

SN-03-Rate Case

09-Apr-03

Specialist: Gabrielle Foulkes

Program Office: Power

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		NO MORE RATE INCREASES- Franklin P	4/9/2003

Petition has 50 names
Petition has 74 pages & 736 na

4-2-03

Steve Strigle

I find it absurd for a rate increase to cover BPA mismanagement.

If the BPA cut costs NO INCREASE would be necessary.

John Hughes
439 Monte Colma Rd
Montesano WA 98563

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Pasco WA
4-2-03

Dear Mr. Wright,

Please do what you can to stop
the P U S rates from going up.

We are a retired couple living on
a fixed income and with the price
of groceries, insurance, electric bills
etc. ^{going up} we are stretched to the limit.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John & Freda Van Otterloo

6515 Yankee Drive

Pasco WA 99301

John & Freda Van Otterloo^e
6515 Yankee Drive
Pasco, WA 99301

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Please don't raise
our rates here in Grays Harbor
county.

Gilbert Krigbaum
P.O. Box 2409
Westport, Wa. 98595

GILBERT KRIGBAUM
P. O. Box 2409
Westport, WA 98595

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4/2/03
 Ron Fechtner
 241 S.E. Adams Ave
 Chehalis, Wash. 98532

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

Dear Sir:

I am concerned, among others,
 about the proposed electric rate
 increase set for next October. This
 at a time when our economy is
 suffering, and at a time when
 people and business are struggling
 to make ends meet. This increased
 cost to those who manufacture
 goods will be passed along to
 the already suffering consumers.

We have to live within our
 means and we have to find ways
 to do it. I suggest BPA do the
 same. Tighten your belt & work at
 becoming more efficient

Sincerely
 Ron Fechtner

Ron FECHTNER
 241 S.E. ADAMS
 CHEHALIS, WASH. 98532

APR 08 2003

P.O. Box 39
Ocean Shores, WA 98569
April 3, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

We are writing to you to express our deep concern over the tremendous increase in our power costs.

It appears that sending our power to other places has been a tremendous cost to us users in Grays Harbor County.

Could you please consider the needs of Washington users before thinking about selling power elsewhere? Our winters have been too harsh to think of turning down our electricity any further.

Sincerely,
M/M Ralph Remsing
P.O. Box 39
Ocean Shores, WA
98569

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SN-03-W-0545

Dear Mr. Wright,

There is no need to increase the rates to Grays Harbor PUD rate payers. The bureaucratic bungling by the BPA cannot be reversed, easily.

The best course of action is to cut costs at Bonneville Power Administration.

It is not fair to charge the rate payers for poor management that we have no control of.

I know you'll take the lead on reducing BPA's costs.

Thank you,

Thos. C. Hubbard

Sincerely,
Thos. C. Hubbard

P.O. BOX 875
CLEAN SHORES
WA 98569

SN-03-W-0545

Aberdeen, Wa.
April 1, 2003

Mr. Steve Wright

I find it hard to believe the high cost of electricity in our area. As an 80 yr. old WWII Veteran on SOC. SEC., \$222 for a month is shocking. We cut back lights, use wood heater in colder weather, but up goes the cost.

PUD Commissioner appointed in Everett is paid Annual Salary 194,600?

General manager in Wenatchee Area for 4 1/2 years, leaves his job and receives severance package \$540,000?

It's the people have to pay this.

We are a nation of lying thieves.

We better wake up, time is running out. Uncle Sam should investigate this.

Let's hope things change soon.

Sincerely
Darwin Crites



VFW - Political Action Committee
Darwin Crites
401 Fairway Dr.
Aberdeen, WA 98520-7034

A note from 4-2-03
Carol Jeanne Kohler

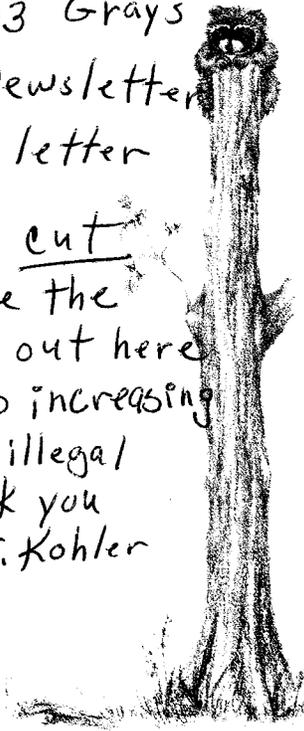
Mr. Steve Wright or in this
case Mr. Wrong:

I hope you have read a copy
of Jim Eddy's editorial in
the March 2003 Grays
Harbor PUD Newsletter

Here is another letter
demanding you cut
costs. Just like the
working family's out here
have to do. Stop increasing
rates! Stop your illegal
activities! Thank you
C.J. Kohler



Carol J. Kohler
222 Jordan Rd
Winlock, WA 98596



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Ex-Nihilo
(Something made out of nothing in Latin)
Sculptures by Dan Klennert
PO Box 402
Elbe, WA 98330

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

Dear MR. Wright:

April 1, 2003

I sure wish you lived by your last name, my name is Dan Klennert and I am a customer of Lewis County PUD that buys nearly all its power from the Bonneville Power Administration. I'm worried about my existence in this world. With all the increases in health care, gasoline and my electric bill I am almost ready to blow my brains out because it is getting to expensive to live. I managed to knock down sixteen thousand dollars last year, I pay close to four thousand a year for my frigen health insurance, then I have the high cost of auto insurance, then I have liability insurance, then I have the high cost of gasoline and then comes the electric increase. Better yet why don't you just put a gun to my head and pull the trigger. The Northwest is rated the worst state in the union for its economy and more people are losing their jobs daily. We suffer from some of the highest unemployment rates in the nation. Businesses are closing and our basic services, schools and our very future are threatened. I would think a person would take a good look at the economy before increasing rates. Try stepping out side the box once and looking in, by you increasing the rates you are putting a gun to the heads of many businesses and families that are ready to go under. The area will not even begin to recover when you have all the vultures raising rates together. It is sad to see people selling their belongings on the side of the road to pay all the high cost of living in this area. Why don't you try doing something very human, why don't you all take a pay cut so some families can just survive. Maybe lower the electricity rates once in history.

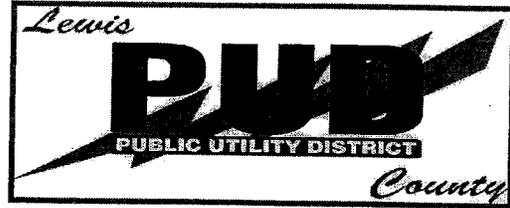
BPA must solve its budget crisis, we have to do it in our personal lives why can't you? Passing these costs on to my neighbors and I is not the answer. The answer to these high electricity prices is in your agency's control. I urge you to do as others have in the region – **BPA must find ways to cut costs. Don't let your agency force the Northwest into total economic collapse. Do not pull the trigger!**

Our maybe it is the same old crap **GREED!** Just another company and a different day!

