PLEASE OPEN UP THE ATTACHMENT I'VE SENT. IT'S THE FRONT PAGE OF OUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER, IT SHOWS THE VERY GRIMM FACES OF MY FELLOW WORKERS. THEY ARE FACING ANOTHER SHUT DOWN IF WE DON'T GET FAIR AND EQUITABLE TREATMENT BY THE BPA. AND WE AREN'T THE ONLY ONES THAT WILL SUFFER, ALL OF WASHINGTON, OREGON AND IDAHO WILL. WE HAVE LOST HUNDREDS OF JOBS IN OUR COUNTY ALONE OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, AND I BELIEVE THAT THIS COULD BE THE EVENT THAT WILL THROW US FARTHER INTO RECESSION OR WORSE. THE BPA NEEDS A HELPING HAND, IF JUST A PINCH OF WHAT WAS SPENT IN IRAQ WAS GIVEN TO BAIL OUT THE BPA SO THEY COULD ROLL BACK THE RATES SOME. I AND MY FELLOW WORKERS COULD KEEP DOING WHAT WE DO BEST, MAKING THE HIGHEST QUALITY ALUMINUM IN THE COUNTRY. WE USED TO EMPLOY 1200 WE HAVE BEEN WHITTLED DOWN TO JUST UNDER 700 AND CAN STILL DO THE SAME JOB, WE WERE THE MOST EFFICIENT PLANT IN THE ALCOA CORPORATION!

PLEASE HELP US, IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

SINCERELY,
DEREK AND

TRISHA STEVENS

4/28/2003

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2003 8:28 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: Save family wage jobs



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-----Original Message-----

From: stadts@att.net [mailto:stadts@att.net]
Sent: Sunday, April 27, 2003 5:49 PM
To: president@whitehouse.gov
Cc: sjwright@bpa.gov
Subject: Save family wage jobs

Dear President Bush,

I am writing you about my grave concerns regarding the power situation in our Northwest region. The rising energy costs in the Northwest threaten our families, our communities, our jobs, and the quality of life in the entire region. We gravely need your help on the power situation if our communities, region, and families are going to get through this crisis without extreme hardship and long term severe economic conditions for working families. The struggling Northwest economy cannot survive another rate increase by the Bonneville Power Administration.

Please help make decisions that:

Keep electricity rates affordable for residents and industries. We need to preserve the family wage jobs that Northwest industries provide our communities and local and regional economies.

Encourage the Department of Energy to intervene and take a hard look at BPA and its policies and practices. DOE must ensure that everything possible is being done to prevent a rate increase and even try to lower rates.

Meet the growing energy needs of our region for the long term with the creation of new generation sources and tax credits that promote installation of new generation as well as conservation.

We need power rates we can afford for residences as well as our jobs. Please do your part to support our communities and working families in our region.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Mark and Sylvia Stadt and family

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 12:49 PM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: Please don't force the Alcoa-Intalco aluminum plant to close!

Importance: High

-----Original Message-----

From: Monica Crabtree [mailto:monicac@SPIE.org]
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 12:47 PM
To: sjwright@bpa.gov
Subject: Please don't force the Alcoa-Intalco aluminum plant to close!
Importance: High

Dear Mr. Stephen Wright,

I am the wife of 13-year Alcoa-Intalco employee, Devin B. Crabtree. We have three children (ages 12, 9, and 6).

Here's our story:

Two years ago we stood outside of the Portland BPA office wearing shirts that read "Wright is Wrong". We walked around for a while, holding our picket signs. We didn't realize that the person mentioned on the front of our shirts would be coming outside to speak to us. But here he came, Stephen Wright. Although we felt a little strange wearing a shirt with his name on it, we stopped and listened to him speak. He spoke of saving the aluminum industry and the high-paying jobs it provides. He had a plan that included halting production at the smelter for two years and keeping aluminum workers on the job by paying their wages. When the two years were up, it would be business as usual. We were all skeptical. We couldn't imagine that halting production at the Alcoa-Intalco plant for two years could possibly have a favorable outcome. But we believed him and went along with his plan...

During the past two years, we began to believe that maybe he (Stephen Wright) may have been right after all. We were able to start up the smelter earlier than had been anticipated and even hire 45 new employees! Then came the announcement earlier this year... The BPA is proposing a 15% rate increase. What? How could this be? What happened to Stephen Wright's wonderful plan? Did we struggle along for two years only to be shut down in the end?

You absolutely need to do whatever it takes to keep the Alcoa-Intalco Aluminum smelter operating! Too many people's livelihoods are hanging in the balance.

May we (Alcoa-Intalco) please purchase some of your "lowest cost electricity in the nation"? Because "This low-cost power has been a cornerstone of the Northwest economy, stimulating growth and new jobs." (Quotes taken from the BPA website).

THANK YOU in advance for saving my husband's job and the jobs of hundreds of others (possibly thousands)!

Sincerely,

Monica

Mrs. Monica L. Crabtree
330 S. Park Street
Lynden, WA 98264

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 12:49 PM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: Save family wage jobs

-----Original Message-----

From: Thiessen, Kristi L. [mailto:Kristi.Thiessen@alcoa.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 12:45 PM
To: 'senator_murray@murray.senate.gov'
Cc: 'sjwright@bpa.gov'; 'the.secretary@hq.doe.gov'
Subject: Save family wage jobs

Dear Senator Murray

I am writing you about my concerns regarding the power situation in our Northwest region. Energy prices in the Northwest are threatening businesses and industries, including aluminum companies. BPA's recent announcement that it intends to raise rates yet again jeopardizes thousands of family wage jobs. The struggling Northwest economy cannot survive another rate increase by the Bonneville Power Administration.

Without affordable energy for these industries (aluminum, aerospace, agriculture, pulp and paper, etc.) thousands of family-wage jobs will be lost. Many of these threatened jobs are in rural and economically challenged areas.

Surely you must understand that these industry jobs are important. These jobs support families, communities and our state's economy. We have already seen that our economy is not recovering as fast as the rest of the nation. Eliminating more industry must be the last resort. These jobs must be saved. Find options that keep BPA power prices low enough to keep industry in our state. Thank you for listening and for helping!

