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I've worked at Intalco Aluminum Smelter, located in Ferndale, WA for 19 years. I was excited when I got hired on because I knew there was a low turnover rate and the job had high security. In 2001, all of that started changing. There was a huge power crisis and my plant curtailed. It was a frightening silence that fell over our plant. We got to restart in 2002 but ever since that time, the Aluminum Smelters, or should I say DSI's, have received the blame for this power crisis. Everyone thinks that if we rid ourselves of the DSI's, the power crisis will no longer exist. It's time that people start getting real and quit with the finger pointing. Aluminum worker are real people, they have real families, and they want to continue working. We're all trying to make an honest living, to raise our families and pay our bills. If you get rid of the DSI's, you're getting rid of real people. I may work for a DSI but my power for my home is supplied by a public utility. Without my DSI job, I cannot pay my PUD bill. I need both. BPA is supposed to service our region, not pick and choose who they want to serve. The Aluminum Industry helped build BPA and then kept BPA viable by using the power it produced and 65 years later, the thanks we get is to get booted off the grid. BPA needs to treat the DSI's more respectfully than that. Don't try and treat us like a new customer when we've been here for 65 years. It's no secret that we are large load users. Treat us like other industries and let us purchase our power through our local PUD. Quit blaming us for all the problems that our region is facing today. We need to work together not alienate this group for that group. Let's be fair and respectful to one another The aluminum industry is a very viable industry. We are not dying so BPA, quit trying to kill us by not selling us BPA power. SERVE the Northwest Region like the 1980 Power Act states. We ARE a part of this region and have the right to be served by BPA. I have listened to the PUD's, IOU's and others claim that they have had to "pay" and/or "carry the burden" of keeping the DSI's on. From what I see, their costs went down about \$4.00 or so while ours increased roughly 33% to 92% (depending on how much power we can purchase). I may not be the best mathematician but I'm having a difficult time figuring exactly what they are paying for when their costs are lowered. Bottom line, BPA needs to service the DSI's. We are a long standing, paying customer. We deserve the right to purchase our power through our local PUD and at the preferred rate. BPA needs to include the DSI's on the 20 year contract from 2011 to 2031.