Sincerely, Dan Klennert

SN-03-W-0548

**PEOPLE POWER
ACTION ALERT!
Issue Paper**



BPA PROPOSES 25% RATE INCREASE

↳ This is Bullshit ↲

Safety Net Cost Recovery Adjustment Clause (SN CRAC)

Help stop BPA's proposed price increase.

Please send your personal letter (see attached Sample Letter) to BPA Administrator Steve Wright, with a copy to your representatives in Congress.

For the best results, please send your letters soon.

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) recently stunned Northwest electricity customers by proposing another large increase in power costs, to take effect this fall.

Utility customers in the Pacific Northwest cannot shoulder this additional burden imposed by BPA. We believe another large BPA price increase is unnecessary.

BPA intends to fund a \$900 million gap between its forecast revenues and costs by adding a 25% rate increase (called a Safety Net CRAC) for Northwest electricity customers.

BPA has exceeded its budget every year since 2002 – by millions of dollars! Instead of raising power costs, BPA must cut costs and shift its strategies. The answer to these high electricity costs is in BPA's control. BPA must consider all options for cutting costs, including the following:

- BPA needs to address financial problems on a year-by-year basis. BPA could save \$400 million by not building up excessive financial reserves.
- BPA offered some utilities in the Northwest goodwill money in order to encourage others not to pursue a lawsuit. We urge BPA to take all actions necessary to reduce payments to third parties, including this \$200 million lawsuit bonus.
- BPA could cut non-purchased power costs and payments to related agencies back to at least 2001 levels in order to save \$100 million.
- BPA should treat a portion of its upcoming bond refinancing as a reserve to deal with financial problems.

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Mr. Steven Wright, Administrator
Bonneville Power Administration
PO Box 3621
Portland, Oregon 97208

April 2, 2003

Dr. Mr. Wright,

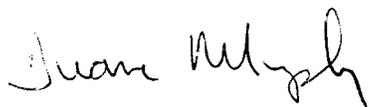
I am concerned about a possible increase of power costs to our local PUD.

I trust that you have discussed this with our commissioner, Jim Eddy, who appears less than satisfied with explanations.

For starters, please reconsider any proposed rate increases.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



Duane Murphy
1620 W. 7th
Aberdeen, WA 98520

(360) 532-7206

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*Jason Crawford
20 Bostin Lane
McCleary, WA 98557*

April 1, 2003

Steve Wright, Administrator
Bonneville Power Administration
PO Box 3621
Portland, OR 97208

RE: Rate Increases - Grays Harbor County

Dear Mr. Wright:

My family and I recently purchased land in McCleary, WA., Grays Harbor County. Our home was completed in November. When we received our first bill from Grays Harbor PUD, we were appalled, to say the least. We could not believe that our power bill was over \$300 for 1 month! We knew there had to be a mistake.

Unfortunately, we discovered that the bill was correct. After speaking with other members of the community as well as reading various articles, we discovered why our power bill was so high, and why it continues to rise. Because BPA made a bad financial decision, as well as an illegal sale to a private utility company, BPA has been increasing the rate that we pay. We have now learned that BPA may raise the rate another 15%. This is absolutely outrageous. Instead of increasing the rates, the rates should be lowered.

My family, as well as other community members, should not have to pay for the mistake of BPA. BPA needs to cut their costs, not raise the cost to pay for BPA's mistake. Honestly, my family and I never thought that we would need to check the power rates in Grays Harbor before purchasing land. Paying \$300 a month for power has depleted what savings we have had and is now creating a hardship for us. It is a ridiculous thought that we should have to sell the house we always dreamed of because of the power bill!

We demand that BPA find another way to make up for their mistake and their losses. This community should not have to continue to pay for BPA's illegal activities and mismanagement. BPA needs to take responsibility for their mistake, not the communities members. BPA should not be allowed to, or able to, charge rates that are so astronomical compared to the surrounding counties.

We are requesting a formal response to this letter to advise us of how BPA will be working with us, and the rest of the community, to lower the already existing high rates and not increasing them.

Sincerely



Jason Crawford

cc: Grays Harbor PUD

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: zastrow [zastrow@olynet.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 05, 2003 9:33 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Attn: Mr. Wright

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concern over the rising utility rates we have been experiencing in Grays Harbor. Our area is unique, middle class to poor, and unable to continue to carry the burden of escalating energy prices. Although I feel our problem is two-fold in responsibility, certainly the BPA holds us hostage in certain areas. Please investigate the ability of the working poor in this area compared to city, more urban areas, and their wage scale. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rita Zastrow
Elma, Washington

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: DSnow91793@aol.com
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2003 8:44 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Cc: jimmeddy@techline.com
Subject: Mr. Wright re: BPA Rate Increases

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am writing in regard to your proposed 15% rate increase to the Grays Harbor community. As a business owner and a resident of this community I am witness to a growing resentment for the continuous increases being passed down the line to the little guy. I strongly suggest that you cut costs or look into other alternatives.

Sincerely,

Delilah Snow
Amanda Park Mercantile
360-288-2564

4/7/2003

SN-03-W-0552

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: on behalf of BPA Public Involvement
To: Roadman, Val - PL-6
Subject: RE: Customer Complaint

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

From: Roadman, Val - PL-6 [mailto:vlroadman@bpa.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 04, 2003 3:51 PM
To: 'comment@bpa.gov'
Subject: FW: Customer Complaint

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Miller, Carol A - PSP-5
> Sent: Friday, April 04, 2003 3:31 PM
> To: Roadman, Val - PL-6
> Cc: Arrington, ZoeAnne - PSP-5; Keep, Barney - PSP-5; Cherry, Diane - PSP-5; Foulkes, Gabrielle - PGF-6; Normandeau, Mike - PSP-5
> Subject: Customer Complaint

> I just received a phone call from a very upset customer from Snohomish PUD about not raising our rates. I think what made her more mad was that our website returned her e-mail as "undeliverable". In her bill from Snohomish, she said the e-mail address she was given to complain is: comment@bpa.gov. Is that one of our web addresses?

> Also I told her that I would add her to our complaint list, so please consider this an official request to add one phone call to our list of people saying "no" to our rate increase.