Respectfully,

Kristi Thiessen

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 12:50 PM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: Save family wage jobs

-----Original Message-----

From: Thiessen, Kristi L. [mailto:Kristi.Thiessen@alcoa.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 12:31 PM
To: 'maria@cantwell.senate.gov'
Cc: 'sjwright@bpa.gov'; 'the.secretary@hq.doe.gov'
Subject: Save family wage jobs

Dear Senator Cantwell,

I am writing you about my fears regarding the power situation in our Northwest region. The cost of energy is already too high and the proposed rate increase threatens our families, our communities, our jobs, and the quality of life in the entire region. We desperately need your help on the power situation if our families, communities, and region are going to get through this crisis without extreme hardship and long term severe economic conditions for working families. The struggling Northwest economy cannot survive another rate increase by the Bonneville Power Administration.

Please help to make decisions that:

- * Keep electricity rates affordable for residents and industries. We need to preserve the family wage jobs that Northwest industries provide our communities and local and regional economies.
- * Encourage the Department of Energy to intervene and take a hard look at BPA and its policies and practices. DOE must ensure that everything possible is being done to prevent a rate increase and even try to lower rates.
- * Meet the growing energy needs of our region for the long term with the creation of new generation sources and tax credits that promote installation of new generation as well as conservation.

We need power rates we can afford for residences as well as our jobs. Please do your part to support our communities and working families in our region. Thank you for listening and for helping!

Respectfully,

Kristi Thiessen

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 1:11 PM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: Thank you for supporting family wage jobs

-----Original Message-----

From: Thiessen, Kristi L. [mailto:Kristi.Thiessen@alcoa.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 1:07 PM
To: 'rick.larson@mail.house.gov'
Cc: 'sjwright@bpa.gov'; 'the.secreatary@hq.doe.gov'
Subject: Thank you for supporting family wage jobs

Dear Representative Larson,

I was present during your visit to the Intalco smelter in Ferndale, Washington yesterday and I want you to know that my family and I appreciate all that you have done so far.

I hope that you will continue to fight for affordable energy for industries like aluminum, aerospace, agriculture, pulp and paper and for the individual consumer as well. The Northwest is already struggling to survive and we cannot afford to lose any more family-wage jobs. Please encourage the Department of Energy to intervene and take a hard look at BPA and its policies and practices. DOE must ensure that everything possible is being done to prevent a rate increase and even try to lower rates.

Thank you for supporting our communities and working families in our region.

Respectfully,

Kristi Thiessen

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

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From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 1:51 PM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: Impending closure of Alcoa Intalco due to BPA increases

-----Original Message-----

From: Norma2001@aol.com [mailto:Norma2001@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 1:49 PM
To: SENATOR_MURRAY@MURRAY.SENATE.GOV; rick.larsen@mail.house.gov; ericksen_do@leg.wa.gov; linville_ke@leg.wa.gov; brandlan_da@leg.wa.gov; spanel_ha@leg.wa.gov; morris_je@leg.wa.gov; quall_da@leg.wa.gov; Kristian_da@leg.wa.gov; Pearson_ki@leg.wa.gov; Stevens_va@leg.wa.gov; vice.president@whitehouse.gov; armstron_mi@leg.wa.gov; Parlette_li@leg.wa.gov; mcmorris_ca@leg.wa.gov; George.nethercutt-pub@mail.house.gov; Brian.Baird@mail.house.gov; jay.inslee@mail.house.gov; adam.smith@mail.house.gov; dunnwa08@mail.house.gov
Cc: the.secretary@hq.doe.gov; sjwright@bpa.gov
Subject: Impending closure of Alcoa Intalco due to BPA increases

Once again letters are being written in support of keeping this plant open. I have friends and family who work there and it would be devastating to them if this plant closes. It would also be devastating to an already depressed area if this happens since people will not have extra money to spend. Then we lose local businesses. We have already seen that our economy is not recovering as fast as the rest of the nation.

I hope that you can reach a solution with BPA to resolve this matter. There has to be a long-term solution so that other industries will not be forced to leave this area. Eliminating more industry must be the last resort. THESE JOBS MUST BE SAVED. Please find options that keep BPA power prices low enough to keep industry in our State.

Thank you for taking this into consideration.

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 3:19 PM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: POWER RATES

-----Original Message-----

From: Eshuis, John [mailto:John.Eshuis@alcoa.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 2:49 PM
To: 'Sjwright@bpa.gov'
Subject: POWER RATES

Dear Mr. Wright

I know a lot of industries in the Northwest have shut down because of the high costs of energy. It is not just aluminum companies, but also many others across the state. Some of these companies are now gone for good. Many others are close to shutting down. BPA's recent announcement that they intend to raise rates yet again may push more companies over the edge.

I hear that power prices are not coming down at least in the short-term, but there have to be other options short of forcing even more industry to leave our state. The Department of Energy must intervene in BPA's process to ensure that rates are not increased yet again. Every possible effort must be made to preserve the industries that provide good jobs in Washington, particularly now when the economy is still suffering and the unemployment rate is so high.

Surely you must understand that these industry jobs are important. These jobs support families, communities and our state's economy. We have already seen that our economy is not recovering as fast as the rest of the nation. Eliminating more industry must be the last resort. These jobs must be saved. Find options that keep BPA power prices low enough to keep industry in our state.

Sincerely, John Eshuis and family

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2003 9:31 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: Save family wage jobs in Washington State

-----Original Message-----

From: Ewing, Robert D. [mailto:Robert.Ewing1@alcoa.com]
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2003 9:29 AM
To: 'sjwright@bpa.gov'
Subject: Save family wage jobs in Washington State

Dear Mr. Stephen J. Wright,

We the people of Washington State need your help in keeping BPA from raising the price of power in the Pacific Northwest. Energy prices in the Northwest are threatening buisnesses and industies, including aluminum companies. BPA's recent announcement that it intends to raise rates yet again jeopardizes thousands of family wage jobs.

