

SN-03-Rates Case

09-Apr-03

Specialist: Gabrielle Foulkes

Program Office: Power

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

RECEIVED BY BPA PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT LOG#
RECEIPT DATE: APR 07 2003

From: Janwj@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2003 10:46 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Plans to Raise Rates

I cannot begin to understand all of the reasons for a raise in rates. I only understand that I am a senior on a fixed income and it is becoming increasingly difficult to live in these times. I have been fortunate enough to be able to help others from time to time with their electric bills. What will happen to those people when rates go up and there is no longer any ability to share?

If at all possible, please do not raise the rates any more - or at least, not out of reach for seniors and the disadvantaged.

Thank you.

Janet Johnson
Mountlake Terrace

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From: teddy@bentonrea.com
Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2003 6:05 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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Comment on
SN CRAC Rate Proposal
View open comment periods on <http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/kc/home/comment.cfm>

Teddy Sharr

teddy@bentonrea.com

633-0235

21906 section P1

Grand Coulee WA 99133

Date 4-3-03

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

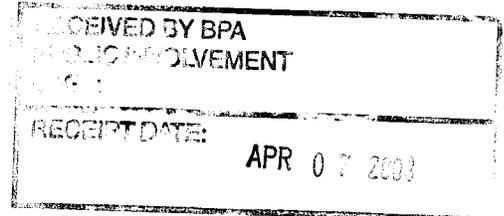
I am a customer and a small bussiness owner of a consumer-owned electric utility that buys power from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). I'm worried about my electric bill. BPA power costs have increased dramatically since October 2001. Now BPA threatens a 25% Safety Net CRAC in October.

The Pacific Northwest is reeling from a 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 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, Teddy



April 2, 2003

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

Via email: comment@bpa.gov

Dear Mr. Wright,

Our energy intensive business chose to locate in Franklin County (BPA territory) to rely on the low-cost federal hydro-generated energy to help offset higher transportation costs and tax burdens. Washington businesses already face higher transportation costs and tax burdens such as: second highest minimum wage state in the country, high B&O taxes and high cost of raw goods and transportation.

We have scrutinized costs in our plant in Pasco, Washington and cut costs as well as jobs. Your proposed 15% rate increase will cause us to seriously question the feasibility of remaining within the Tri-Cities area. BPA territory is no longer the attractive competitive environment where large industrial business can locate.

We have done our part it is now BPA's turn to examine their own balance sheet and cut overhead.

The possible 15% rate increase predicted by BPA for this fall must be stopped!

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Leavy", with a long, sweeping underline.

Paul Leavy
Chief Financial Officer

Cc: Franklin PUD
NW delegation
Ed Wink, Pasco plant manager

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From: Sarah Holloway [SarahH@resers.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2003 4:10 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Cc: maria@cantwell.senate.gov; mbauman@franklinpud.com; sharlyn.berger@mail.house.gov; senator_murray@murray.senate.gov; Ed Wink
Subject: BPA Rate Increase



BPA Rate Increase
letter Apr 2...

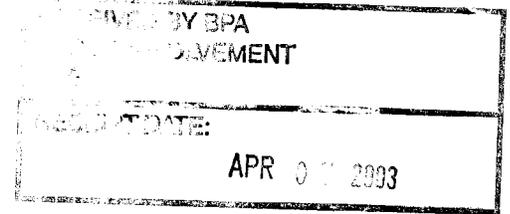
Please see attached letter.

Sarah J. Holloway
ph: 503-277-5634
fax: 503-277-5693

Reser's Fine Foods, Inc.
P.O. Box 8
Beaverton, OR 97075

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2003 8:20 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: electrical rates



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

From: patty baker [mailto:pattybaker1133@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 01, 2003 10:03 PM
To: sjwright@bpa.gov
Subject: electrical rates

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

Dear Mr Wright:

I am writing to ask for your help to stop the increasing electrical rates. If the rates continue to increase it will have a devastating effect to our household. My husband and I live our paycheck to paycheck and have no savings at all. We often wonder what bill we can afford to pay in a given month. If costs increase we will be paying what we pay monthly for our one car. We would have to consider selling our car which is currently my husbands only means to and from work. The cost of living in Washington State is increasing far too much and the corresponding growth of our families income is not keeping pace. If our electric rates increase this will begin to+ exceed our strict budget and we would be forced to sell our car and possibly our home. If you look at our record we recently have fallen behind in our bill to the amount of \$757.83 Many reasons have played into this, not the least of which has been the attempt to start my own home buiness in order for to remain a stay at home mother and provide for our first child. Many parents in this day and age have to work 9-5 jobs. I just cannot bear the thought of having my child reared by strangers because his parents have to work to pay for light. The simple thought of this brings me to tears.

Please, we urge you to make a serious cost cutting measures, allow for no new increases and defer any other expenses until our region has made a strong recovery. Any and all methods used now to increase rates to provide the financial capital you feel necessary will be for naught if the people you need to pay these bills are forced to move to cheaper areas to live. Where then will you find your funds?

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From: Jessica Stopes [jessicastopes@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2003 1:59 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Rate increases AGAIN?!

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First, let me express my extreme disgust with BPA. You people seem to think that the average person who pays an electric bill makes, oh, I don't know... thousands more a year than they do. You are forcing myself, my family, and many people I know to the brink of goddamned HOMELESSNESS. I hope you're all proud of your disgusting, money-hungry, arrogant, bastardly business practices. And I hope you're happy that you have, to be perfectly blunt, pissed off every single customer that Snohomish County PUD has. You stupid bastards. I have no words for my hatred for you and the pathetic excuses you use for your rate increases. You're just money-hungry jerks who want to take any hope of actually living comfortably away from the average human. Sure, Bill Gates can afford his stupid power bill. But can I? NO. BECAUSE YOU JUST HAVE TO RAISE YOUR STUPID RATES SO YOU ASSHOLES CAN BUY ANOTHER FUCKING BMW.

I HATE BPA AND I WOULD DO ANYTHING TO PUT YOU JERKS OUT OF BUSINESS.

May you all rot in hell for the awful, horrible, evil things you have done.

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LOGG:
SUBJECT LINE:
APR 07 2003

March 31, 2003

Dear Mr. Straight

As a retired senior citizen on a limited income & trying to maintain & stay in my own home, I urge you to reconsider the increase in power costs & P.O. is proposing.

The economy is bad, unemployment is at

an all time high &
schools & public
services are threatened.

Yours very truly

Dorothy Bartlett



Dorothy Bartlett
2223 Harrison Ave.
Centralia, WA 98531

cc: Grant Fair
Dolly Murray
Maree Cantwell

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3/30/03

MR. Wright -

We protest a power rate increase. They are high enough!! We can't afford it!

Cheryl K. Griffin
Urban W. Duncan

Urban Duncan
P.O. Box 883
Aberdeen, WA
98520

Cheryl Griffin
P.O. Box 804
Aberdeen, WA
98520

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PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT
DATE:
APR 07 2003

Dear Mr Wright,
My name is
Lana Nickel and Im mad
as hell about my P.U.D.
bills In the last year, Im
a single parent with 2
sons to raise, I cannot
afford any more rate
increases in the future
or ever, for that matter.
I dont see why
the citizens of Washington
have to pay for others
mistakes in doing their
jobs. I demand that
you cut rates instead
of increasing them, to my
P.U.D. I would appreciate
all you could do to bring
this about.

Lana Nickel
A Harbor Voted Taxpayer
+ +

Peace Ms. Lana M. Nickel
On P.O. Box 290
Earth Westport, WA 98595

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3/29/03

Dear Steve,

Please cut costs - I
am at a point where
I can't afford the things
I need - Thanks.

Ruth Curtis
P.O. Box 1003
Ocean Shores, WA
98569

I am a widow (age 87)
living alone and fixed
income

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CIVIL INVOLVEMENT
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Mrs. Leona M. Mayton
1916 Morgan St.
Aberdeen, WA 98520-5528

3/31/03

Dear Mr. Wright;

I am an 85 year old widow struggling to remain in my own home and would be most grateful for a decrease in my Electric Bill.

I should not be required to pay for mismanagement and illegal activities.

Please, be attentive to the needs of the senior population.

Sincerely,
Leona M. Mayton

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EMPLOYMENT
APR 07 2003

MR Steve Wright:

MAR 29-03

I'm writing in regards to Bonneville
lower RATE increase.

I'm 68 year old, living alone, and
own my own home, I'm also a
disabled vet. I'm on Oregon 100%
at the time so I HAVE to have
power.

But my S.S. only goes so far.
Another rate increase is going to
hurt me and a lot more folks
I know.

I know as every one else does,
Bonneville power is top heavy in
Administration Personnel.
they ARE ways to cut Exence, and
NOT increase rates.

I'm writing to my Senators,
and Congress to state my concerns

Thank

Doug Puckett
PO Box 276
NAPAVINE, WA 98565
1-360-266-1816

 **Mr. Doug Puckett**
PO Box 276
Napavine, WA
98565-0276
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Mr. Wright -
We would like you to reconsider
the rate hike you are planning for
Grapeland.
We are retired and our money
only goes so far.
Enough is enough.

Philip + Virginia
Bullington
7 Glenn Rd S
Montesano, Wa. 98563

 Phillip Bullington
7 Glenn Rd S
Montesano, WA 98563

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PUBLIC UTILITIES
DATE: APR 07 2003

I'm a 72 yr. old, with a
husband in a nursing home
& living on a fixed income -
I can't afford any more
electric bill raises

Violet J. Reinkens



Violet Reinkens

9 Poplar Rd. # 35
Montesano, WA 98563-9702

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APR 07 2003

April 1, 2002

Mr. Steve Wright
Bonneville Power Administrator
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, Or. 97208-3521

Dear Mr. Wright;

I am a customer of Columbia River PUD, one of the many regional utilities that buys power from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). I'm worried about my electric bill. BPA rates have increased dramatically since October 2001, and now you are threatening a Safety Net CRAC of as much as 41% in October.