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2003 8:34 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: Safety Net Cost Recovery Adjustment Clause

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

From: Shirley Jones [mailto:sljones@centurytel.net]
 Sent: Sunday, April 06, 2003 4:53 PM
 To: Steve Wright
 Subject: Safety Net Cost Recovery Adjustment Clause

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

Sunday April 6th, 2003

Mr. Wright,

Are you nearing retirement? I am retired. Fixed income and my electric bill has gone up twice now since being retired. This winter I wore an under shirt and an extra vest in the house just so I wouldn't have to turn up my electric heaters; and this was a mild winter. My wages while working probably weren't anywhere near what you are making so you probably won't worry about utility rate increases when you do retire. But unfortunately most workers don't have high wages.

I have to reevaluate my spending every time a rate increases in anything; and make a choice to make my income cover everything. I think that is what should be done by BPA each time they decide to raise rates on the uses. Please make serious cut backs in your corporation first; cut out some of your own perks.

Here in Gig Harbor we have a consumer-owned electric utility that I'm a part of and we buy our power from BPA. I was hopeful that after Enrron was found out that we'd actually get a refund. Not an increase! Our areas economy and loss of jobs has put many people in a hard place already, and I think it is that way across America but you big Corporations just don't seem to get that. Please be a true American and think about the impact another increase will have on others. Enrron was so shocking, to think that administrators could ----steal their own workers pensions.

Mr. Wright withdraw "Safety Net Cost Recovery Adjustment Clause".

Sincerely.

Shirley L Jones
 7923 56th Av CT NW
 Gig Harbor, WA 98335-7475

CC: State Senators and Representatives

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Mary & Paul Smith
PO Box 2314
Westport, WA 98595-2314
360 268-5192
beachfogies@cs.com

April 2, 2003

Steve Wright
Administrator, Bonneville Power Administration
PO Box 3621
Portland, OR 97208

Dear Sir:

We are distressed to hear of another 15% rate hike being planned. Where will this end? We have lived in our home for four years. In that time, our rates have risen more than 50%. It is outrageous that we must pay for your folly. Here in Westport, we did what we could, voting for Mr. Jim Eddy as District Three Commissioner. We have no control over BPA; you are not an elected official, are you? We replaced all of our inside lights with energy-efficient lights. We stopped using our dryer. I use my grandmother's wooden drying rack. I now only run the dishwasher two-three times a week. We heat with wood, when we can afford to purchase wood. Our home is very efficient. When we purchased it, we ordered and paid extra for Argon windows, extra insulation in floors, ceilings and walls. We have done everything we can. We cannot afford to operate our electric furnace, except when our indoor temperature drops below 60 degrees. We are both disabled, Mr. Smith a disabled veteran. We are cool sometimes. We live on a fixed income. If this new increase is enacted, we are going to find a source of money that will help us convert our home to propane. Your rate hike will not generate more revenue in the long run. Think about what you are doing.

Sincerely,

cc: Jim Eddy

Return Address: _____

SN-03-W-0555

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Beachfogies@cs.com
Sent: Sunday, April 06, 2003 8:51 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Rate Increase

Mr. Wright: I've sent a letter through the mail but am also attaching it to this file. Please do not further raise our rates. We cannot afford another raise. Mary & Paul Smith, Westport

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2003 8:34 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: Save Family Wage Jobs!

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

From: LeopardLady666@cs.com [mailto:LeopardLady666@cs.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 05, 2003 10:34 PM
To: the.secretary@hq.doe.gov; brandlan_da@leg.wa.gov; maria@cantwell.senator.gov;
senator_murray@murray.senator.gov; morris_je@leg.wa.gov; linville_ke@leg.wa.gov; spanel_ha@leg.wa.gov;
sjwright@bpa.gov
Subject: Save Family Wage Jobs!

To our local representatives:

As a future voter I would like to thank you for supporting non BPA rate increases. Even though none of my family works at Intalco I feel that as a consumer my family and I will be affected. It doesn't seem that risking hundreds of jobs is worth whatever outcome the BPA is looking for. Thank you for your time.

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2003 8:33 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: Save Family Wage Jobs

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

From: A J [mailto:sweetling510@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 05, 2003 10:36 AM
To: senator_murray@murray.senate.gov; maria@cantwell.senate.gov;
rick.larsen@mail.house.gov; brandlan_da@leg.wa.gov;
spanel_ha@leg.wa.gov; sjwright@bpa.gov; the.secretary@hq.doe.gov;
vice.president@whitehouse.gov; ericksen_do@leg.wa.gov;
linville_ke@leg.wa.gov; morris_je@leg.wa.gov; quall_da@leg.wa.gov;
Kristian_da@leg.wa.gov; Pearson_ki@leg.wa.gov; Stevens_va@leg.wa.gov;
Condotta_ca@leg.wa.gov; armstron_mi@leg.wa.gov; Parlette_li@leg.wa.gov;
mcmorris_ca@leg.wa.gov; George.nethercutt-pub@mail.house.gov;
Brian.Baird@mail.house.gov; jay.inslee@mail.house.gov;
adam.smith@mail.house.gov; dunnwa08@mail.house.gov
Subject: Save Family Wage Jobs

My name is Ashleigh Jungblom and as a future voter I just want to thank you for your support for non BPA rate increase. Not only does it cause a loss of 100's of jobs, my aunt and other family friends included, but also makes it impossible for energy dependent businesses to run profitably. Thank you for your time and please support no increase on BPA rates!

Sincerely,
Concerned in Ferndale

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From: bobswifejune@juno.com
Sent: Sunday, April 06, 2003 9:29 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: another increase???

to: Steve Wright

As a retired computer engineer i have to ask why the B.P.A. has to raise

rates when the general economy has most of us with our backs to the wall?

I would request that you take a long hard look at cutting expenses rather than

digging into our nearly empty pockets.

This is in responce to Grays Harbor's commissioner Jim Eddy's article.

Robert H. Howe
981 Ocean shores Blvd
Ocean Shores Wa.

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From: Tobert Family [toberts@coastaccess.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 06, 2003 8:50 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: HIGH ELECTRICITY COSTS

We are sick and tired of high electricity costs!
The Bonneville Power Administration is planning to raise our rates AGAIN!
ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!
BPA is required by law to offer low cost federal power to community owned utilities like our Grays Harbor PUD before they offer it to private, investor owned utilities. BPA has sold this low cost power to private utilities, shifting the cost of more expensive power to us!
THIS HAS TO STOP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
We cannot afford another rate increase, It is just too much to afford when raising a family.
We will not tolerate any more rate increases!
It is your job to stop this madness NOW!

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

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From: Terrell Atwood [statwood@charter.net]
Sent: Sunday, April 06, 2003 4:58 PM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Rate increases

Steve Wright: I am writing to urge the BPA to thoughtfully reconsider the proposed increase in rates for Franklin County PUD customers. Our rates have already increased over 50% in the last two years. During those same two years, our health insurance costs have increased from approximately \$200 per month, to \$565 per month. With one half time job and one fixed retirement income, these two increases have had a severe effect on our retirement savings. There must be some way for the BPA to cut costs without yet another rate increase. We understand that times are tough for everyone, but please not another increase for PUD customers. Thank you.
Terrell & Susan Atwood

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Bob Tesdall [rtesdall@techline.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 06, 2003 3:18 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Hight Utilites Rates

I understand that a 15% increase in our unities is coming up in the near future. I can see NO reason for this increase.