Without affordable energy for these industries (aluminum, aerospace, agriculture, pulp and paper, ect.) thousands of family-wage jobs will be lost. Manufacturing and agricultural jobs should not be sacrificed to the inefficient administration of BPA. Elected officials must insist on solutions that preserve Northwest jobs. BPA must develop approaches that help industry survive.

As a single parent i need your help to save my job so i can continue to support my kids.

Please remember.....WASHINGTON STATE CAN'T AFFORD A RATE INCREASE FROM BPA!!!

Thank you for your time,

Robert Ewing

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Notalgae@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 12:42 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: alcoa

Whatcom county cannot afford another corp. to close it's doors. We lost Georgia Pacific (pulp) and now with Bonneville Power wanting to raise the cost of power to Alcoa-Intalco they (Alcoa) is looking at closing down. That will greatly affect the economy of Whatcom county...let alone the state. Keep Alcoa-Intalco open. A concerned Citizen not affiliated with Alcoa-Intalco. AI Gottschalk

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Monette & Tim King [four.kings@verizon.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 2:45 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Possible rate hike

Dear Mr. Wright,

As a customer of Snohomish County PUD, and therefore of BPA, I am very concerned to hear of the possible rate hike in wholesale power.

I know that PUD has identified and discussed with BPA various ways to cut costs, including administrative cuts. I believe that BPA has a duty to find any possible way to cut costs and make up the \$900 million shortfall without raising rates. The people of the state of Washington have already suffered enough from the financial debacle of the last couple of years, brought on by various short-sighted strategies. Many people, including elderly on fixed incomes and those out of work, cannot afford a higher payment for electricity.

It is my hope that BPA will be able to wisely manage our energy resources and address its financial challenges without a rate hike.

Sincerely,
Simone King

Simone & Tim King
Brier, WA
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four.kings@verizon.net

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: KKKToe@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 3:06 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Power Rates

I am opposed to BPA raising power rates. Please keep Ferndale Alcoa Intalco workers employed.

Sincerely,

Katie Wasel

4/28/2003

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: office.only
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 3:22 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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SN CRAC Rate Proposal
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Deborah Dowen

office only

360-671-7960

2215 Broadway

Bellingham wa 98225

 I am concerned with the Proposed Price increase.
I am concerned that Intalco would close. Whatcom County cannot afford to loose nearly 700 jobs. Washington's encomy is not healthy. I do not work for Intalco but many of the clents for the office I work for do. So it would also put my job at risk and how would I pay for the price increase in my appartment?
Deborah

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: FullyRelyOn1God@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 9:04 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Save family wage jobs....

Please consider not raising rates this summer...we have had a lot more rainfall to help, usually by this time of year we have 120 days of sun....we have only had 60 so far.

Plan ahead, start conserving NOW...until it's too late, and then you have to do the drastic things.

Family wage jobs are at stake here, we are all apart of a bigger plan and the WHOLE community suffers for it. We felt it when Georgia-Pacific Corp. closed their doors because of the high electrical rates, and Alcoa is the same.

Please find a way so the community doesn't suffer in many ways. Thank-you!!

Mrs. Rachelle Foster

4/28/2003

SN-03-W-1005

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: mike.murphree@alcoa.com
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 4:08 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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Mike Murphree

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Ferndale WA 98248

The poposed rate increase will result in the loss of hundered of Intalco family supporting wage jobs. My family lost our job when Longview Aluminum was closed due to the power shortage. We were hit hard financially to make the move to Ferndale to work at Inalco Alcoa. But now again our jobs are in danger. Please do not kill this industry. The very foundation of American industry is eroding away and will have long term affects on our country.

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Murphree, Mike W. [Mike.Murphree@alcoa.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 5:30 PM
To: 'comments@bpa.gov'
Subject: Power Increase

The proposed power increase will hurt the Northwest economy. It will severely impact families hopes, dreams and futures. The results of power increased since 2000 have destroyed an industry that helped build the Northwest. The loss of this industry will have greater impact than those doing the calculating could foresee. This is not the time for a rate increase. Intalco is hanging on by a tread! An increase now will shut this plant down. Given the opportunity to continue operating this plant will put millions of dollars back into this state and community of Ferndale and Bellingham.

No Increase!

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: MITCHELLEP@attbi.com
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 9:36 PM
To: comments@bpa.gov
Subject: Increasing electrical costs

I am a citizen of Bellingham, Washington with grandchildren in the Ferndale School District. I am deeply concerned about the Bonneville Power Administration's proposed increases in electrical costs because of the devastating effect it will have on our community. The Intalco Aluminum Company which adds over a million dollars to the tax base in the area will cease to exist. This will create hardships for the schools, the state and the county, remove funds for road, fire district, library system, port of Bellingham and secondary businesses which depend upon the buying power of Intalco workers. Charities which benefit from Intalco will suffer. But the greatest financial damage would be to the families which are employed by Alcoa. There are to few sources of employment in the county to absorb the nearly 700 employees. Washington State desperately needs to keep the industries which it has as well as to woo additional businesses. An environment where the cost of electricity destroys the customers of Bonneville, certainly can not be economically viable for that industry either.

From: AnonymousComment@somewhere.com
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 11:31 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal
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David Workentin

No E-mail Address Submitted

2949 Canlin Dr.

Ferndale Wa 98248

The entire depressed Pacific northwest simply can not tolerate a rate increase at this time. It would have devastating effects on the region in business losses and job losses, the region can not stand any more of this. Thank you : David Workentin

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From: Workentin, Dave [Dave.Workentin@alcoa.com]
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2003 1:46 AM
To: 'comments@bpa.gov'
Subject: rate increase

BPA: The pacific northewest simply can not tolerate any rate increase at this time. The region is struggling and in a depressed state, with high unemployment, business moving out , making it worse with extremely high power rates will only compound the bad situation that already exists. We need help not harm. Please no rate increase. Thanks David Workentin

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: roberte44@hotmail.com
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2003 8:32 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

Comment on
SN CRAC Rate Proposal
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Robert Ewing

roberte44@hotmail.com

360-366-2203

P.O. box 5

Custer wa 98240

We the workers of Washington State need your help in NOT raising the power rates. Our Families, Our communities need these jobs to survive. Dont add to our states unemployment rate. (which is the highest in the nation) Remember "NO RATE INCREASE".....thank you

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: robert.ewing1@alcoa.com
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2003 8:50 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

Comment on
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Robert Ewing

robert.ewing1@alcoa.com

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P.O. box 5

Custer wa 98240

My statement is pretty cut and dried....."NO RATE INCREASE!".....We the workers of Washington State need our Family wage jobs. As a single dad I need my job to support myself and my two kids. We need your help in keeping the power costs down so our families and communities in Washington State can survive. Washington State will "NOT" accept any RATE INCREASE!!!