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

We are retired and on Social Security but do not qualify for assistance with utility bills and are therefore caught in the middle of paying high rates, which puts us in a difficult financial position.

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 increase, before costs are under control. Customers like me need relief now. BPA must recognize the part it has played in damaging our regional economy and solve its own budget crisis without burdening my neighbors and me with even higher costs.

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

Sincerely,


Elden G. Stender

Elden G. Stender
2330 7th Street
Columbia City, Or. 98018

cc, Senators Smith and Wyden, Representative Wu

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APR 07 2003

Steve Wright,
Thanks to the B.P.A.'s
mismanagement, all of us
ratepayers have to clean up
the mess. Why can't the B.P.A.
take some personal responsibility
for their poor business practices?
Why does the consumer always
have to pay for the messes
big business gets themselves
into? Why can't the B.P.A. step
up to the plate and do the
right thing for their customers.
Do the right thing please, and
cut costs rather than keep
raising our power rates.

Thank you for your consideration
of this matter.

John & Anita Pierce

John & Anita Pierce
422 Geissler Rd.
Montesano, WA 98563

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

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APR 07 2009

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am a customer of Lewis County PUD that buys nearly all its power from Bonneville Power Ad. I'm worried about my electric bill. B.P.A. power costs have increased dramatically since Oct. 2001. Now B.P.A. threatens a 25% safety net Crrc in Oct.

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

My wife & I are retired & on a fixed income so this raise will really hurt us.

The answer to these high electricity prices is in your agency's control. I urge you to do as others have in the region - B.P.A. must find ways to cut costs. Don't let your

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~~from~~ economic collapse.

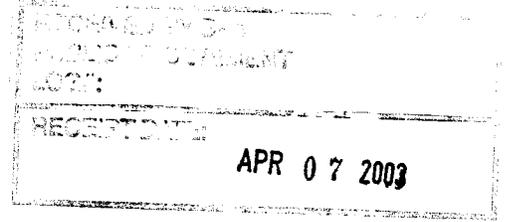
Sincerely;

William Workman
Cora Workman

WILLIAM WORKMAN
301 CISPUS RD.
RANDLE, WA 99377



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March 28, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright,

The proposed 15% power increase is not appropriate for the current business climate in this state. Not only will businesses be affected but also residents, and schools. This means that everyday life will be impacted. Just because Bonneville Power Administration has exceeded its own budget the past two years, it is not appropriate to have a 15% power increase in October. Bonneville Power Administration needs to solve its budget crises by finding ways to cut costs. Please contact me with additional questions

Respectfully,

Troy Woody
General Manager
Red Lion Hotel Pasco
Phone: (509) 544-3900
Fax: (509) 544-3943
Email: troy.woody@redlion.com

Cc: Senator Patty Murray
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www.gp.com

March 26, 2003

Mr. Stephen Wright, Administrator
Bonneville Power Administration
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Wright:

SUBJECT: BPA Rates

I am responsible for managing Georgia-Pacific's Wauna Mill, a large pulp and paper facility located 12 miles west of Clatskanie, Oregon, on the Columbia River. Wauna buys about \$18 million a year of BPA power through Clatskanie PUD.

In October of 2001, BPA's rates increased 46%, a very difficult cost increase for Wauna to absorb. Now, I understand BPA is considering raising power rates again, possibly up to another 20%, through the SN CRAC. In early 2001, Georgia Pacific decided to make a major investment in the Wauna Mill, partly based on our access to competitive power rates-now we have a power cost disadvantage compared to other sites. I want you to know the 1100 employees of the Wauna Mill need lower power costs to remain globally competitive – not increased costs.

Over the past ten years, Wauna has reduced costs significantly to remain globally competitive. We've increased productivity with new investments, implemented a Mill Improvement Program that solicits employee cost reduction ideas and, unfortunately, during the same time frame, reduced employment by about 10%. We compete in a consumer products business where the market and competition set our prices. We simply cannot just pass cost increases on to our customers.

I hope you will be aggressive to do all you can to avoid the SN CRAC. It's clear our struggling Northwest economy needs BPA leadership to reduce rates and to produce as much low-cost power as it is capable.

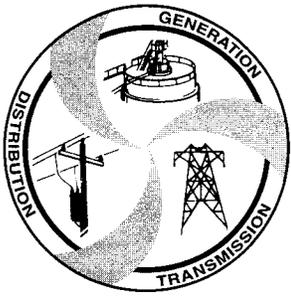
If you and some of your staff would like to visit Wauna, please give me a call. As you know, Wauna is producing about 30 average megawatt hours of electricity for BPA in a unique cogeneration facility, and I think you would enjoy seeing it.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Wenger
Vice President and Resident Manager

CC NW Congressional Delegation
NW Governors

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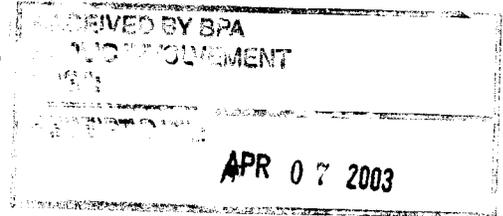


PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 2 OF GRANT COUNTY

MEETING OUR CUSTOMER ENERGY NEEDS IN A COST CONSCIOUS MANNER.

P.O. BOX 878 • EPHRATA, WASHINGTON 98823 • 509/754-0500

March 31, 2003



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

Dear Mr. Wright:

The Grant County PUD Commission is writing to you on behalf of our 41,000 customers. They are worried about the cost of electricity for homes, businesses, farming, and industries. A significant rate increase from BPA this year would be devastating to Grant County.

The citizens of Grant County are fortunate to have their own power generating facilities – Priest Rapids and Wanapum Dams, two small irrigation canal power plants, and backup diesel generation. However, population growth, farming, and industries have combined to exceed local power capacity. This, combined with reduced power generation from fish protection measures, prompts us to now be contracted with BPA for 50% of local power demand.

The recent turbulent years in power supply for the Northwest forced extreme belt tightening on our utility and its customers. Even so, they have been willing to continue with fish protection measures and accept small rate increases. But beyond power costs, the effects of bad regional economic conditions have pushed our people to the limit. We made deep reductions in our 2003 budget last fall. Now in the spring, we are reviewing our 2003 budget for every possible reduction we can make. An April 1, rate increase was a necessity. We're doing all we can do in Grant County.

The potential for a significant Safety Net CRAC rate increase from BPA this year and in the years out through 2006 would push much of our customer base to the brink of collapse.

We're working with BPA and the rest of the region to do all we can to restore our economic strength. We urge you to find ways to solve the BPA budget crisis that will spare our customers from additional rate hikes at this critical juncture.

Sincerely,

Vera Claussen, President

Mike Conley, Secretary

Randy Allred, Commissioner

Tom Flint, Vice President

Bill Bjork, Asst. Secretary

SN-03-W-2479



BENTON RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

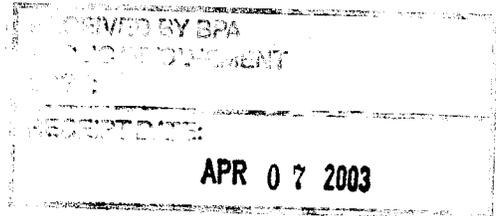
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The Cooperative Way!

March 31, 2003

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
United States Senate
717 Hart Senate Office Bldg
Washington, D.C. 20510

This letter was also sent to: Rep. Adam Smith, Rep. Jay Inslee, Rep. George Nethercutt, Rep. Norm Dicks, Rep. Rick Larsen, Rep. Brian Baird, Rep. Doc Hastings, Rep. Jim McDermott, Rep. Jennifer Dunn, and Senator Patty Murray



Dear Senator Cantwell:

On March 26th the Board of Trustees of the Benton Rural Electric Association authorized the filing of litigation against the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) regarding the implementation of the Safety Net Cost Recovery Adjustment Clause (SN CRAC). We do not take the decision to embark on legal action lightly. However, we believe that we have exhausted all opportunities and avenues to work with the BPA Administrator and BPA staff regarding measures that would avoid additional rate increases. Out of desperation and frustration, we feel there are no other options that exist to protect the interests and pocketbooks of our consumers.

We are writing to solicit your continued effort to convince BPA not to raise rates any further, and to take action to reduce rates in the future. We urge you to make "No Further Rate Increases" as the number one priority message in any discussions with BPA Administrator Steve Wright.

Benton Rural Electric Association (Benton REA) is an electric distribution cooperative owned and controlled by its nearly 10,000 members. Over the course of the last year, the Association has raised retail rates on average 32%, as a result of the 66% BPA wholesale power rate increases. Last year, as BPA was in the process of its Financial Based CRAC public process, Benton REA members sent 2,100 letters to the BPA Administrator, Steve Wright, urging him to reduce rates. Benton REA staff has also spent countless hours in numerous meetings with BPA staff, many times with Steve Wright himself, in an attempt to develop an understanding of the dire financial circumstances facing our local communities.

We recognize the serious nature of BPA's financial problems and realize that severe steps are necessary. Because we have the mutual goal of preserving the federal system for the region, we have worked with other BPA customers over the last several months to explore ways to address these financial problems. As a result of that process, on March 6 the BPA customer group proposed specific alternatives to avoid another painful rate increase as a result of the SN CRAC.

By filing the Federal Register Notice of the SN CRAC rate proceeding on March 13, 2003, the BPA Administrator announced that BPA was proceeding with implementation of the SN CRAC. This action by BPA was effectively a rejection of the customer's proposal to stop the SN CRAC process, or to limit the process to a one-year impact.