BPA is required by law to offer low-cost federal power to community -owned utilities like Grays Harbor PUD before they offer it to private investor-owned utilities.

Due to the fact this has been sold to other private utilities it causing our rates to go up. I don't think we should have to tolerate any more rate increases.

We appreciate the good service of our Grays Harbor PUD but not an increase caused by the BPA.

What do you plan on doing about this?

Bob & Ruby Tesdall

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From: marla barton [tally121_1@hotmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, April 06, 2003 2:25 PM

To: comment@bpa.gov; maria@cantwell.senate.gov; senator_murray@murray.senate.gov;
brian.baird@mail.house.gov

Subject: rate increase-Grays Harbor P.U.D

To whom it may concern: We cannot afford ANOTHER RATE INCREASE. Tell Steve Wright to stop selling power to private investor- owned utilities. Remember the little people, please.
Sincerely, Marla J. Barton

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Helen Peters [nellie@seanet.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 05, 2003 11:35 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Increase in PUD rates unjustifiable!



I am an irate Grays Harbor PUD ratepayer. I am 76 years old and my electric bill goes higher every month. I am a widow and cannot afford what I am paying now. I put heat down to 55 every night and close all doors to all rooms. I use dishwasher once or twice per week. Same for clothes washer and dryer My statment for last month was over \$256.00. Relief is desperately needed not an increase in rates. You MUST CUT YOUR COSTS! DO not increase rates due to your mismanagement and illegal activities. It is all very upsetting and I am mad as hell!

Helen Peters, P.O. Box 527, Copalis Beach, WA 98535



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From: Dina Helbling [dinahelbling@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 05, 2003 9:55 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: PUD rates

I am very unhappy with the rise in my PUD rates especially when what I read is that the rate increases are from mismanagement & illegal activities of the BPA Administration. I read about how power that should have been ours was sold to private utilities and then the BPA had to go out and buy power to sell to us on an artificially inflated market. You had to pay more and just passed on the cost of your mistakes to the consumer. And now I read that Steve Wright, the BPA Administrator, is threatening another 15% increase. These increases must stop. No one minds a justified gradual increase but when the increases are a big jump and we hear it is due to your mistakes it does not set well. I also read articles about the waste of funds on administrative equipment such as new desks etc.

I also have read articles about how the PUDs raised rates and cried for conservation of power and are now crying because consumers did conserve and now aren't using enough power so the PUDs are losing money. We are back to mismanagement and we as consumers are tired of paying for your mistakes.

Didina Helbling
taxpayer and consumer

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From: Chara Awolfe [wolfie9@olynet.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 05, 2003 10:12 PM
To: STEVE WRIGHT
Subject: POTENTIAL RATE INCREASE IN ELECTRIC BILLS

DEAR MR. WRIGHT,

AS A SINGLE PARENT WITH TWO MINOR CHILDREN AND A FIXED INCOME I AM VERY UPSET THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCREASE THE ELECTRIC RATES TO CUSTOMERS AT THIS TIME. IF I DO NOT MANAGE MY MONEY WISELY, I HAVE TO PAY FOR IT. APPARENTLY, BPA DOES NOT HAVE TO ABIDE BY THE SAME CONSEQUENCES. I AM A RETIRED GRANDMOTHER WITH TWO BOYS 11 AND 13 AND THE RATES HAVE INCREASED 68% SO FAR IN LESS THAN 3 YEARS. NOW YOU ARE TRYING TO ADD ON ANOTHER 15%? DOES THIS MEAN I CAN COME AND LIVE WITH YOUR FAMILY BECAUSE I CAN NOT AFFORD TO KEEP MINE WARM? I HAVE DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO CONSERVE ON THE ELECTRIC I USE. I PUT FLANNEL SHEETS ON MY CHILDREN'S BED, 6 BLANKETS ON TOP OF THAT AND KEEP MY HEAT AT NO HIGHER THAN 65. I PUT UP PLASTIC ON THE WINDOWS, I CALLED FOR AN INSPECTION TO SEE WHAT ELSE I COULD DO AND YET THE BILL KEEPS INCREASING. I WEAR TWO PAIRS OF SOCKS, SWEAT PANTS AND SWEAT SHIRTS EVERY DAY. THIS IS SCARY TO ME -IS IT NOT A CONCERN TO YOU? WITH GASOLINE PRICES INCREASING, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES RISING AND THE EVER INCREASING ELECTRIC, PEOPLE ARE BEING FORCED TO LEAVE WASHINGTON AND LIVE WHERE THEY CAN AFFORD TO. I WOULD PREFER TO REMAIN LIVING IN THIS STATE BUT SOON I MAY NOT HAVE THAT OPTION MR. WRIGHT. PLEASE RECONSIDER OTHER ALTERNATIVES THAT YOU HAVE- SUCH AS REDUCING COSTS AT THE BPA, FREEZING PAY INCREASES AND TAKING THE RESPONSIBILITY TO LIVE WITH THE CHOICES YOUR DEPARTMENT MADE AND RECTIFYING IT. SINCERELY,
CHARA AWOLFE

4/7/2003

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Ryan Munn [rmunnfarm@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 05, 2003 10:11 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Proposed rate increase

We have heard that you are considering another rate increase. We are greatly considered about further raising our rates at this time. The previous rate increases have already had a significant detrimental effect on the ability of our farms to remain competitive. Another rate increase would further exaggerate this problem and could put many jobs and the economy of the Northwest in jeopardy. We would strongly encourage exploring finding ways to cut costs or alter business strategies rather than raising the rates of your customers.

Thank you,
Robert Munn, Randy Munn, Ryan Munn, Rob Munn
R. Munn Farms, LLC

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From: glo [bobandglo@techline.com]
Sent: Friday, April 04, 2003 8:19 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Cc: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: rates

Dear Steve, I am writing in regard to the raise in PUD rates again. I feel you are getting enough and should not depend on the public to make up for your mistakes. A lot of us are senior citizens and have limited incomes. Not only seniors but people out of work or working several jobs to make ends meet. It was your mistake.....BPA also. Lets put a stop to this... Thank You Mr and Mrs Bauman

APR 08 2003

April 04, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am a customer of the Franklin PUD that buys power from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). I'm worried about my electric bill. BPA power costs have increased dramatically since October 2001 and now BPA threatens another 15% increase 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 publics 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,

Keith & Elaine Maki
4209 Sonora Drive
Pasco, WA 99301

SN-03-W-0568

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: ka_maki [ka_maki@email.msn.com]
Sent: Friday, April 04, 2003 9:05 AM
To: mbauman@franklinpud.com
Cc: sharlyn.berger@mail.house.gov; senator_murray@murray.senate.gov; maria@cantwell.senate.gov
Subject: October Rate Increase

Dear Mary,

Attached is a letter that I wrote concerning the rate increase that BPA is proposing in October of this year. Please take the time to read the letter to hear about our concerns on this rate increase.