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: HOLLYSMOM44@aol.com
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2003 9:59 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Save our jobs

PLEASE DO NOT RAISE THE POWER COSTS SO MUCH THAT OVER 100 PEOPLE WILL LOST
THEIR JOBS, WHATCOM COUNTY HAS ALOT OF UNEMPLOYMENT NOW, IT IS NOT A GOOD
THING, WE ARE REALLY STRUGGLING, SINCERELY, RENA L

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Patrice Raplee [patrice@padphoto.com]
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2003 11:05 AM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Cc: maria@cantwell.senate.gov; senator_murray@murray.senate.gov; jay.inslee@mail.house.gov; rick.larsen@mail.house.gov; president@whitehouse.gov
Subject: BPA Energy Increase

To: Stephen Wright, Administrator

From: Patrice Raplee, WA. Citizen

Dear Mr. Wright,

This E-mail is in regards to the BPA potential rate increase. In a letter provided by PUD, it was discussed that the \$900 million dollar financial shortfall could be made up in administrative cost-cutting and other financial measures.

US citizens have been hit hard enough by the economy in the last few years and many citizens are barely able to pay their mortgages and find jobs, let alone sustain another energy increase.

If the BPA doesn't find ways to fix their financial problems without putting the burden on their already stressed and financial suffering customers, then this "financial shortfall" is going to be a wide-spread media issue pointing the finger at administrative folly for causing the financial shortages.

Energy officials are on the American public's bad side as it is and an increased energy rate will only cause severe scrutiny over the competency of BPA administrators and their ability to further manage and implement an energy corporation.

Sincerely,

Patrice Raplee

Edmonds, WA.

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: DORIS WALSER [DMWALSER@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2003 2:25 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Electric rate increases

I can't afford increases in our power rates. Our businesses can't afford them either as they are all closing, and putting a lot of people out of work.

4/28/2003

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: James E. Shapley [jshapley@3-cities.com]
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2003 10:49 PM
To: comments@bpa.gov
Cc: jshapley@3-cities.com
Subject: BPA rate increase comments

Many of the reasons given for a rate increase are things that are not necessarily permanent such as low wholesale power rates and low water levels for hydro power. These things can change dramatically in a short time.

Therefore, why not apply a rate surcharge until things change improve rather than a rate increase or a combination of the two. A rate increase is rarely rescinded but a surcharge is usually shown as a separate line item that is a constant reminder of something that is intended to be removed as things improve. It seems that surcharges are easier to remove or change than are rate changes.

After many years of relatively stable rates, these constant rate increases seem hard to justify. Of course, good old deregulation, the battle cry of Corporate America, is probably behind these rate increases even if you are a pseudo government agency.

Thanks for your consideration,

Jim Shapley
230 Greenview Dr.
Richland, Wa. 99352

jshapley@3-cities.com

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

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From: Eileen Gieser [egieser@coastaccess.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 26, 2003 11:16 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Cc: jimmeddy@techline.com
Subject: about that electric bill,

Attention: Steve Wright,

Isn't it time that you found a way to budget and keep your electric prices in line with our dwindling finances? I don't get to tell you and other utilities that I have higher costs so you must charge me less, so it seems that you should find ways to decrease unnecessary wasteful spending and conserve any way you can. Work with what you have coming in now—just like the rest of us. We have grocery bills, house payments, medical bills and car payments, but how far do you think we would get telling the bank, loan company, grocery store and doctor, "sorry, you can only have 60% of your bill this month, because my costs have gone up"? Get realistic. Start doing your job as a good buyer of electricity. Pressure the companies you buy from for a better deal, just like you would if you were buying a car or house. Electricity did not suddenly become scarce, the buyer just got more gullible. Look at your own electric bill climbing. Become responsible. Look around you. There is plenty of wasteful spending in any large corporation. Start scrutinizing unneeded overtime, long lunches, needless company car use, including gas and time on the road for personal errands and trips. Cut hours or replace those employees who sit at their desk cruising the internet and talking on the phone on personal calls, or visiting everyone else in the office to bullshit instead of working. Cut out catered affairs and free business trips, and replace these with potlucks or employee-paid events, conference calls and email. This includes management, not just the office help or blue-collar worker. Managers are meant to serve as an example. Instead, they often influence the staff to follow their bad habits. These add up to thousands of dollars wasted. I worked for 30 years for a utility company, and can tell you this is where the money is wasted. How long do you think a 'Mom and Pop' business would last if they showed no more business sense than the BPA? Do you think they would put up with the poor negotiations for buying electric supply or the lack of employees performance? Not likely! Are you going to roll over and let the electric costs skyrocket because some government agency now wants to try and run the electric of this state for you? Isn't it about time you chose to do a job right, instead of just going to work and putting in time until retirement? Start taking pride in your position. Make enough improvement that *you* can call the Daily World and have a press conference about the cost-cutting and negotiations you have done to put electricity back to a reasonable rate. So what if it is just 2% or 4% in cutting expenses. We want to hear something positive. Don't let me pick up the paper and see how your department has been "forced to increase", again! Did you read this all the way through? Did this make you mad? Good! An angry reaction may get some action going on your part. Better than this complacent attitude that isn't getting anything done! I am angry that no one is trying to cut costs in the ways they should, instead of dumping more of the cost on me and other consumers.