The General Rate Schedule Provisions and the Supplemental BPA Record of Decision regarding the 2001 rate case establish the criterion upon which the SN CRAC should be triggered. It is our position that BPA has failed to meet the legal and technical requirements necessary to trigger the SN CRAC process as set forth in the General Rate Schedule Provision and the Supplemental BPA Record of Decision. Nevertheless BPA is proceeding with the SN CRAC process. Had the legal and technical requirements necessary to trigger the SN CRAC process been adhered to, the SN CRAC process would **not** have triggered.

The SN CRAC is estimated to increase BPA's base power rates on average by 30%. An increase of this magnitude would cost the Northwest economy another \$470 million per year. Adding this increase to the Load Based and Financial Based CRACs that BPA has already imposed would mean a total increase to Benton REA of over 80% in two years--the largest increase in terms of dollars BPA has ever imposed.

Our fragile regional economy is inextricably tied to affordable power. You have seen data from some Northwest industries showing that BPA's current rates, without further increases, are already not competitive with those in the rest of the nation. Many utilities and businesses in the Northwest have taken extreme actions in order to survive recent rate increases. They cannot afford another financial hit at a time when BPA has options available that can avoid or drastically reduce any rate increase. The current recession in the Northwest is the worst in decades and may be deepening.

We continue to believe that BPA can meet its US Treasury obligations without increasing rates. As a result, given the seriousness of the issues confronting our utility and BPA's unwillingness to address their financial issues without a rate increase to their customers, we have no choice but to take legal action.

Sincerely,



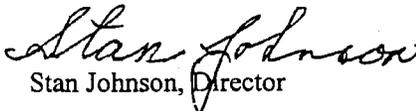
Virgil Boyle, President



Howard Christen, Secretary



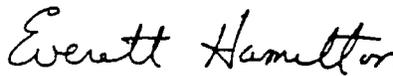
Ruth Asercion, Vice President



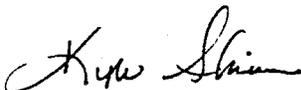
Stan Johnson, Director



Glenn Ellingsworth, Director



Everett Hamilton, Director



Kyle Shinn, Director



Fred Guyer, Director



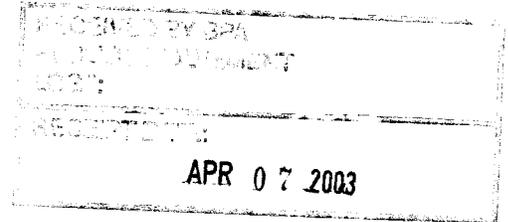
Roger Sealock, Director



P.O. Box 1000
Cosmopolis, Washington 98537
Tel (360) 532 7110

March 31, 2003

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



Dear Mr. Wright;

I want you to know that I am very opposed to the rate increases that BPA intends to implement this spring and fall. Electricity increases by BPA are causing Company facilities in the Northwest to be noncompetitive, both domestically and internationally. BPA must assume that they can charge any rate they want and the customers have no choice but to pay. In the near term, PBA's assumption might be right, but ultimately every industrial facility needs to be profitable or go out of business. Global competition is tough enough without BPA assisting them with ever increasing electricity prices from a hydro facility built 50 years ago.

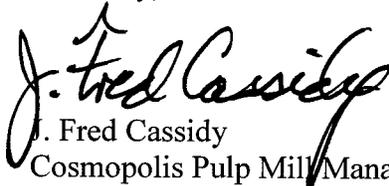
BPA has done very little to reduce their costs of operation. And, because of poor management on BPA's part, such as selling power to private utilities at low prices and purchasing power on the market at inflated cost, the Northwest businesses and homeowners are forced to pay ever higher electricity rates with up to 15% more in increases on the way.

The Cosmopolis Pulp Mill has done everything in its power to reduce electricity costs the past 4 years and yet the average cost per kwh increased by 61%. This facility is doing everything possible to continue operating but these kind of increases are not helping.

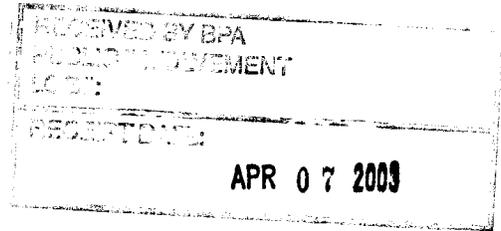
Many mills in the Northwest have closed due to high costs. This facility employs 265 people who's families depend on the Grays Harbor PUD for power. The industrial, commercial and residential customers cannot afford BPA rate increases.

We would ask you to stop all rate increases and take immediate steps to reduce BPA rates to lower historical levels.

Sincerely,


J. Fred Cassidy
Cosmopolis Pulp Mill Manager

SN-03-W-0481



3/29/2003

Steve Wright
BPA
P O BOX 3621
Portland, OR 97208-3621

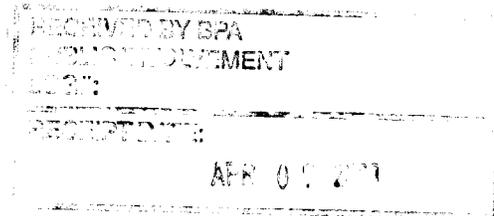
Mr. Wright,

I am writing in protest of the expected Oct. 1st rate hike. Something already is very wrong with this whole situation. Rates are already 55% higher than a year & a half ago! And here we are next to the "Mighty Columbia" AND in Tri-Cities "wind country". I will soon be getting my yearly 2% raise. How are we supposed to keep up with these rate hikes? We are seriously considering a pellet stove. We can't afford you – not even on the "budget payment plan". Please, sir, **something's** to give!

Sincerely,

Shelly A. Huff, *Irate* Benton Co. PUD Rate-payer
511 N. Underwood St.
Kennewick, WA 99336-3023
(509) 783-5965

SN-03-W-0482



March 30, 2003

Steve Wright
Adm. Bonneville Power
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, OR 97208

I demand that you do your job and **cut costs** rather than seek additional rate increases from Grays Harbor PUD. I understand that the BPA illegally sold our power to private utilities and as a result the BPA had to buy on a higher market. I now have **higher** electric bills for this mismanagement.

Now Grays Harbor PUD said you are wanting another 15% increase. ABSOLUTELY NOT I am very angry that you are even seeking another rate increase. BPA make the mistake, now fix it by cutting costs.

Thank you,

Kathy Vetsch
1903 Stein Road
Yakima, WA 98908

Re: 3687 Tamarack Street
Grayland, WA 98547

SN-03-W-0483

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APR 07 2003

P.O. Box 121
Packwood, WA 98361
March 28, 2003

Senator Maria Cantwell
United State Senate
717 Senate Hart Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cantwell:

As customers of Lewis County PUD we are worried about our electric bill. Most of our electricity is purchased from Bonneville Power Administration. After a large increase in October of 2001, BPA is now threatening a 25% rate increase which they call a "Safety Net CRAC".

Our mills have closed and our economy is already at a dangerous level. Many of our young families have been forced to leave the area, our schools have lost a large amount of its funding and a large percentage of our population is seniors on a fixed income.

The community is working hard to turn the economy around but we can not recover when we are continually hit with increase costs for our power.

BPA added a 46% increase in 2001 as a surcharge they called a LB CRAC which is adjustable quarterly. Another surcharge was added in 2002 (FB CRAC) which resulted in another 11% increase expected to run through September 2006. Now they want to add another 25% for a total increase of 86% in two years time.

Like us, BPA must learn to live within a budget and get its costs under control. It is not fair for they to spend discriminately and depend on repeated rate increases to keep providing them additional money. Many of our citizens are already forced to make life threatening choices between food and medication and increased power would add to this burden.


Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Hamlin

cc: Mr. Steve Wright
Senator Patty Murray
Representative Brian Baird

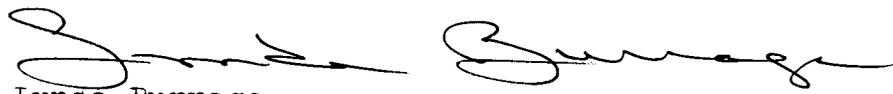
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March 24, 2003
To: Steve Wright
Administrator Bonneville
Power Administration
POB 3621
Portland OR 97208

Mr. Wright:

I'm a mad-as-hell Grays Harbor ratepayer!
What's going on here? What are you doing to us?
Why have you stolen power that was promised to us in the law, and
contrary to that law, sold it to the private utilities?
You are burying the ratepayers, particularly low-income families
and Seniors, under the unpayable burden of illegal rate increases.
I hereby demand that you REDUCE costs! NO MORE RATE INCREASES!
Yes, I'm shouting at you! I want you to hear me!
CUT COSTS!
Still mad-as-hell,



Lynda Burrage
POB 886
Malone WA 98559
360-482-8448

March 30, 2003

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

RECEIVED BY BPA PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT JOB: RECIPIENT: APR 07 2003
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Dr. Mr. Wright:

I am a customer of Lewis County PUD that buys nearly all its power from Bonneville Power Administration. I'm worried about my electric bill. I have done everything possible to reduce my bill by doing several energy saving projects such as: New low-e windows, new insulation, new roof, new Neptune Washer and Dryer, new heater and controller, just to name a few. 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 a 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.

Every time I think that I'm going to save on my electric bill because of upgrading my insulation or windows, I get an increase in rates, surcharges, etc. that eat up what savings I was striving for. I now have the additional cost of raising my grandchildren and of course the usage of electricity goes up, as does the bill.

