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Dear Mr. Steven Wright

My name is Robert Sprague and I'm writing to you today because my coworkers and I need your help. I work at the Alcoa's Intalco plant in Ferndale, Washington. At one time this plant had over 1400 workers making a wage that one could support a family on. Because of the power rates that BPA has put on us we are down to just over 400 workers. It is not just the 1000 or so jobs lost here at Intalco. But, all of the outside jobs that were lost around the area from the small businesses to the contractors that are not getting work inside the plant anymore. Also, this has crippled the Aluminum industry of the whole Northwest. There is no way to know the number of jobs lost to the cost of power. We are not asking for special treatment. We are just asking for BPA to do what they were set up to do. This comes right from the reason that the Bonneville Dam Project and Bonneville Power Administration were first started in 1937 by President Roosevelt. To encourage the economic development in the Northwest, and to sell the energy at wholesale price. I can't see how BPA is doing this at all. They have put countless people out of work and shipped jobs out of the county. They have been selling so called surpluses power out of the Northwest at prices way above wholesale rates. How could this power be surpluses if Companies like Alcoa who has been doing business with BPA for 65 years, and not able to get the power they are looking for to run a plant at 100%? So please help us to get BPA to supply the DSL's the power they need and a wholesale rate to help the economy of the Northwest or to put all of the DSL's into the part of the power they supply to the PUD's and not to pick and choose who they will do this with. We need help in both a short-term 2006-2011. But the long-term is important 2011-2031. I ask you to help us all out and show BPA what they were set up to do and what is right for not only me and my co workers but for all of the Northwest. Thank you so much for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,

Robert P Sprague

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