Sincerely,
Eileen Gieser

4/28/2003

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-----Original Message-----

From: Patricia Smith [mailto:tksmith123@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2003 4:44 PM
To: gwvincent@bpa.gov; jsviskov@bpa.gov
Subject: Power Business Site Comments Form

firstname: Patricia
lastname: Smith
e-mail: tksmith123@aol.com
telephone: 360-733-1242
org: Alcoa Intalco Aluminum
comment: NO POWER RATE INCREASE!!! Please keep our family from being unemployed!!! Dad works at Alcoa Intalco Aluminum, and we despirately need his job!!! 2 children who need to go to college!!!
(and eat & have a roof over their heads!) Please do not drive companies like Alcoa Intalco Aluminum from the Pacific Northwest by raising the power rates!!! Whatcom county will be devastated!!! We need the jobs!!! There must be another way!!! NO POWER RATE INCREASE!!!

SN-03-W-1018

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2003 1:05 PM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: RATE INCREASE

-----Original Message-----

From: Froberg, Doug [mailto:Doug.Froberg@alcoa.com]
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2003 1:04 PM
To: 'sjwright@bpa.gov'
Subject: RATE INCREASE

Dear Mr. Wright

I write to you and ask for your support and persuasion in the help we need to keep the BPA from raising rates, I have worked at Alcoa for 18 years and stand to lose my job and lively hood if the bPA is allowed to raise there rates. My sister owns a restraint in Ferndale were she employees my two daughters who are working there way through college, they to stand a chance of losing there jobs if Intalco Alcoa closes the doors, The effect is far greater then the 720 or so employees of Intalco, It will reach deep into the community and there will be hardship and unemployment felt through out Whatcom County.

I ask again Please do what you can to safe jobs and the community through the NO INCREASE OF POWER COST !!

Thanks Again:

Doug Froberg

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: TFis688534@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, April 26, 2003 4:43 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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Terry & Susan Fischer

TFis688534@aol.com

360-676-8210

915 Sudden Valley

Bellingham WA 98229

We feel that the BPA should not have the simple fix for their finances with the SN CRAC at it's disposal. The Northwest was expected to have stabilized it's electric rates by now. Mismanagement and extraordinary situations during and after the NW Energy crisis have brought us to this point. Further increases to already record high power costs will further deteriorate our economy. I (Terry) am facing layoff at my job within weeks due this proposal. Please don't do it! Save our jobs! Put some of our Government dollars where we need them and do whatever is necessary to stop this increase and reduce rates in the future. Thank You

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: KKMADISON@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, April 26, 2003 8:16 PM
To: comments@bpa.gov
Subject: Rate increase

I do not agree with your proposed rate increase. All other means should be investigated before implementing a rate increase. The residential consumers in the State of Washington cannot afford yet another of your rate increases. You need to cut costs as all other businesses have done during this recession. If you are allowed to increase rates again, many large and small companies will not be around to provide employment. When this happens, it will be even harder for you to make your debt payments. Please take a look at ways to significantly reduce your costs so that the residential consumers do not have a rate increase.

thanks

Karen Madison
5930 birdseye ct
Ferndale, WA
98248

4/28/2003

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Gary L. Christensen [gchriste@bentonrea.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 26, 2003 9:39 PM
To: Steve Wright
Cc: Senator Patty Murray; Senator Maria Cantwell
Subject: BPA Rate Increase

4/26/03

Steve Wright, Administrator
Bonneville Power Administration
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, OR 97208-3621

Dear Mr. Wright:

In response to BPA's proposed rate increase we have to say start looking at cutting expenses rather than initiating *additional* rate increases. BPA raised wholesale electricity rates by 46% in 2001, an additional 11% in 2002 and now proposing an additional 25% in 2003. You may call them additional surcharges, but they are in fact rate increases.

Look at the economy--it certainly isn't rosy. In fact its down right depressing. Our local power company has been cutting expenses and dangerously deleting some of the improvements that may certainly come back to haunt us. It's time for serious reflection by BPA to get expenditures under control.

My family farms 900 acres of mint, alfalfa, and wheat. Not one of these crops are increasing in value and have actually decreased in market price the last two years. Markets for our commodities are soft to non-existent. We have three employees who are the sole support of their families. These families, not just mine, depend on the profitability of this operation to feed and provide for their family's needs. We are talking real people not just those who have a vested interest in BPA.

Seriously review and implement some or all of the alternatives proposed by northwest utilities. We as consumer owned utilites who operate on a public service, non-profit basis deserve equal benefit of the low-cost power compared to large private utilities who are investor owned.

Sincerely,

Gary L. Christensen
10542 Road Division South
Othello, WA 99344
509-346-2697

cc: Congressman Doc Hastings via Fax

4/28/2003

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: GREGO.KERRYA@JUNO.COM
Sent: Sunday, April 27, 2003 8:26 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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I HAVE BEEN A ALUMINUM WORKER FOR 32 YEARS AND NOW SOON TO BE UNEMPLOYD .I READ THAT ALCOA IS GOING TO BUILD A NEW PLANT IN CANADA AT THE COAST OF A BILLION DOLLARS . THAY OFFER ALCOA CHEEP POWER AND LOWER TAXES TO MOVE TO CANADA . I DO NOT UNDERSTAND HOW CANADA CAN DO THAT AND WE CANNOT.

APR 28 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: allswell [lmswell@attbi.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 27, 2003 12:09 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Rate increase

Mr Wright,

I would like to express my concern over the BPA plans to raise rates. I understand the need to keep every business viable and fiscally sound. It is my observation that governmental organizations have a tendency to look towards rate increases before investigating and implementing fully and completely all cost cuts available. It is your job as administrator to make certain that your operation is 99% efficient. Only then are rate increases justified. Before moving along this proposed path, ask yourself if you have put into play all of the small measures that might save you money. Cutting costs can be painful, to be sure. But be sure also that these measures taken, in your business and in other government concerns, are the **only** thing that will lead our country to a position of strength, and will make life better for all the people who live here. I am grateful that I am one who can afford to pay my bills. Even so, I will add my voice to all of those who cannot and ask you to do your job well. Best regards,

Lynn Wellman

4/28/2003

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April 27, 2003

Steve Wright
BPA Administrator
PO Box 3621
Portland, OR 97208

Dear Mr. Wright,

We are deeply concerned over the proposed rate increases that BPA has implemented and are proposing. As a resident of Clark County, we have seen rates increase so dramatically that we question whether we will be able to afford the electrical costs for our home. We have done what we can do to conserve energy, including burning more firewood to keep our house warm. This is not our first choice, but we must do what we can to decrease monthly costs.