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 the 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,



Nancy Barnes

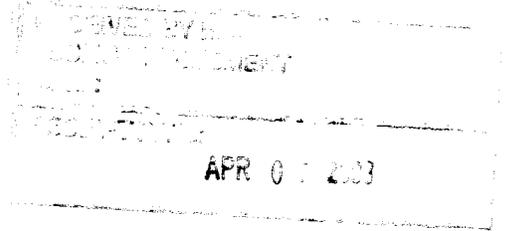


Ms. Nancy J. Barnes
P.O. Box 72
Napavine, WA 98565-0072

cc: Representative Brian Baird
Senator Patty Murray
Senator Maria Cantwell

SN-03-W-0486

March 31, 2003



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

Dear Mr. Wright,

I am a customer of Lewis County P. U. D. that buy nearly all its power from Donneville 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 a bad economy & loss of jobs — we suffer some of the highest unemployment rates in the nation. Businesses have closed & our basic (public services), schools & our very future are threatened. The economy in this region must turn around & begin to recover. We absolutely cannot begin that recovery if we suffer another increase in our power bills. There are many people in our little community that are on a fixed income & cannot afford any increase of their electric bill. We have a small business that has suffered greatly since 9-11, & we are becoming hard pressed to pay our bills.

SN-03-W-0487

BPA has dramatically exceeded its own budget the past two years, & 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 & 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 way to cut costs. Don't let your agency force the Northwest into total economic collapse.

Sincerely,
Paul & Bilye Bowles

PAUL & BILLYE BOWLES
217 RAILROAD STREET
PELL, WA 98572

March 17, 2003

RECEIVED BY BPA
APR 07 2003

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

Subject: Further BPA Rate Increases

Dear Mr. Wright,

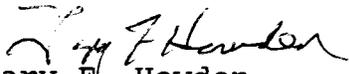
I am a customer of the Ferry County Public Utility District in northeast Washington state and a retiree. With the addition of the CRAC, our power bill has taken a dramatic upswing and we now read that your agency is proposing a 25% increase in October, 2003.

The Northwest is already hurting economically and businesses from Boeing to the local photo shop are already hurting, and unable to pass on cost increases such as you are proposing.

BPA has dramatically exceeded its own budget the last two years, and I read that it will take another three years of the current or higher rates before BPA costs are brought under control. The businesses and individuals such as myself need relief now, not further price hikes. The BPA must solve its budget problems, and not just pass them on to its end-user customers like me. As a retiree for six years, I have a small pension that has no COLA, and my Social Security which is adjusted about 1 to 1 1/2% per year. That doesn't go far on your rate increases.

I urge you to find ways to cut costs as private businesses and we retirees have to do, and hold the line on your prices to our suppliers. Our local PUD is doing everything possible to hold their costs in line, but they need your help. By copy of this letter to our congressional delegation, I request that they work with you to see if there are "operating cost burdens" or "overhead issues" that are cost burdens that might be eased by legislative action.

Yours truly,


Gary F. Howden
P.O. Box 599
Kettle Falls, WA
99141

cc: Senator Maria Cantwell
Senator Patty Murray
Congressman George Nethercutt

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RECEIPT DATE:
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March 29, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright,

As a customer of the Lewis County Public Utility I was very alarmed to hear that you are planning to raise rates again by 25%.

As a widow living on a retirement income I do not see how I can pay more for the necessary electricity. Isn't there any way you could cut costs? Surely you know from your own household budget how expensive things are.

Please do what you can to keep from another raise in your power costs.

Sincerely,

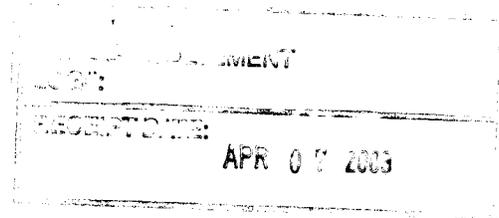


Ethel Quant
340 S. E. Greenwood Avenue
Chehalis, Wash. 98532

March 27, 2003

Bonneville Power Administration
Attn: Steve Wright
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, OR 97208

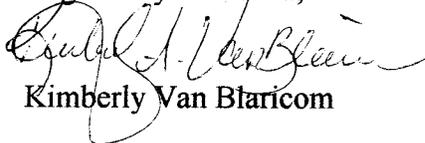
Kimberly Van Blaricom
224 Hirschbeck Heights
Aberdeen, WA 98520



Mr. Wright,

I would like to introduce myself to you, I am a law abiding, tax paying, recently laid off mother, wife and the payer of bills in my household – most importantly, and most definitely not to forget – I am a customer of the Grays Harbor PUD. You are probably familiar with the company to which I refer; I believe that you bear some responsibility for the fact that my house is now a chilly 62 degrees instead of the comfortable 68 degrees that is now merely a distant memory. You see, as I sit here in my extra thick socks donning a heavy fleece sweatshirt I'm looking over my PUD bill and reading how you are contemplating a 15% increase in the already grossly over-inflated rates that we are currently paying. Let me explain to you how I have done my part to help save energy. We added insulation to our home, double pane windows and doors and had our furnace and ducting inspected. We have replaced all of our older and not-so-efficient appliances with new energy star rated ones, compliments of the good ol' credit card company and replaced all of our light bulbs with the higher cost energy efficient ones. But it doesn't quite stop there... we only run the dishwasher with a full load and always air dry them. We never wash a load of laundry until the machine is full and almost everything in cold water. Our four year old is now our homes energy officer, diligently policing all visitors to turn off the lights when they leave a room and that "we don't have to have the living room lights on if it's sunny outside". These are good habits, we have done our part, perhaps we should all have always been so careful with this precious commodity of energy; yet, I'm still plagued with a nearly \$200.00 utility bill this month. I'm sure that this is all rather trivial to you, yet to me and my family, and many many others facing cost increases from every angle in this dwindling economy, I hope you will stop and ask yourself when is it enough. I'm tired of paying for mismanaged funds – you did hear what they did to those ENRON boys didn't you?? I Hope your family is warm tonight and although I'm doubtful you will ponder this letter, I hope you will think about people like me, unwittingly finding themselves on unemployment compliments of a sagging economy, mismanagement of major global markets.. and a little bit because of guys like you.

Regretfully burdened,



Kimberly Van Blaricom

SN-03-W-0490

P.U. Bx 2473
Westport, Wa. 98596
March 28, 2003

Steve Wright
Administrator, BPA
Portland, OR. 97208



Dear Mr. Wright,

This letter is being written today to let you know that we are angry! Yes, angry enough to take the time to voice our opinion to you concerning our power.

Your administration took power that was promised to us by law and, contrary to that law, sold to other utilities. Now, you have to go out and buy power to sell to us at inflated market prices. Those higher prices were passed on to us because of your error and now you are contemplating another 15% increase to jump our power bills even higher?

Mr. Wright, the people of Grays Harbor County and surrounding areas are already overburdened. This is a distressed area with so many retired people and the unemployed wondering how they are going to make it thru the month. Don't add your problems to theirs.

Your administration is responsible for the dilemma you are in. Take responsibility for your errors. Don't make others suffer because of them.

Sincerely,
Donald E. and Kathryn Bayer

SN-03-W-0491

March 30, 2003

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



Re: Electrical Rates

Mr. Wright,

As stakeholders of our local Grays Harbor PUD, we are writing to inform you that we are outraged by the previous rate increases and the future increases being discussed. The Bonneville Power Administration has miss-managed its resources and obligations with bad decisions and deems to continue putting the burden of those bad decisions upon the backs of the public. The public was promised, in the law, to be provided cost effective power, yet contrary to the law that power has been and continues to be sold to the private utilities. As a result, the BPA had to go out on an artificially inflated market to buy power to sell to Grays Harbor PUD. The BPA paid much more, thus our local PUD paid more, and thus we the ratepayers are paying more with no end to the escalation in sight. The bad decisions perpetrated by the BPA should NOT be strapped on the backs of ratepayers.

We ask that you make any and all budget cuts necessary to provide a rollback and rebate of increased rates since these miss-guided decisions were made and make no further increases for the near future. Times are economically difficult and it seems the ratepayers are always the ones looked at as cash cows to offset miss-guided management decisions. This practice needs to stop and we ask that you take the lead in making our requests become a reality.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Jim and Terry Veitz.

Jim and Terry Veitz
P.O. 2015
Ocean Shores, WA 98569
(360) 289-0404

SN-03-W-0492

March 26, 2003

Mr. Steve Wright
Bonneville Power Adm.
PO Box 3621
Portland, OR 97208-3621

RECEIVED BY BPA
EMPLOYMENT
DATE:
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Dear Mr. Wright:

As customers of Lewis County PUD, we are very worried. Our local PUD buys almost all its power from BPA. Now we hear of BPA's threatening a 25% "Safety Net" in October. This, after BPA power costs have increased dramatically since 2001. We are worried about our electric bill, as well as those of all people in the Pacific Northwest.

We, in this area, are suffering from a bad economy and loss of jobs with the highest unemployment rates in the nation. We have seen many businesses close, and our public services, schools and our very future are threatened. Our senior citizens are having to choose between heating their homes and buying food and medicine.

We are relying on your agency's sense of responsibility and fairness to all citizens of the Pacific Northwest to sacrifice and solve your budget crisis without passing those problems and costs on to us. Please place yourselves and your families in our shoes, and do your part in helping to restore economic recovery to this area.

Trusting in your earnest concern,

Randy Kerrigan
Randy Kerrigan

Johnna Kerrigan
Johnna Kerrigan

772 Gore Rd.,
Onalaska, WA 98570

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March 29, 2003

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

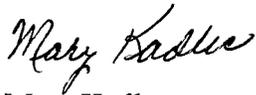
Mr. Wright:

Recently, newspapers are reporting that BPA is seeking a 15% increase in power rates that must be picked up by the users.

I am against this. Our rates are already very high indeed. It was BPA's decision to sell power to private utilities (contrary to law) and then have to go to an artificially inflated market to buy power to sell to us. Seems that since this was BPA's decision they should find other means to make up the financial difference.