I have also cc: this email to Senator Patty Murry, Senator Maria Cantwell and Congressman Doc Hastings to voice our concerns to them about this rate increase.

Thank you,

Keith & Elaine Maki
4209 Sonora Drive
Pasco, WA 99301

Marysville, Wash.
April 3, 2003

Dear Sir,

Please do not raise the utility rates in Snohomish County. The rates are too high already.

I am a low income senior citizen and cannot afford to pay anymore.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Kroth
6426 100th St. N.E.
Marysville
Washington
93270-2120

APR 09 2003

4/5/03

Mr. Wright,

The very idea that you are planning to increase my power bill by another 15% makes me absolutely furious!! Because you chose to illegally sell my power to private utilities I should now foot the bill on my nurse's salary?! I don't think so!!

As the administrator of the BPA I expect you will be cutting costs of Northwest customers rather than increasing them.

We've paid enough for the BPA's mistakes. It's time to give us back something, and the sooner, the better!

Most sincerely,

Patty Lavalley, RN/BSN

 Patty Lavalley
PO Box 1362
Ocean Shores, WA 98569

SN-03-W-057C

4-3-03

Dear Mr. Wright:

I read were you are talking of yet another 15% rate increase.

Also, I read where over 140 organizations in the Pacific North West, have joined together to fight the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, on deregulation of retail markets. We are still paying for the power market experiment of 2000-2001.

Please cut rates rather than ask for increases from my P.U.D., to cover illegal activities and mis management.

I am 89 years old, manage alone on a fixed income, and doing my best to get by, each month.

I will appreciate any thing you and your administration can do to lower our rates.

Respectfully

Mrs. Winona Hammonds

1711 Tilden St. So.

Aberdeen, Wa - 98520



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April 4, 2003

Steve Wright
BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATOR
PO Box 3621
Portland, OR 97208-3621

We are being urged by our local PUD to notify you of our disapproval of another rate increase in our local electrical power. This is an easy call for me, a retired educator.

Being on a fixed retirement income, I find that another rate increase followed so closely with the previous increase is difficult for my budget to absorb.

This increase is not only difficult for individuals like me, but is detrimental to local business and industry. Our area has undergone a very serious downturn in the logging industry in the past few years, this area's main employer, and this increase will not only be a serious setback for many concerns, but may actually be the final blow that may cause many to have to file for bankruptcy.

If it is possible to find ways to cut costs and delay this increase, I know that it would be a very welcome scenario for many in our Lewis County area.

Thank you for your consideration,



Herbert S. Creed
154 Jeffries Rd.
Chehalis, WA 98532

cc: Rep. Brian Baird
Senator Patty Murrey
Senator Maria Cantwell

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SN-03-W-0512

APR 09 2003

Dear Mr. Steve Wright,

We are writing concerning the prospect that Bonneville Power Administration is considering raising power rates. People can't afford any more increase in power rates. This winter which was a mild winter, we are paying as much for one month as we used to pay for two months when we had a very cold winter with temperatures below zero. Our neighbor which runs a skating rink has shut down his rink during the summer because he can't afford to cool it in the summer. Farmers who have had their income greatly reduced and have been forced by the clean water act to switch to sprinklers and they really hurting.

The BPA needs to cut what they are pouring into fish and conservation, the Bureau of Reclamation and the Army Corps of Engineers. Why is the Army Corps of Engineers giving away boat launches between McNary Dam and the John Day Dam? Fixing these up and no one but the Indians can use them. We have gone by the one above Roosevelt lite up like a Christmas tree and no one there.

If businesses are destroyed by these rates increase, who is left to purchase the electricity? How about BPA cuttings some of the fat in the organization. Until I retire, I had also worked in government.

Sincerely,

Harlan Mills

1021 Colena

Prosser, Washington

99350

SN-03-W-0513

APR 09 2003

4-2-2003

Dear Mr. Steve Wright,

I have been thinking and pondering about the 15% raise my OUD bill will be getting! This has made me very angry! I have reworked my budget for the 3rd time last month and I can't travel anymore as my stocks dropped drastically. I'm in my 'Golden Years' and you are threatening me more. You don't need to raise anymore, cut operating costs now, I'm mad as hell and I won't forget. Cut your expenses and don't raise my bill 15% or even 1%. Do your job!

Respectfully

Betty Hickey

Betty Hickey
P.O. Box 2667
Westport, WA 98595-2667

SN-03-W-0514

APR 09 2003

4/03/03

TO: Steve Wright
Senator Patty Murray
Senator Maria Cantwell
Congressman Doc Hastings
Franklin Co. PUD
SUBJECT: Proposed electric rate increase.

It is my understanding that Bonneville Power is again expecting to raise power rates.

I realize that they are probably between a "rock and a hard spot" (as a result of poor judgement) in negotiating "power deals" during the power crisis). However if this were a private business it would have to "bite the bullet", as many of our private and public held businesses are doing! This means trimming the budget by lay offs, more efficient work plans, re-financing etc. They should not be able to just trigger another price increase on a whim or the "possibility" of a financial crisis (50% chance that they might miss a payment to the government). A financial crisis does not develop overnight and I suspect that poor planning, inadequate reserves, and overindulgence in "perks" probably plays a major role in the present "possible crisis".

I ran a profitable business but retired 20 years ago with what I then perceived as adequate resources. Inflation and its subsequent deflation of the dollar's purchasing power has put my wife and myself on quite a restricted budget. We own our home (a mobile home) and our two cars (one of which has over 200,000 miles on it). We pay our bills on time, but don't take cruises or trips or exotic vacations. Because our medicare supplemental insurance cost was raised so much I dropped my health insurance policy so that my wife could afford to maintain hers. I now go to the Veterans Administration for my health care. My wife sees two doctors regularly for heart related problems and must take two rather expensive prescriptions for the rest of her life. I take four very expensive prescriptions daily and if it were not for the Veterans Administration providing them on a co-pay basis I could not afford to buy them. Our taxes are up, our electric bills are about twice what they were, etc., etc. We have found ways to cope, (by cutting costs on non-essentials) because WE have no way of passing these costs on to someone else as Bonneville is proposing to do!

I'm reasonably certain that if Bonneville were forced to operate within its present budget that they would find a way - just as my wife and I have had to find a way.