Over the last 5 years our family has experienced salaries that have decreased, while the cost of living has dramatically increased. Sky rocketing electrical costs not only effect our home, but local businesses have to raise their prices to compensate for the increased electrical costs.

We urge you to cut expenses and delay spending on new programs, facilities and equipment to offset increased rates. Our economy simply cannot afford any more rate increases.

Concerned Rate Payers,

Judy & Dave Crawley

19619 NE 239th Ave.
Battle Ground, WA 98604

From: Judy & Dave [dcrawley@ix.netcom.com]

c:

Patty Murray
Maria Cantwell
Brian Baird
Clark Public Utilities

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Turner, Tom [Tom.Turner@alcoa.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 27, 2003 3:40 PM
To: 'comment@bpa.gov'

I have lived in Washington State for over 52 years, and haven't seen a downturn this bad and a failing economy with no outlook for the future. Whatcom County, our area is even harder hit. Our industrial base is dying, and not being replaced after GP shut down its pulp plant in Bellingham we lost 400 immediate jobs, Intalco where I work, has trimmed its work force down to just under 700 jobs from our all time high of over 1200, we are now facing a layoff of 125 people and are being told it will probably go down if we can't get long term power from BPA at an affordable rate. For every job directly lost in our industrial base four other jobs will be lost also. Washington, Oregon, Idaho residents don't need this, we are still in a recession and there is no clear outlook for a quick recovery. If you raise the rates again and cause wide spread layoffs because of curtailing or closing plants in the above states, I believe this recession could turn into a depression in the pacific northwest that may spread. I will probably leave this area to find work elsewhere so will a lot of others. Has BPA cutback its workforce to match the downturn or done away with inefficiency, have they cut their budgets to the bone, like all other businesses have done? I think not or they wouldn't be in the mess they are now, how did BPA get to sell more power than it was able to produce? Who allowed it and when? These Questions need to be asked and answered.

TOM TURNER an aluminum worker

tom turner

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ferndale wa. 98248

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: chad.fleming@alcoa.com
Sent: Sunday, April 27, 2003 3:50 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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Chad Fleming

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851 Garden Dr.

Lynden Wa. 98264

 I have been a Washington State resident my whole life. I served 6yrs in the U.S. Navy and am married with 2 beautiful daughters. If this Rate Increase becomes reality, I will be forced to look for work outside of the state.

For the sake of my family and my job, Ther must not be a rate increase,At All !!!!!!!
Thank You

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Patricia Maarhuis [maarhuis@turbonet.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 27, 2003 8:45 PM
To: comments@bpa.gov
Subject: SN CRAC rate case

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this email as a protest of the proposed SN CRAC rate increase. As a citizen and a Washington state native I protest yet another increase in rates which will not only effect my own pocket book but will negatively effect the economy of Washington state.

In this time of economic down turn and high unemployment, we can ill afford extra personal expenses and, even less, the closing of businesses such as Intalco in Whatcom county. Losing the hundreds of family wage (skilled and non-skilled) jobs from Intalco will devastate the already hard-hit Bellingham and state wide economy.

Please consider in your decision making process the long term consequences of your actions and the effects on already struggling families.

Most sincerely,

Patricia L. Maarhuis

4/28/2003

SN-03-W-1028

From: janetcha@bham.wednet.edu
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2003 2:29 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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Jan Chapman

janetcha@bham.wednet.edu

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305 Crown LN.

Bellingham WA 98229

We in Washington State can not afford a power rate hike. We are losing businesses right and left that were the backbone of our tax base. We can not afford to have more industries leave due to high power rates. Once these jobs are lost we will not get them back. Please think before you make your choices. It is a matter of life and death to many of our family wage corporations.

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2003 9:55 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: Rate Increase

-----Original Message-----

From: Johnson, Richard [mailto:Richard.Johnson1@alcoa.com]
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2003 9:47 AM
To: 'sjwright@bpa.gov'
Subject: Rate Increase

Mr. Wright:

I'm asking you not to increase the power rates in the northwest. As an Alcoa Intalco Works employee and lifetime resident of the state of Washington I know our state cannot afford yet another rate increase. Last week at Intalco, management started cutting the workforce. Approximately 700 jobs are at risk at Intalco if power rates go up. Many more jobs will be lost across the state in all walks of life. Another rate increase could very well break the states economy. I sincerely hope you will consider all the negative impact a rate increase will have and do the right thing, DON'T RAISE THE POWER RATES

Thank you, Richard Johnson

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2003 1:05 PM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: No rate hike

-----Original Message-----

From: Harkleroad, Linda [mailto:Linda.Harkleroad@alcoa.com]
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2003 12:35 PM
To: 'Sjwright@bpa.gov'
Subject: No rate hike

Mr. Wright,

I am writing to you asking you to please resolve the proposed rate hike that would affect so many of us. No rate hike would be the answer.

Both myself and my husband have been working at the Alcoa Intalco Works facility in excess of 24 years. We have lived in this town our whole life and volunteer a lot of our time to numerous charities and non-profit organizations. We have a 16 year old daughter who attends Ferndale High School. We love our local community.

Don't set the power rates for our Pacific Northwest industries and residents to a level that we can't live with. Within this state of high unemployment we don't want to become another statistic who is sucking off the system of welfare and unemployment benefits. I'm proud to be an employed tax payer and want to continue with my family wage earning job.

Help us out, you can make a difference, don't overburden the Pacific Northwest and drive out businesses or extreme rates for residents.

Linda L. Harkleroad
Environmental Affairs & Land Administrator
Alcoa Intalco Works
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Ferndale, WA 98248
360.384.7337
360.201.1451

From: bchapman@bham.wednet.edu
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2003 2:34 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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Bryan Chapman

bchapman@bham.wednet .edu

360-734-4669

305 Crown Ln.

Bellingham WA 98229

My dad works for the aluminum plant in Ferndale, WA. He has been there for nearly 30 years. If the power rates go higher he and hundreds of other workers will lose their jobs. These are not minimum wage jobs. They aren't retail jobs. These are family wage jobs. The kind you can afford to buy a home with or send your son, me, to college on. Do not put my dad and all those other people out of work. Our area can't afford it and my family can't either.