Go to ENRON. They were the ones that created the artificial market causing great hardship for many rate payers. Now, you want to add to that burden even more.

Sincerely,



Mary Kadlec
360-289-0973
433 Snahapish Ave S.E
Ocean Shores, WA 98569

cc: Jim Eddy
Commissioner, Grays Harbor PUD

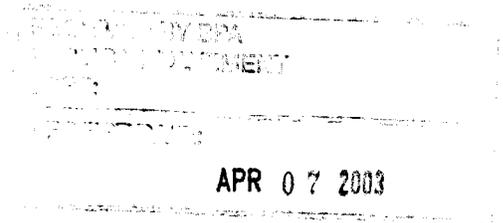
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WOLTER AND ANNEKA VAN DOORNINCK

P.O. 508, COPALIS BEACH, WA 98535

March 30, 2003

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



Dear Mr. Wright:

We are disturbed about the constant raises in our energy costs. Because BPA sold power that should have been earmarked for the Northwest you say that now you have to buy more expensive energy "for us". We protest!

Sincerely,

Van Doorninck
Anneka van Doorninck

Steven Wright, Administrator
Bonneville Power Administration
905 NE 11th Avenue
Portland, OR 97232

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3/30/03

Dear Mr. Wright;

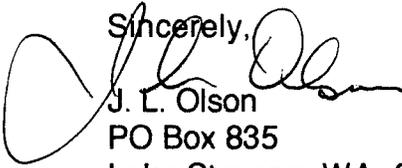
My husband and I own a small business in Granite Falls, WA and live in Lk. Stevens, WA... I also own a small business in Minnesota. My MN business uses six separate electric services in six different locations east of St. Paul. I have kept detailed charts of the six electrical accounts since 1985. A modest increase in the cost per kilowatt hour occurred in 1992 and 1993, but the cost over the last ten years in MN has been stable!

The cost for power in our house and business in WA has nearly doubled and now the BPA is going to increase our rates again!!! Why? If I could purchase power from another company, I'd cancel my PUD account immediately! Instead I am forced to purchase power from the PUD at higher and higher rates. Our business in WA is losing money now and the outlook for the general economy of WA is not promising... I spoke with another business owner yesterday. She is selling her business and moving to Florida because, "it's too expensive to do business in this state anymore."

Mr. Wright: you need to know what is happening to people here! We are captive consumers and have no other options but selling and moving. This spells disaster for WA's economy! Consumers, like myself, feel that we have not been given adequate information or even told the whole truth about why the cost of power is outrageously high. After the Enron/Government created "energy crisis" consumers were promised relief and told that rates would come down. That never happened. Now rates are going higher! I can tell you why businesses are closing and jobs are going south!

I also know that power can be generated and distributed economical in Minnesota!.. Why can't it be done here where water and energy resources are more abundant? Rates here should be lower... not higher! *I deserve to know,... all PUD consumers have a right to know the truth about how this situation developed and why we alone have to bear the cost of fixing it!*

Sincerely,


J. L. Olson
PO Box 835
Lake Stevens, WA 98258-9258

e mail: biarritz@gte.net

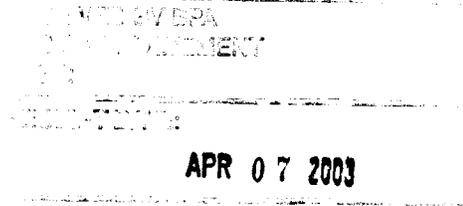
Phone 425-335-1266

cc Governor Lock
Christine Gregoire
Senators Patty Murry and Maria Cantwell
Representative Rick Larson and President Bush

SN-03-W-0496

March 26, 2003

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



Dear Mr. Wright:

We are customers of Lewis County PUD that buys nearly all of its power from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). We are worried about our electrical bill. BPA power costs have increased dramatically since October 2001. Now BPA threatens a 25 percent Safety Net CRAC in October of 2003.

The Pacific Northwest is reeling from a 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 is 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.

As retired seniors on fixed incomes we simply cannot pay bills that increase by 25 percent and higher. It must stop ! We have bills to pay, budgets to follow and expectations that we will not be subjected to poor management practices by agencies such as BPA.

We are getting reports that 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 us need relief now! BPA must realize the part it has played in our dismal regional economy. BPA must solve its budget problems without passing these costs on to us and our neighbors.

The answer to these high electric prices is in your agency's control. We urge you to find ways cut costs and not pass on additional rate increases to your users.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carl M. Maw / Beverly Maw".

Carl M. & Beverly Maw

Cc: Representative Brian Baird
Senator Patty Murray
Senator Maria Cantwell



Mr. and Mrs. Carl M. Maw
PO Box 284
Winlock, WA 98596

SN-03-W-0497

**PEOPLE POWER
ACTION ALERT!**

SAMPLE LETTER

Date *3/31/03*

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

RECEIVED BY OPA
BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION
APR 07 2003

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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, *Mr + Mrs Robert E. Vibbert*

we are retired senior citizens w/a fixed income. we can barely afford our bill @ this time.

cc: Representative Brian Baird
Senator Patty Murray
Senator Maria Cantwell

Please do not raise the power rates!

 Robert E. Vibbert
Msg U. S Army Ret
109 Mineral N
P.O. Box 127
Mineral, WA 98355

*Thank you,
Mrs. & Mrs. Robert E. Vibbert*

SN-03-W-0498

APR 07 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

We are IRATE customers of Grays Harbor PUD! We CAN NOT manage another rate increase. We are demanding rates be reduced!

Barbara Ounsted

Jeresa M. Saueressig

Janette Mitchell

Jean Glasgow

Debbie Bradley

Judy Halverson

Boyle Roth

Kathy Jytte

Charlata Holland



Barb Ounsted
253 Wasco Ave.
Hoquiam, WA 98550

Rates have to stop going up. Even those of us who have decent paying jobs are not getting raises to afford \$250 electric bills - and in an energy efficient home with a heat pump. Yet alone those who earn little and live in rentals with cracks everywhere. Please take a stand and stop making our \$ mean nothing. Bankrupt people & businesses don't help at all.
Barb Ounsted

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March 30, 2003

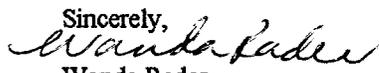
Mr. Steve Wright
Bonneville Power Administrator
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, Or 97208-3621

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am a customer of the Lewis County PUD that buys nearly all of its power from Bonneville Power. I am darned concerned about my electric bill. With the deteriorating economy in the state of Washington few of us can afford the increases in prices everywhere you turn. On my fixed income the chance of recovering will take some conscious adjustments without any change in the cost of power.

BPA has 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. I need relief now. BPA needs to realize the part it played in our dismal economy and solve its own budget crisis. To pass the costs on to me and or my neighbors is not the answer.

The answer to these high electricity prices is in your agency's control. You might take a lesson the senior citizens -- tighten your belt cut your own budget and do not force the rest of us into bankruptcy

Sincerely,

Wanda Rader
264A Senn Road
Chehalis, WA 98532

CC: Representative Brian Baird

Senator Patty Murray

Senator Maria Cantwell

SN-03-W-0566

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Apr 1-03

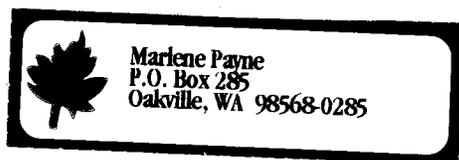
Mr. Steve Wright:

I am writing to protest
a power rate increase.

You people do not
consider us people
on fixed income.

Please re consider
what you plan on
doing.

Mrs Marlene Payne



SN-03-W-0501



Steve Wright

Please no more
Rate increase in

power. I'm 87 years
old can not afford
any higher power
bill from P.U.D.

Thank you

Jane K Briscoe

Jane
~~Jane~~ K Briscoe #
9 Poplar Rd ~~Box~~ 34
Montesano WA 98563

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March 31, 2003

Bonneville Power Administration
Steve Wright Administrator

Dear Sir:

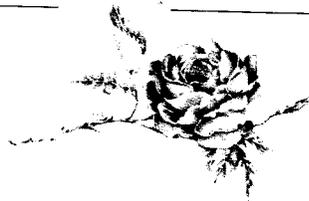
In regard to the prices we are having to pay these days, I've been a ratepayer in Aberdeen for 63 years and now being in my 80's live in a small apartment and living on Social Security is rough.

I realize prices rise but when we hear of the reasons being illegal activities and poor judgement on the part of management, it makes us very angry. Please find a way to avoid more increases.

Sincerely,

Shirley C. Clark
921 N. First

Aberdeen, Wa. 98520



APR 07 2003

4/1/2003

Dear Mr. Wright

I demand that you cut costs rather than seek additional rate increases from our PUD. I am angry that you want to raise our rate because of your illegal activities and mismanagement of your Company.

Sincerely -

George Crouch
Concerned Citizen

George Crouch
P.O. Box 1091 (908 Broadway)
Westport WA 98595

SN-03-W-0504

APR 07 2003

March 31, 2003

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am very angry that you want to raise our electrical rate to cover your illegal activities and mismanagement. Please cut cost instead of raising costs. I am ~~a~~ senior citizen and it is hard to get along on a pension + live.

Sincerely,

Lois Faithing

Concerned Senior
Citizen.

Lois Faithing
P.O. Box 1028 (1529 Olympic)
Westport WA 98595

SN-03-W-0505

March 29, 03

Dear Mr. Wright:

It is unfair to
ask for an increase in my
utility rates because
BPA mismanagement. We
deserve cost cuts!

Carol Lunde

PO Box 2331

Westport

WA

98595

APR 07 2003

1213 S. Military Rd.
Winlock, WA. 98596-9309
March 31, 2003

Dear Steve Wright,

I am an old customer of the Lewis County P.U.D. They buy most of their power from BPA. Being on a more or less fixed income, I'm concerned about the ever rising cost of living from all directions. I still remember a rate of 1 cent per kilowatt hour. It's nearly 4 times that now and, as I understand it, a 25% safety net CRAC is in the making for October.