I urgently request that BPA re-examine its budget and resources with the thought in mind that there are other ways to meet this "crisis" than raising power rates again and which must of necessity be passed on to consumers. Thank you.

Sincerely
Lloyd N. Graham

SN-03-W-0515



Lloyd Graham
410 S 22nd Ave.
Franklin, CO 80501

4-3-03

Steve Wright
B. P. A.

Mr Wright

I'm a senior citizen, living on a fixed income. Another raise in the electrical power, would cause an additional hardship on me and a lot of seniors on fixed incomes.

I don't understand why B.P.A. thinks the rates should raise again. We've had a mild winter plus a lot of rain.

I appreciate any thought you would have on what another raise will do to a lot of your customers, who would have to dig deeper to try & make ends meet. There's only so much to go around.

Doris Yockey
418 S. Harrison
Kenn. wa. 99336

Doris Yockey
Kenn. Wa.

APR 09 2003

Steve Wright, Adm.

Dear Sir:

I am extremely upset to hear that you are threatening to raise our electric rates another 15%.

Many of us are on fixed incomes and we can barely pay our power bills now. We cannot pay more because of your mismanagement. Learn to live within your means like other people have to.

Sincerely,

Beverly Rongu

B. Rongu

P.O. Box 1032

Westport, WA 98595

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4-03-03

To: Steve Wright,
Administrator
Sonnerite Power Administration
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, Oregon 97208

I am a ratepayer with
Grays Harbor P U D
Grays Harbor County
Weyland wa 98547

The financial hardship
that we are trying to
cope with because of —
at the least "poor
judgement" and "poor
management" — on the
part of BPA and

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now the threat of another
15% increase in our
rates from BPA
is without a doubt
ludicrous.

The ratepayers should
not be expected to
have our rates
increased to cover
B.P.A.'s illegal activities
and mismanagement.

Armon Fournier
P.O. Box 111
Steinfeld wa
98547

APR 09 2003

Hoquiam, Wa
April 2/2003
Blanche LaCroix

Dear Mr. Wright,

Dropping a line to let you know how ~~very~~ how angry and ~~despondent~~ and puzzled I am over the threat of another 15% increase in our PUD rates due to BPA mismanagement. The solution is simply cut costs rather than seek additional rate increases. We certainly do not want another C.E.O. messing up every thing. do we?

Take this into consideration please
→ Thank you and

L Ms. Blanche Lacroix
105 Broadway Ave Trlr E
Hoquiam, WA 98550-2602

Sincerely
Blanche LaCroix
Gray Harbor P.U.D.
rate payer

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March 26, 2003

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

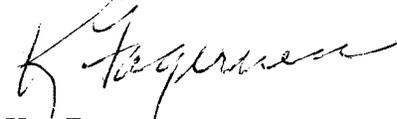
Dear Mr. Wright:

We receive our electricity from Lewis County PUD. There must be another way to meet your bills than to increase our cost of electricity. With today's economy as it is, spending should be cut to it's lowest. There are many retired citizens in this area that are on a fixed income. We have to budget our spending to its finest degree. Why can't you employ these tactics.

Wasteful spending does not set a good example for your company. Every company has built in spending that does not have to be taken care of right now. Couldn't these extravagances be eliminated completely. We do not need an additional cost to our every day living expenses.

I believe that all avenues of economy within the company should be completely exhausted before you try to raise our power costs. Our costs being the customers of Lewis County PUD.

Sincerely,



Kay Fagerness,

Cc: Representative Brian Baird
Senator Patty Murray
Senator Maria Cantwell



Kay Fagerness
412 Curtis Hill Rd.
Chehalis, WA 98532

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

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BPA Administrator
Steve Wright

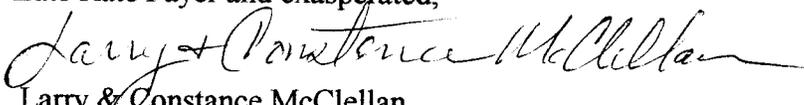
I am writing to protest the proposed 15% electricity rate increase. BPA's mismanagement over the years is not the consumers fault, so why does management think we should be the ones to pay for their mistakes. We didn't sell our power illegally contrary to law, management at BPA did. How about those in management taking the responsibility for a change.

My husband and I keep our furnace (electric) thermostat at 60 degrees. Most of the time our house is cold. I am always wearing extra clothing to keep warm.

Since the year 2000, we have steadily decreased our power usage and that is documented. Our basic utility charge has gone from \$6.00 in 2000 to \$11.35 in 2002, as well as the KWH increase charge.

Do all of you executives think we have money trees in our back yard? My husband and I have worked all our lives and we would like to be able to enjoy our retirement years, not having to sit in our homes wrapped in blankets and worry about paying the utilities as so many seniors do. Don't forget that utilities is not the only expense problem. Health insurance and medicines are a major expense too.

Irate Rate Payer and exasperated,



Larry & Constance McClellan
57 Clemons Rd Sp #44
Montesano, WA 98563

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April 3-03

Mr. Wright.

I hope I have the name right.
I keep getting a message it should
be Mr. Wrong.

The way, you have. Illegally sold
power and now want to charge
me more for the higher priced
power, you have to replace, it
with.

Hopefully you can Rectify this
Breadful Mistake. Angry Fixed
Income Rate Payer

 Earl and Betty Kaller
38 Gray's Harbor
Hog Wla 98350

SN-03-W-0582

APR 09 2003

3/25/03

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

Dear Mr. Wright

I understand BPA is threatening a 25% increase to our rates in Oct. As a customer of Lewis County PUD that will have a severe impact on me. We are already paying increased rates introduced recently.

I believe the reason for these increases are budgetary and some "pencil sharpening" and use of wisdom would solve these budget problems

We don't need more adverse economic pressure on the already bleeding Northwest economy.
Find ways to cut costs!

Sincerely,

Dale Anderson

cc: Rep. Bryan Baird
Sen. Patten Murray
Sen. Maria Cantwell



Mr Dale D Anderson
2580 7th Ave W
Seattle, WA 98119

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Pasco, WA
April 3, 03

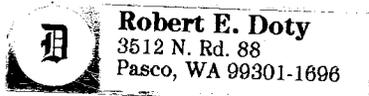
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Dear Sir:

We are writing in regards to the rate increase.

Why should the rate payers have to pay for the mistakes of other parts of the country.

Our average power bill has increased from \$120.⁰⁰ to \$210.⁰⁰ a month. We're on a fixed income so can't afford this increase.