From: hkorbm@bham.wednet.edu
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2003 2:39 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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Heather Korbmacher

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360 734 8115

3216 Maryland Place

Bellingham WA 8226

Please do not go forward with the power rate increase. It will adversely affect the people and businesses in our area. Thank you, Heather

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Deborah Madere [dmadere@cbc2.org]
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2003 5:34 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Attn: Mr. Steve Wright

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am a customer of a consumer-owned electric utility that buys power from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). I'm worried about my electric bill. BPA power costs have increased dramatically since October 2001. Now BPA threatens a 25% Safety Net CRAC in October 2003.

The Pacific Northwest is reeling from a bad economy. We suffer some of the highest unemployment rates in the nation. I am a single parent who is employed by the State but have not even received so much as a 10-cent cost of living increase for three years now. I am just appalled that services we are already paying top rates to maintain are continually ignoring our current crises of the effects of a stalled economy. I urge you to find ways to cut costs rather than raise costs on the backs of people who are already struggling to make ends meet. I'm sure you realize the average customer is not a doctor, lawyer, or high-paid executive but we are just common, everyday people making below average wages and are barely able to provide the everyday necessities for our families. Thank you for your time and attention.

Deborah M. Madere
Pasco, Wa.

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

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From: Jim Reidt [jjreidt@genext.net]
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2003 4:48 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov, senator_murray@murray.senate.gov, maria_cantwell@cantwell.senate.gov
Subject: rate increase

Please reconsider the rate increase that is in your plan. The citizens of Grant county and surrounding area. Are barely able to meet all the present costs that seem to increase daily. Grant county is not the wealthiest county in the state. Our P.U.D. is trying it's best to control their costs so it's people can live a decent life. Any help you may give us will be appreciated.

Sincerely. jjreidt@genext.net



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From: crader@rightathome.com
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2003 7:24 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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Christine Rader

crader@rightathome.com

509.548.4073

245 Center St.

Leavenworth WA 98826

I implore you not to raise your power rates in the Northwest. The entire economy is already in a shaky state, and higher BPA rates would have a devastating impact on manufacturers such as Alcoa, Boeing, Weyerhaeuser and others dependent on low power rates -- not to mention utilities, farmers, and the general public. Please find another way of balancing your budget, by cutting costs. Thank you.

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Dragon1@aol.com
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2003 9:58 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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Steve Chapman

Dragon1@aol.com

UL

3805 Consolidation

Bellingham WA 98229

There can be no more power rate hikes. I work as a sales representative in Whatcom Co. and the impact on businesses here could be devastating. Big business will leave and people will follow leaving a tenuous economy here.
Please look for other solutions for revenue recovery.
Do not raise power rates!

From: nmaarhuis@msn.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2003 8:12 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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Norma Maarhuis

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Sumas WA 98295

Any increase in power rates will be devastating to the economy of the northwest. the loss of jobs and the ripple effect can only hurt an already depressed area. BPA needs to find some other means to contain costs than upon the backs of the people of the northwest.

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2003 8:32 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: against BPA's rate increase.

-----Original Message-----

From: norma maarhuis [mailto:nmaarhuis@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2003 8:27 AM
To: senator_murray@murray.senate.gov
Cc: sjwright@bpa.gov; the.secretary@hq.doe.gov
Subject: against BPA's rate increase.

Dear Senator Murray,

BPA's proposed rate increase will have a devastating effect on our Northwest economy, not only to the families who will lose their jobs when Intalco closes down, but the thousands of others impacted thru the ripple effect. Without affordable power the economic future of our area is in jeopardy. We know that you share our concerns. Please continue your efforts to prevent or decrease our power rates.

Sincerely,

Ben and Norma Maarhuis

4/29/2003

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APR 29 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: AnonymousComment@somewhere.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2003 8:17 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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Andy Collins

No E-mail Address Submitted

360-384-3903

3737 Sinclair Drive

Ferndale Wa 98248

Mr. Steve Wright,

Inregaurds to your perposed Power Increase please take a hard look at any other way posopal to reduce the power cost to all. I write to you today wearing many hats, my family hat is the first. The Great Pacific Northwest is the best of all Worlds. However if high Power costs become in effect it will be renamed the " Poor Pacific Northwest". Our unemployment rates are already some of the highest in the U.S.A. . We need to improve employment numbers not only now but for our Children and future generations. I would like to be part of the soluton to keeping what we have so We can always say " The Graet Pacific Northwest".

Thankyou, Andy Collins

APR 29 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Rita Italiano [ritab777@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2003 9:03 AM
To: comments@bpa.gov
Subject: about an increase

Please do not allow any wholesale power increase, because it comes out of the consumer's pocket ultimately. Most of us cannot afford any more increases, our incomes do not increase. Thank You
Sincerely, Rita Bramante Libby Montana

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: B E [roberte44@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2003 9:48 AM
To: comments@bpa.gov
Subject: SN CRAC rate case

Washington State needs affordable energy so family wage jobs are not lost.....say "NO" to any power rate increase!!!!

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From: Pete Kissler [pete.kissler@ci.longview.wa.us]
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2003 9:48 AM
To: 'comment@bpa.gov'
Cc: 'maria@cantwell.senate.gov'; 'senator_murry@murry.senate.gov';
'brian.baird@mail.house.gov'
Subject: Utility Rate Increase

Sir/Madam,

I've raised my two children and three of my grandchildren with one still at home, and believe me it's been tough on one income. In an effort to reduce power usage in our home, heating setting have been reduced and more clothing and blankets are used, water heater settings have been lowered, energy efficient appliances and light bulbs have been purchased, security lights have been turned off, TV is not watched as much as it once was and on and on. I agree that we have wasted power in the past, however, I for one have done more than my part to help reduce power usage at home, work and play. It's now your turn to cut back on the way you spend or use power. I know there are ways you "BPA" can help with the problem. It's time you look at solutions other than the user cutting back or paying more. I can't afford to pay any more!