We have lost the logging industry in large part, the aluminum industry is in bad shape and dairy farms are selling out at the rate of one per week. Washington state doesn't have the best reputation in the country as a friendly place to start a business. Added power expenses probably will not be an asset at this time.

BPA doesn't seem to be fiscally responsible. As I understand it, the budget has been exceeded the last two years and we're looking at three more years at the present price plus the proposed large increase. Perhaps there is somewhere costs can be cut without passing them on to my neighbors and I.

Sincerely,

Jack Davis
Mena G. Davis

SN-03-W-0501

APR 07 2003

900 Winlock-Vader Rd.
Winlock, WA 98596
March 31, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

I live in Lewis County and am a customer of Lewis County PUD that buys most of its power from Bonneville Power Administration. I am concerned about my electric bill, and especially the threat of a 25% Safety Net CRAC this fall.

We are already enduring a bad economy with loss of jobs, the highest unemployment rates in the nation, and failed businesses. We see the results affecting our basic public services, schools, and creating hardships on those living on retirement income. If our economy is to make a turn-around, we cannot absorb another increase in our power bills.

The BPA has dramatically exceeded its own budget in the past two years, and we have been informed that it will take another three years of the current high rates, plus the proposed large price increase before costs are under control. But we need relief **now**. It is time for the BPA to realize the part it has played in our disastrous regional economy. It is time for the BPA to solve its budget crisis, and passing the costs on to people who are already suffering is not the answer.

What is the answer? Bpa must find ways to cut its costs. This is what other businesses in the region have done.

Sincerely,


Lindsay Chatterton

SN-03-W-0508

APR 07 2003

March 30, 2003

Dear Sirs, (Twe Wright)

We are protesting a power rate increase. We live in Grays Harbor County, (WASH.) Thank you!

Roger & Arlene Hoiland

6939 Northbank Rd.

Aberdeen - Wash. 98520

360-533-1412

SN-03-W-0509

APR 07 2003

March 31, 2003

Attention: Mr. Steve Wright

Mrs. Kathy Cree
5 Daisy Ct.
Pasco, WA 99301

Good Morning - It has been brought to my attention that a rate increase is threatened in October 2003 - 15% -

Also, I have been encouraged to write to you, and let you know this is a burden - for me.

I am, - as I don't know, how many others, - a "Senior" - and widow, too!

I like my house - I've lots of conveniences that use - electric power - Life is good!

If it is, "at all", possible to keep our rates, as is, I will be glad!

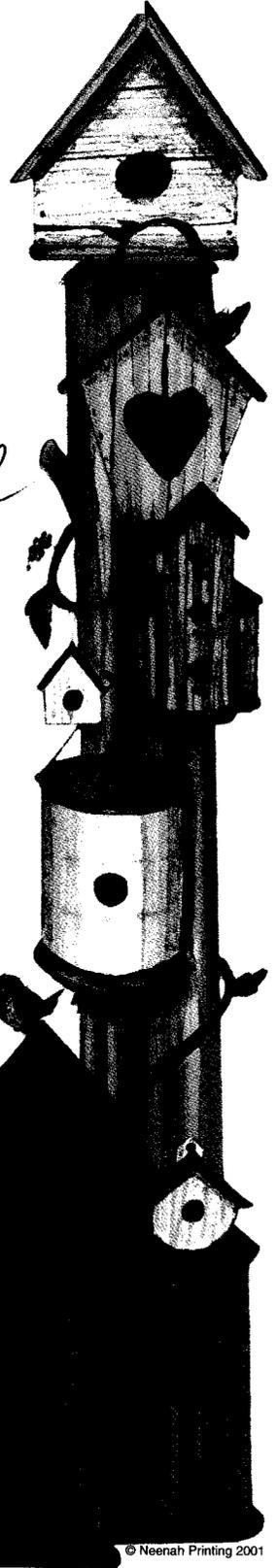
You have a job to do!

I will live with power - Do the best you can!

Thank You!

Kathy Cree

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Mr. Wright;

I am a farmer in Franklin County and this letter is about further rate increases from the BPA.

The rate increases on electricity, labor & industries, Employment Security, and nitrogen fertilizer have increased my cost of doing business by almost \$150,000 per year. That is 10% of gross and 80% of net.

If you add more there isn't much reason for me to keep working.

Another concern: If hydro doesn't provide any advantage in pricing then the Church of Environmentals should win and there go the dams, almost completing the gutting of the rural Northwest.

Right, Wright?

Stegg Higgs
H & Srd
Pasco, Wa.

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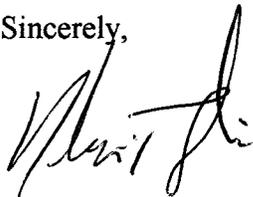
01 April 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright,

The Bonneville Power Admin sells power to my utility company, the Lewis County PUD. Our rates have increased substantially since October 2001 while the economy has declined during the same period. I, personally, as an airline pilot, have been affected by the events of 9/11 and have not worked since that time. It is in this environment that the BPA is threatening a 25% Safety Net CRAC in October. An increase in electrical rates will only damage the economy in Lewis County further. It would be preferable that your agency finds a way to cut costs without imposing additional increases to our already high electric rates.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Bailie

Bailie
PO Box 280
Ashford, WA
98304

cc Representative Brian Baird
Senator Patty Murray
Senator Maria Cantwell

SN-03-W-0512

APR 07 2003

April 1, 2003

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

cc: Senator Patty Murray
173 Russell
Washington DC 20510

Senator Maria Cantwell
717 Hart
Washington DC 20510

Representative Norm Dicks
2467 Rayburn,
Washington DC 20515

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am a customer of Peninsula Light, a consumer-owned electric utility, who buys power from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). BPA power costs have increased dramatically since October 2001. Our electric bill has **DOUBLED** since these increases! Now, I understand, BPA is proposing another increase of 25% this October.

I also understand that the proposed increase is not due to the higher cost of electric power, but now we must pay for BPA's budget crisis! Passing this burden on to the consumer is not only unfair but also damaging to our present economy here in the Northwest. Our unemployment situation is critical and businesses are suffering. There was a time when rates had a surcharge added simply because "not enough power was being consumed." Budget crises and politics should not be the criteria for burdening the consumer any further.

My particular situation is that of a retired family living on a "fixed income" which at the time of retirement seemed an ample income to live comfortably. The rates of increase you propose are the reasons why retired people will be forced to become dependent as time goes on. We can only stretch our dollars so far!

Please reconsider your options and give us a break and solve your budget problems in another manner! We will appreciate it much more than you know!

A concerned consumer,



Lynn Shannon
14222 141st Avenue KPN
Gig Harbor, WA 98329
e-mail: Billynn@Juno.Com

SN-03-W-0513

APR 07 2003

Mary R. Dalrymple
P.O. Box 441
Grayland, WA,
98547

Dear Steve Wright,

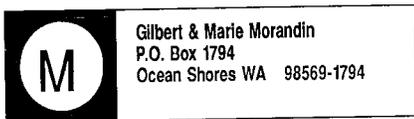
We are pushed to the breaking point financially because of the high cost of living. A power rate increase will have to mean living without some of the many necessities of life.

At seventy-five and eighty years old we do not need more debt.

Sincerely,

Mary R. Dalrymple
W. D. Dalrymple

SN-03-W-0514



4-1-03

Dear Mr Wright,

We are very angry about your proposed 15% increase in our utility bill. We worked hard all our life & are now retired on a fixed income. Every thing goes up but our pay. It's not fair and we object to it all.

We deserve a break and would like to be able to spend some of the money we worked for on ourselves.

Thank you
Gilbert & Marie

APR 07 2003

March 31, 2003
Anna Maria Lacinac
P.O. Box 1262
Ocean Shores, Wa
98569

Mr. Mr. Wright,

I'm very angry about what you are doing to us. I'm a senior citizen born & raised in the U.S. I have been paying such high prices for my electric bill. I would appreciate that you cut costs rather than seek additional rate increases from Pwd. To cover (their) your illegal activities and mismanagement. As Americans we should help each other. If then you leave this world, leave some thing good behind. Thanks Anna Maria Lacinac

SN-03-W-0516

APR 07 2003

Date 3-31-03

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

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The Pacific Northwest is reeling from a 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. *Add any personal experiences or impacts, such as lost jobs, amount your bill has increased, fixed income, etc.* FIXED INCOME RENT INCREASE PER MONTH \$10.00
HEALTH INSURANCE MONTH 16.00
GASOLINE MONTH 50.00

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, Dale G. Starcher } 643 "D" St. Rte 505
Dale G. Starcher } WINLOCK, WA, 98596

cc: Representative Brian Baird
Senator Patty Murray
Senator Maria Cantwell

SN-03-W-0517

Steve,
4-1-03

How much more do
you think you can keep
taking out of our
social security to pay
for the mistakes you
guys made on our
P.O.D.

I feel if I have to
go hungry to pay to
stay warm & healthy
you should too!!!!

Audrey Jackson
Box 558

Wintport, Wash.
98595

360-368-0690

3/31/03

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

Dear Mr. Wright,

I live in Lewis County, WA. and am a customer of Lewis County P.U.D. My electricity bill has gone up dramatically since October 2001. The last bill I paid on 2/27/03 for 2 months was for \$319.88. I recently found out that BPA is threatening a 25% Safety Net CRAC in October.

I wish I could raise my fixed income by 25% to create a safety net for my personal income. Instead, as one 10%, 20% and even 30% increase in utilities, gas, drugs, property taxes etc. after another hits my budget, it is necessary for me to economize, cut costs, go without something I want and even need in order to cope. All insurance costs are also going up. Where will this end?