Thank You,

Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Doty

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Mary & Paul Smith
PO Box 2314
Westport, WA 98595-2314
360 268-5192
beachfogies@cs.com

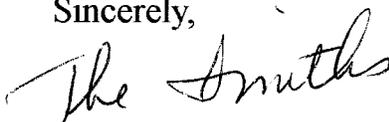
April 2, 2003

Steve Wright
Administrator, Bonneville Power Administration
PO Box 3621
Portland, OR 97208

Dear Sir:

We are distressed to hear of **another** 15% rate hike being planned. Where will this end? We have lived in our home for four years. In that time, our rates have risen more than 50%. It is outrageous that we must pay for your folly. Here in Westport, we did what we could, voting for Mr. Jim Eddy as District Three Commissioner. We have no control over BPA; you are not an elected official, are you? We replaced all of our inside lights with energy-efficient lights. We stopped using our dryer. I use my grandmother's wooden drying rack. I now only run the dishwasher two-three times a week. We heat with wood, when we can afford to purchase wood. Our home is very efficient. When we purchased it, we ordered and paid extra for Argon windows, extra insulation in floors, ceilings and walls. We have done everything we can. We cannot afford to operate our electric furnace, except when our indoor temperature drops below 60 degrees. We are both disabled, Mr. Smith a disabled veteran. We are cool sometimes. We live on a fixed income. If this new increase is enacted, we are going to find a source of money that will help us convert our home to propane. Your rate hike will not generate more revenue in the long run. Think about what you are doing.

Sincerely,



cc: Jim Eddy

SN-03-W-0585

APR 09 2003

April 3, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

I have been advised by the Peninsula Light Co., my electric supplier, that there is a proposed 25% electric rate increase by the Bonneville Power Administration to take effect this fall. This, if enacted, is sure to filter down to the rate payers.

Why is 'rate increase' the first thing the BPA thinks of when projecting future operational costs? Does the word restraint enter into the picture? I am retired and my pension has not increased one cent yet my monthly electric bill has increased from \$72. to \$128. My only solution is to cut expenses where possible to compensate for that increase. Why can't BPA first consider reducing operating expenses before saying 'rate increase' to its customers?

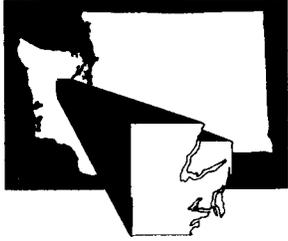
Most governmental agencies have a myriad of items that can easily be reduced or eliminated. Does BPA have such 'pork'? If so, why not look to that aspect prior to suggesting to customers that an increase in power charges is being considered.

Sincerely,


W. N. Woodward, Jr.
5419 77th Street Court NW
Gig Harbor, WA 98335-7488

cc: Senator Patty Murray
Senator Maria Cantwell
Representative Norm Dicks
Penlight Ambassador Program

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April 4, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright,

The Economic Development Council of Mason County represents customers of two Public Utility Districts, both are consumer-owned electric utilities that buy power from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA).

Our organization is concerned about the dramatic increase in power costs since October 2001. We are especially concerned about what has been announced as a possible 25% increase in wholesale costs proposed in the Safety Net Cost Recovery Adjustment Clause 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, but that is unlikely under the threat of increasing power costs.

We would recommend serious consideration of the following alternatives to solve the current BPA budget difficulty:

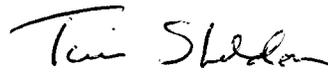
- Address financial problems on a year-by-year basis. We see a \$400 million savings potential by not building up excessive financial reserves;
- We would urge BPA to take all actions necessary to reduce payments to third parties. We see a potential \$200 million savings by settling the lawsuit with Investor Owned Utilities over residential benefits;
- We see a \$100 million savings by cutting non-purchased power costs and payments to related agencies back to at least 2001 levels;

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- We also see merit in treating a portion of your upcoming bond refinancing as a reserve to deal with financial problems;
- A delay in the accelerated repayment schedule for debt to the US Treasury, seeking credit for prepayments, and then staying with the regularly scheduled payments would seem to be a helpful move as well;
- We would also recommend a serious re-evaluation of cost benefits in the fish and wildlife expenditures;
- Finally, we would recommend a delay in large capital projects to a time when revenue from generation (a question mark in this drought year) can be expected to support them.

The impact of energy cost increases on business operations is always significant. In times of economic recession, however, the impact is huge. We sincerely urge BPA to avoid decisions that would result in making business recovery in the Pacific Northwest more difficult.

Sincerely,



Tim Sheldon
Director

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April 4, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright,

Not long ago, my power provider, Peninsula Light Company, asked its subscribers to protest some threatened action by the Federal Energy Regulation Commission, which could have had disastrous effect on the price people living in the Puget Sound Region and elsewhere in the northwest pay for electricity.

And, now again, the request has gone out to the subscribers asking for their participation in stopping a proposed raise by Bonneville of 25% in the price it charges its customers.

Mr. Wright we have already lost industry due to high cost of operation directly associated with increased electric power cost. We have had other business closures and layoffs in this immediate region not necessarily associated with high power cost. This all adds up to a poorer than desirable economic climate. Certainly, the last thing we need in this area is increased cost to electricity customers.

The Peninsula Light Company cited several things that BPA could be doing in lieu of increasing its charges to its customers. Just boosting prices is the easy way. As a rate payer I would expect that all other measures would be explored before committing to a proposal for increased revenue!

I know Peninsula light Company is doing everything possible to help its customers. I should think that BPA would do the same.

Sincerely,



Ben W. Judd
P.O. Box 486
Fox Island, WA 98333

cc: Senator Patty Murray, Senator Maria Cantwell, Representative Norm Dicks,
Penlight Ambassador Program

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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 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 recovery if we suffer another increase in our power bills.

BPA has dramatically exceeded its own budget for the past two years, and we read that it will take another three years of current high rates plus the proposed large price increase before costs are under control. As a customer I 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 your customers 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,



Carrie Werner
7030 Long Prairie Rd.
Tillamook, WA 97141

cc: Representative Hooley, Senator Smith and Senator Wyden

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APR 09 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 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 recovery if we suffer another increase in our power bills.

BPA has dramatically exceeded its own budget for the past two years, and we read that it will take another three years of current high rates plus the proposed large price increase before costs are under control. As a customer I 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 your customers 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,



Bill & Carrie Werner
7030 Long Prairie Rd.
Tillamook, OR 97141

cc: Representative Hooley, Senator Smith and Senator Wyden

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April 4, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am a customer of Lewis County PUD that buys all its power from Bonneville Power Adm. I'm very worried about electric bill. BPA power costs have INCREASED VERY MUCH since October 2001. NOW BPA threatens a 25% Safety Net CRAC in October.

Our county LEWIS-- is suffering from a bad economy and LOSS OF JOBS--we are suffering some of the highest unemployment rates in the Pacific NW AND in the nation.