Please consider other ways to solve this problem. NO MORE RATE INCREASES!!!

Thank you,

Ed Kissler
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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: chaymake@bham.wednet.edu
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2003 9:50 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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Carol Haymaker

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(360) 715-0563

3904 Idaho St.

Bellingham WA 98229

I can't afford to pay anymore money! And our town's ALCOA and GP can't take it either. This rate hike will devastate our local economy, putting hundreds of people out of jobs, and making it more difficult for those of us who make very little income. This move would have ramifications for our entire country in that it would be further crippling our national economy. Don't go through with this rate proposal if you care about fellow Americans and their families. Thank You.

Carol Haymaker

4/28/2003

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Mr. Wright,

Just how do you expect
senior citizens to be able to
pay our bills and even exist
with electric bills going up, up?
I'm 82 years old, live alone and
I'm trying to stay in my own home
Till the good Lord takes me. I hardly
ever use my oven any more
I keep my thermostat down to 60°
I have to wear a sweater and
sit with one lamp, (40 watt bulb)
on at night to read, yet my electric
bill this month went from 109.⁰⁰
per month to 119.⁰⁰ with another
raise due in the fall. On a limited
income, how are we supposed
to live. My insurance went up
my medical ins. went up, every
thing, but that my income
Guess we go on welfare and
let other people pay for us.
Think about seniors. You'll
be one some day.

Elizabeth Fruechtel
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Vancouver, WASH
98664

Elizabeth Fruechtel

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APR 25 2003

April 27, 2003

Steve Wright
BPA Administrator
PO Box 3621
Portland, OR 97208

Dear Mr. Wright,

We are deeply concerned over the proposed rate increases that BPA has implemented and are proposing. As a resident of Clark County, we have seen rates increase so dramatically that we question whether we will be able to afford the electrical costs for our home. We have done what we can do to conserve energy, including burning more firewood to keep our house warm. This is not our first choice, but we must do what we can to decrease monthly costs.

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Concerned Rate Payers,

Judy & Dave Crawley

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Battle Ground, WA 98604

c:

Patty Murray
Maria Cantwell
Brian Baird
Clark Public Utilities

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

APR 29 2003

From: L Ewing [lme3wne@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2003 9:57 AM
To: comments@bpa.gov
Subject: SN CRAC rate case

energy prices in the northwest are to high. bpa needs to find alternative ways to decrease there costs. say NO to any power price increase so family wage jobs can be saved. remember Washington State will not tolerate any rate increase!

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From: Thiessen, Kristi L. [Kristi.Thiessen@alcoa.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2003 10:33 AM
To: 'comments@bpa.gov'
Subject: SN CRAC rate case

Dear Mr. Steve Wright,

I am writing you about my fears regarding the power situation in our Northwest region. The cost of energy is already too high and the proposed 15% rate increase threatens our families, our communities, our jobs, and the quality of life in the entire region. We need to preserve the family wage jobs that Northwest industries provide our communities and local and regional economies which means that there can be NO rate increase!

We need affordable power rates for industries as well as for residences. Please reconsider your rate increase and do your part to support our communities and the working families in our region.

Thank you,

Kristi Thiessen

APR 29 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Carl Henrickson [chenrickson@agsupport.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2003 11:33 AM
To: Steve Wright
Cc: Rita Bjork; Senator Maria Cantwell; Senator Patty Murray
Subject: Safety Net CRAC
Importance: High

Dear Mr. Wright,

I am a customer of a consumer-owned electric utility that purchases power from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). I understand the BPA is seriously considering a 25% Safety Net CRAC in October 2003.

My ancestors came to Washington State over 120 years ago. They were farmers and dairymen. They survived and ultimately thrived because they were self-reliant and determined. Nothing came to them gratis, nor did they expect it would be so in the Land of the Free. They counted the cost before they came, so when they encountered hardship, they persevered.

Here is one reality they faced each and every day: Little or no discretionary money. They got by on what they had. There was no alternative. This is an approach to finance that the government would do well to explore. Private business must operate within its means. Lean times necessitate drastic measures. Ultimately there is no one to absorb cost overruns and inefficiencies.

This is the current state of affairs in my state. If government is not forced to operate by the same set of rules as private business, private business will suffer great loss. And I tell you true, as far as this state or any other state in the union goes, as the fortunes of private business go, so go the fortunes of government. Therefore, in regard to proposed BPA rate increases, I implore you to pursue a course that will not kill 'the goose that lays the golden egg'—Washington State private industry!

Respectfully yours,

Carl Henrickson
575 Canterbury Lane
Moses Lake, WA 98837

4/29/2003

SN-03-W-1049

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

APR 29 2003

From: Chris and Rene Kantack [kantack@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2003 12:58 PM
To: comments@bpa.gov
Subject: SN CRAC rate case

Please do whatever possible to keep power rates low.

An increase in rates will force the smelters such as Alcoa's Intalco plant to close permanently. Which some will applaud because it is seen as a "dirty" industry. Which will be unfortunate, since it is the cleanest, most efficient smelter currently in operation in North America. But what about other high energy users such as Boeing or the server farms?

Boeing has already relocated their headquarters, weakening their Pacific Northwest affiliation. High energy costs will be a significant factor in whether their operations will continue in this area. And how about the "clean" industries such as server farms? Will they actually choose a location with high energy costs over somewhere else that costs less? Server farms especially aren't dependent upon physical location to conduct their businesses.

And what about the ripple effect of losing so many high paying jobs? When the main industries leave, so must their suppliers and contractors and all the jobs they create. Not to mention all the smaller businesses that depend upon income from the employees of the departing industries.

So, please do everything you can to cut costs and keep the rates low.

Sincerely,

Rene Kantack
1353 Sudden Valley
Bellingham, WA 98229

4/29/2003

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APR 29 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Maria Fulton [mariafulton@isomedia.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2003 1:28 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: concerns over possible power rate increases

I am so very concerned about these possible escalating power rates. Being an office manager I KNOW there are always ways of reducing administrative costs. However it takes courage. Please find the courage. The rates are so high as it is.

Maria Fulton

4/29/2003

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