Then, looking outside my personal situation to that of my family, neighbors and friends, how do we stimulate the economy and start a sustainable economic recovery

in the State of Washington if the govern-
mental and publicly controlled products
that everyone needs continue to take
huge percentage point jumps in price
to be paid by people who are on fixed
income, who are unemployed, who are
old, who are sick. It is absolutely
imperative that BPA solve its budget
crisis without passing their financial
problems on to those who cannot afford
to exceed their own budgets.

Please consider the wide-spread effect
your rate increases have on the
economy in the State of Washington
and find a way to cut your costs
instead of taking advantage of all
of the rate-payers.

If you do this, you won't need a
safety net. A safety net sounds like
a plan to continue to exceed your
BPA budget at our expense.

Sincerely,
Gene Weston-Mooney
163 Rayburn Road
Winlock, WA 98596

cc: Senator Patty Murray
Senator Marla Cantwell
Representative Brian Baird

Fred W. Bremner
315 East Seventh
P.O. Box 611
Republic, WA 99166-0611
Phone 509-775-3886
Fax 509-775-3853

APR 07 2003

March 16, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright;

I am a customer of a consumer-owned electric utility, that buys power from the Bonneville Power Administration.

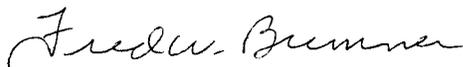
I also served for twelve years as a Commissioner for the Ferry County Public Utility District.

Therefore, I am well aware of what the impact of the proposed 25% Safety Net CRAC, due in October will due to this area.

Two of the PUD's largest customers, that pays the largest percent of the annual income for the District, recently reduced their employees, and one is considering closing down. The increase of power bills would have a very negative impact on the economy of Ferry County.

Please Mr. Wright, I am sure there are ways you can cut BPA costs, rather than pass the increase on to your customers.

Thank you,



Fred W. Bremner

copies to NW delegation
Ferry County PUD

SN-03-W-0520

APR 07 2003

4-1-03

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

Dear Mr. Wright,

I have heard of the Safety Net
CRAC that BPA is considering in Oct.
My power supplier is Columbia
River PUD.

The poor economy in Columbia
County, and so many people out of
work, any increase in the cost
of living would be a hardship for
many people.

I will hope you can find ways
to cut expenses and not increase
costs to customers.

Respectfully
Betty Neer

cc: Senator Smith
Senator Wyden
Repres. Wu



SN-03-W-0521

APR 07 2003

4813 West Margaret
Pasco, Washington 99301
March 29, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

I live in Pasco, Washington, and I am a Franklin PUD customer. As you know, the PUD purchases power from BPA. The increases in my electric bill since October 2001 have really put a strain on my household budget -- and now I am hearing rates may increase by another 15% this October.

I, like many of my neighbors in the Pasco area, work at the Hanford complex. I was downsized from my previous position in 2001, and the economic effect made it difficult to barely pay the necessary bills. I am now working again -- again at Hanford, and I feel fortunate to have an income at this time. However, downsizing is a fact of life these days, especially at Hanford but also throughout the local Tri-Cities community -- I read every week in the paper of layoffs at the hospitals, in education, retail and almost all sectors of the business community.

Most of the jobs advertised in the local paper pay little more than minimum wage. Couple that with the outrageous cost of gasoline these days, and I honestly do not know how some families are managing to survive. With gas at \$1.75 or more a gallon, and only limited public transportation available, most people have to drive to and from their places of employment each day. This also requires a drivable vehicle and the cost of vehicle maintenance. People need what little salary they take home to pay for the necessities of life -- rent or mortgage payment, electricity, water, garbage removal, food, clothing, medical/dental care, their cars, gasoline, etc.

We need some relief, and we need it now if the economy is to turn around and get on the road to recovery. Another increase in our power bills will only hurt the attempts at recovery. More importantly, another rate increase will hurt the people of our community as they are already struggling to survive and provide for their loved ones.

It is my understanding that BPA has dramatically exceeded its own budget the past two years and that it will take another three years of the current high rates plus the proposed large price increase before costs will be under control. Budget overruns happen - for various reasons - and I doubt what I have read or heard tells the whole BPA story. However, the increases in our rates since October 2001 have been above and beyond what one can consider reasonable or normal for any product or service. I feel that BPA needs to try harder to solve its budget problems -- my family and neighbors here in Pasco are having trouble with our own personal budgets, and we should not be expected to continue to pay more for electricity because of BPA's problem.

I hope BPA will pay attention to the concerns voiced by our community and that your organization will look within and find other ways to cut costs/resolve your budget issues. Things are not looking good here economically at this time -- and another rate increase will only contribute to worse times for everyone.

Sincerely,



Jo Haberstock

Cc: NW delegation
Franklin PUD

SN-03-W-0522

APR 07 2003

Bill and Susan Hatfield
3714 W. Henry St.
Pasco, WA 99301

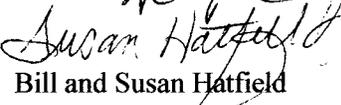
April 1, 2003

Mr. Steve Wright
BPA
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, OR 97208-3621

Dear Mr. Wright:

We are writing to ask you NOT to enact another rate increase in October. Instead, try to look to additional cost-cutting measures. We are already paying enough for electricity, what with the last rate increase. Another increase will be hard on people with fixed incomes and people who are out of work, a situation one of us is currently in. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Bill and Susan Hatfield

SN-03-W-0523

APR 07 2003

Barbara Poulson
6230 West SR 260
Connell WA 99326

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

Dear Mr. Wright,

I am concerned that the Bonneville Power Authority intends to raise its rates again. This will be a hardship to many people. I live in an agriculture area where irrigation is all-important. How long do you think farmers will exist if they cannot pay their irrigation bill? The economy is not good and ratepayers just cannot afford the cost of another electricity increase.

BPA must cut costs. I believe too much of the BPA budget is going to fish and conservation. This can be done with a fraction of the cost now being implemented. There are other ways, besides milking the ratepayer - your customers.

Sincerely,



Barbara Poulson

CC: Rep. Doc Hastings

SN-03-W-0524

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4-1-03

Dear Sir,

I'm writing with hopes that my letter may make a difference. I'm a single Mother who adopted two children, one with special needs. I work part time so I can get my one child to his doctor appt. At this time and during the fall and winter I only heated the upstairs living areas - no bedrooms. And only during times I was not working and never at night when sleeping. I really can not afford any rate increase to my power bill.

Thanks for your time,

Larie D. Smith
266 Olympic View Ave,
Ocean Shores, Wa,
98569

Larie Smith

SN-03-W-0525

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Coast Office [coastoffice@techline.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2003 10:46 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Cc: jimmeddy@techline.com
Subject: Rates

Mr. Wright,

The BPA has , for all practical purposes, stolen power that was promised to the residents of Grays Harbor County in the law, and sold it to private utilities. In return our Public Utility has had to purchase power from you at an artificially inflated rate. I find this Inethical and would like a refund. I'll be expecting my check in the mail. Thank you, Dori Patrick-Coast Seafoods Company

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Dippold, Kristine K. [Kdippold@HEWM.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2003 12:59 PM
To: 'comment@bpa.gov'
Subject: Please don't raise our rates ...

I am writing to express my opinion that another rate increase would be unfair and unjust. Last year, our rates went up 35%. Ouch! I am a single mother. While I do work full-time, my annual raise is only 1.2% of my income -- or about \$60 per month after taxes. I don't know how I am going to survive if rates keep increasing.

Please, please consider alternate means to cover your financial shortfall. It is unfair to keep looking at the consumers to cover your shortfalls.

Sincerely,

Kristine Dippold
Edmonds, WA

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Cosmopolis Project Technician [cosiptec@weyerhaeuser.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2003 1:45 PM
To: 'comment@bpa.gov'
Subject: outrage at increases

Steve Wright,

The BPA should cut costs not raise rates on my local PUD. This is an outrage and is squeezing not only average households but small businesses. Are you trying to put the Northwest in a depression? Your mismanagement is disgusting, please correct your ways and don't try to take everyone down in your sinking ship. Contary to popular belief you can not squeeze blood from a turnip. Stop the rate increases, NOW!

Coridally,

Arne Peterson
608 Pioneer Ave.
Montesano, WA

APR 07 2003

to STEVE WRIGHT

With the war and unemployment
they way it is now.

I think you should rethink

The rate increase you plan.

People got to buy food and the

Elderly have limited incomes.

They don't have the big \$

salaries, pay checks you folks

have.

(Think MCFLY)

RATE Payer

SN-03-W-0529

Grays Harbor PUD

Commissioner's Corner

Feature Writer: Jim Eddy

District Three, Hoquiam and North Grays Harbor County

It is time for you to go to work. You elect your commissioners to represent you and we do. We solicit input and attempt to develop sound policy for staff to follow. We work hard to understand issues and provide direction locally and in state and national forums where YOUR PUD is represented. But, there are some things we cannot do.

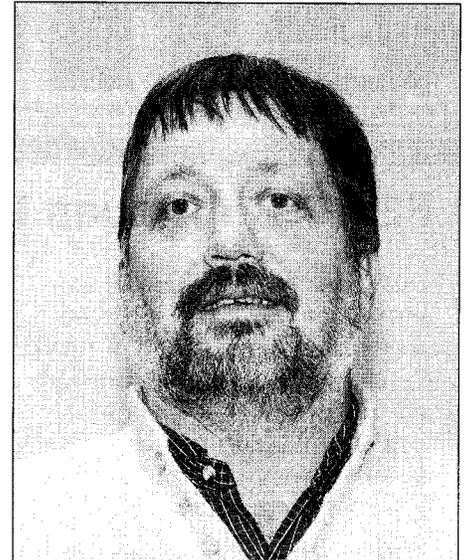
You see I have the ability to write one letter. I can say in that letter that I am representing the ratepayers of Grays Harbor, but it is still only one letter and one voice. If all three of your Commissioners write, we have three letters and three voices. When the Washington PUD Association takes a position and assuming all the Commissioners were to write a letter, we would have about 90 letters and 90 voices.

What we can not do? We cannot write 1000 letters and be 1000 voices, or 5000 letters and be 5000 voices, or 10,000 letters and be 10,000 voices. You can. Each of you sitting in the recliner or at the kitchen table reading this should be mad as hell. You should be angry that the BPA has, for all practical purposes, stolen power that was

promised to you *in the law* and, *contrary to that law* sold it to the private utilities. As a result of those illegal sales, the BPA had to go out on an artificially inflated market to buy power to sell to us. They paid a lot more, YOUR PUD had to pay a lot more, so consequently, you are paying a lot more. Now Steve Wright, the BPA Administrator is threatening another 15% increase to come out of your pockets because of BPA mismanagement.

You should be angry. Now it's time for you to go to work. First, address an envelope to: Steve Wright, Administrator Bonneville Power Administration, PO Box 3621, Portland, OR 97208 or an email to: comment@bpa.gov. Next, write a letter, a note, a few sentences to Mr. Wright letting him know in a firm, but polite manner how angry you are and demanding that they cut costs rather than seek additional rate increases from YOUR PUD to cover their illegal activities and mismanagement.

Finally, send me an email at jimddy@techline.com or call me at 360.538.6289 and tell me that you have sent your letter; that you have



done your part. This will take you 15 minutes at the most and cost a stamp. You have no excuses. I expect to get a lot of emails and/or phone calls. I'll get back to each one of you.

Your fellow ratepayers need your help. Your commissioner needs your support. YOUR PUD needs your action. I want you to write 1000 letters. I want you to be 5000 voices. I want them to hear from 10,000 mad-as-hell Grays Harbor Ratepayers. Now, that's **PUBLIC POWER!** It's time for you to go to work. I mean it. Go to work!

SN-03-W-0529



I am legally blind,
Mr. Wright.

I am on disability
and cannot pay
more money for
power.

You have to help
us, not hurt us
us further.

JEFF BECHTOLD
55 RAY ROAD
MALDEN MA 02148

P.O. Box 886
98559

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Notes



Mr. Wright,
Please do
not raise
our rates.

It isn't legal
or fair.
We pay you.
You should
work for us.



Roberta
Wamboldt
29 Mt Cheh-
stie
Malone
WA
98559

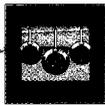
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98559

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Mr. Wright.

I ask you to not
raise our rates.
Lower them back
to where they
were.

I am handicapped
with a very low
income.

Please read
the law again.

Rodney Gaine
61 Moy Chehalis
Malone WA 98559

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P.O. Box 886
98559

SN-03-W-0532

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Mister Wright,

PLEASE do not raise

the light bill to us.

My age is 67 and I am
living on \$500 a month

so cannot pay more.

People that can't pay
freeze to their deaths.

Marie Brockett

Gen. Del.

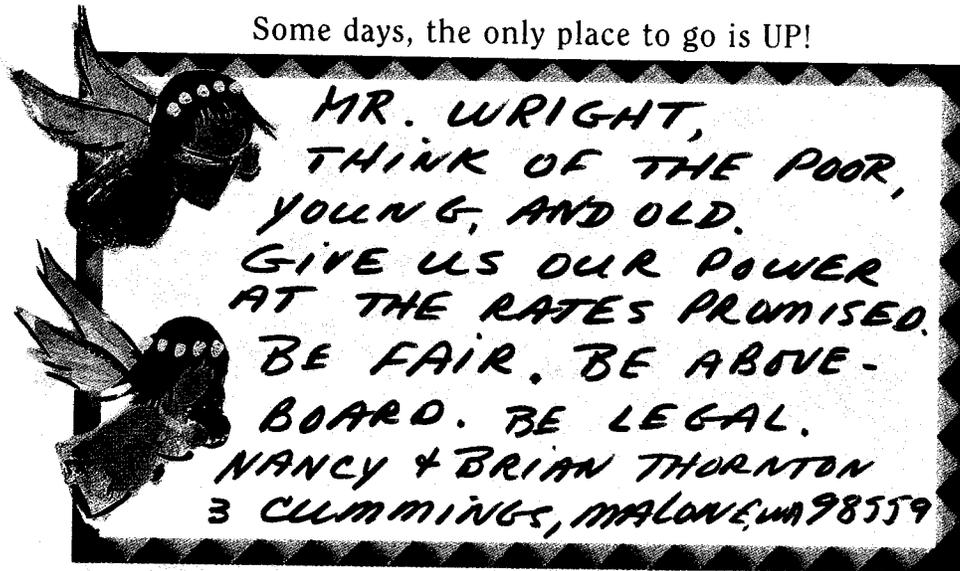
Malone WA

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P.O. Box 886
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Some days, the only place to go is UP!



Until Heaven is ready, I'll just send a note.

P.O. Box 886
02148

SN-03-W-0534

APR 07 2003

2205 Road 94
Pasco, WA 99301

April 2, 2003

Mr. Steve Wright
Bonneville Power Administrator
P.O. Box 36321
Portland, OR 97208-3621

Dear Mr. Wright:

I currently reside in Pasco, Washington and receive electrical power from Franklin PUD. The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has significantly increased power rates over the last two years. I understand that another rate increase of 15% is anticipated to go into effect in October of this year.

These significant increases in the cost of living have a very detrimental effect on our economy, particularly in Washington State where unemployment is high and where businesses are failing due to the slow down in the economy and the increased cost of doing business. A major component of those cost increases has been the cost of electricity. If energy costs continue to climb, then there is no way that we will see an improvement in the business economy.

On a more personal note, I have been looking forward to retirement in the not too distant future and am concerned about facing increasing power costs on a fixed income. I also have grown children with families who are struggling to survive in the current economy. Monthly power bills are the most significant financial challenge for them while most other costs have remained stable. When you take into account the extremely mild winters we have had for the last few years and severe increases in power bills, it is scary to think what those power bills will become during a more normal winter!

BPA has a responsibility to solve its own budget issues. Simply exceeding budgets and passing the increased costs on to consumers is unacceptable! No business that I know (or other governmental entity for that matter) can get away with this response. BPA must be proactive and find a way to address its issues without further crippling the northwest economy!

Sincerely,

Nadine Highland

cc: Northwest Delegation/Franklin PUD

SN-03-W-0535

APR 04 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Nadine Highland [n.highland@charter.net]
Sent: Friday, April 04, 2003 5:06 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: FW: BPA Electric Rate Increases



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Attached is a letter concerning the anticipated BPA rate increase.

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: DonZengine@aol.com
Sent: Friday, April 04, 2003 9:14 AM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Cc: IEzacher@aol.com
Subject: Fixed income and rate increase

Dispite replaceing light bulbs for lower power use bulbs, turning off most of the electric heating and using one third less electric energy I have had to add \$ 100.00 the last three months to my monthly averaged bill of \$205.00. This is a hard ship on my wife and I since I have not been able to find work in the construction trades I have worked at fore over 40 years and now contemplate retireing only to wonder how we will be able to pay future raises and higher medical costs.

Janice Dixon
4128 Devonshire Ct. N.E.
Salem, OR 97305

APR 08 2003

To the people at Bonville Dam
I don't think its right to raise your
rates. Gas prices are high already.
By raising your rates will cause
PGE to raise their rates and
cause all buisnesses to raise their
rates and it will cause more
people to ~~lose~~ jobs and be
homless. Is this what living in
america has come too, Raising prices
and putting people out of jobs and
homless and doing with out electricity.
~~just~~ so you can raise prices and
live high off the log. While we little
people are struggling to make it pay
check to pay check. And the elderly
are skimming by them selves pay
check to pay check. Do you often
wonder why or how things got
so bad. I will tell you. It goes
back to how you voted. The people
like govenerns havent done anything
for the econemy or manged the
money right it fell on the rest of
us which isn't right. We the consumers
are the victims of high prices.

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It's not right to raise prices more than people can pay. There has to be a better way. We the consumers have rights to prices we can afford. By you raising prices it takes ~~ours~~ away our rights according to the constitution Bill of rights. We need a roof over our heads, money to take care of our children, We need money to make our car payments so we can get to and from work 5 days a week, clothes, shoes, food, rent money. By raising your rates the rent goes up also. Your rates will cause food ~~to~~ prices to raise. I am asking you to have a heart and not raise your prices. Not to long ago PGE raised there prices and that hurt us consumers. We the consumer can't take anymore hiking in prices.

Janice Dixon

April 15, 2003

Mr. Steve Wright
B.P. Administrator
PO Box 3621
Portland, OR. 97208-3621

Dear Sir:

We live in Lewis County and have been advised that BPA rates are (or may) rise 25% in October.

We're hurting here, high unemployment, etc., and what we are experiencing is groups raising rates instead of living within their budgets - we are 73 & 79 & never had jobs that paid any kind of pension - so our income is really fixed

Hope there is a way you

can cost control now.

Sincerely,

Bill & Joan Tolson
PO Box 183
Massyrock, WA 98564

P.S. We are asking help from
our people in D.C.

Rep. Baird
Patty Murray &
Marian Cantwell

APR 08 2003

I am writing to
you to say, please do
not raise the power
rate again.

20 yrs. ago we put in
our electric heat. The power
then was one cent / k.w.

It is now 5.08. So that
gives me a lge bill each
mo. and many others.

This is no encouragement
for new business.

Sincerely
Larue McGuire



Ms. Larue Mc Guire
933 Crescent St.
Raymond, WA 98577-1505



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