Businesses closed, basic public services, schools and our FUTURE IS THREATENED. A recovery CANNOT begin if we face another increase in power bills.

BPA has dramatically exceeded its own budget the past two years, and I understand 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, Senior citizen, need relief now. BPA must solve its budget crisis, and realize the part it has played in our dismal regional economy.

I urge you to do as others have in the region--The answer *is* in your control--FIND WAYS TO CUT COSTS!

Sincerely yours



Mary L Hobbs
PO Box 669
Morton, WA 98356

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April 3, 2003

Mr. Steve Wright, Administrator
Bonneville Power Administration
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 (BPA). Power rates have increased dramatically since October 2001. As you know, BPA is proposing another increase of 25% (Safety Net CRAC) this October. I am very concerned about the increased power bills we will all have to struggle to pay.

As you are aware, we have the highest unemployment rate in the Nation, with unemployment compensation not available or exhausted. With already record gas prices, property taxes, sales taxes, no interest rate on savings, with Government and State agencies forced to cut or eliminate many people-helping programs, parents are faced with very high rental rates, no money for down payments on a home and in most cases both parents have to work to cover their current expenses.

I also serve as a volunteer Board Member on three (3) non-profit organizations who must and do contribute to many other groups that assist the needy families, youth groups and handicapped as well as many senior programs. I help on the Board of Key Peninsula Community Services, Key Peninsula Senior Society and the Key Peninsula Sportsmen's Center. The agencies and volunteers contribute many hours of work efforts and funds, meal programs and food for families. Additional power expenses will greatly negatively impede these and other people-helping programs at a time when they are most needed.

The answer to these high power costs are, I believe, within your agency's control at least to a large measure with cost reductions within your agency. We all need and appreciate your help in these very critical times. Save the Northwest.

Hopefully and Sincerely,



Lawrence H. Hagen
18116 35th St. KPN
Lakebay, WA 98349
253/884-9647

Copies: Senator Patty Murray
Senator Maria Cantwell
Representative Norm Dicks
Penlight Ambassador Program

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April 3, 2003

APR 09 2003

Mr Steve Dright
Bonneville Power Admin
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, Or 97208-3621

Dear Mr. Dright.

We are a customer of Lewis County PUD that buys nearly all its power from Bonneville Power (BPA). We are worried about our electric bill. BPA power costs have increased dramatically since October 2001. Now BPA threatens a 25% safety net CRAC in October.

With the bad economy, we suffer some of the highest unemployment rates in the nation. The economy in this region must turn around. It cannot begin that recovery if we suffer another increase in our power bills. We are on fixed income!

Customers like us need relief now. BPA must realize the part it has played in our dismal regional economy.

We urge you to do as others have in the region, BPA must find ways to cut costs.

Sincerely
Mike & Leanne Braaten
P.O. Box 498
Vadiv. Wa 98593
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Steve Wright Administrator
Bonneville Power
PO Box 3621
Portland, OR 97208

April 4, 2003

Dear Sir:

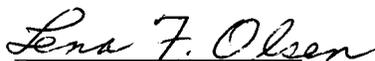
As owners of property in Grayland, WA, we are frustrated and upset due to the high increased cost of power to our area. This unreasonable increase has come about because you have stolen power that was promised to us in the LAW and contrary to the law you have sold power to private utilities. This illegal sale ultimately caused the increase of the cost of power to us.

Mismanagement on your part has caused the mess. We insist you cease this unlawful practice, cut costs and in no way increase our rates even further.

Sincerely,



Virgel D. Olsen



Lena F. Olsen

21039 142nd Ave. S.E.

Kent, WA 98042-3119

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164 Winterroad Rd.
Winlock, WA 98596
3 April, 2003

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

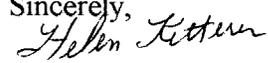
Dear Mr. Wright:

I am a customer of Lewis County PUD , who buys nearly all it's 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. This would have a horrendous effect on our financial health.

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. We are on a fixed income...our income is all from Social Security, except for a \$93 per month pension. Our health insurance premiums have increased tremendously...one policy actually doubled in premium. My husband is 84, has congestive heart failure and atrial fibrillation. This requires expensive medicines. It was so hard for us with the last increase in our power bill... any further increase will be an extreme hardship for us.

BPA has dramatically exceeded it's 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 it's budget crisis...passing these costs on to my neighbors and me is not a good answer. We have made sacrifices with the last increase on our power bill. I have heard that your employees have unusually high salaries. Why can't your employees shoulder some of the sacrifice, too? I would think there must be some other ways you could find creative ways to cut other costs, too.

I believe the answer to these high electric prices must be 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,

Helen Ketterer

Cc: Representative Brian Baird, Senator Patty Murray, Senator Maria Cantwell

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Mr. Steve Wright
Bonnevile Power Adm.
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, Ore. 97208-3621

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am a customer of Lewis County PUD which buys nearly all its power from Bonneville Power Adm. I feel worried about increases in my power bill, especially a large increase.

I am a single woman & retired. I don't have the income I did when I was working and it is becoming more difficult to balance my income, with increasing costs, plus more expensive medicines I take regularly, and the extra costs of my health care plan.

People in Lewis County have lost jobs, businesses are going bankrupt, & cutting down.

I hope BPA can find ways to cut costs and not have a large increase. A small increase over a longer period of time is difficult but a large increase at our economic low is devastating.

Sincerely,

Emma Nash
670 Pleasant Vly Rd
Winlock, WA 98596

APR 09 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Dowty, Phyllis M - PL-6
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2003 2:28 PM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: Customer Complaint Number 2

for the rates comment log.

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

From: Miller, Carol A - PSP-5
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2003 2:16 PM
To: Arrington, ZoeAnne - PSP-5; Roadman, Val - PL-6
Cc: Keep, Barney - PSP-5; Cherry, Diane - PSP-5; Foulkes, Gabrielle - PGF-6; Normandeau, Mike - PSP-5; Dowty, Phyllis M - PL-6; Burbank, Nita M - PL-6; DeKlyen, Tom - PL-6
Subject: Customer Complaint Number 2

Please add this phone call to the list of people protesting our rate increase.

This is Rita Butler at 56 Sunnyslope Brennan Washington. I am calling to protest the Bonneville Power Administration rate increase. I know they've made some very bad decisions in the past and now they want us to bail them out. This would put me in a position that I could not afford to pay my utility bill. My income is limited and I should not have to pay for their mistakes. My number is 360-796-4639 if you'd like to call me back. Thank you. I'm registering a protest.

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Bumelia@aol.com
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2003 1:46 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Deregulating Energy Markets

**PO Box 221
Grayland, WA 98547
6 April 2003**

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

Dear Mr. Wright,

Kindly cease and desist in your efforts to change the BPA rate structure from the existing structure to a market-based structure. The recent fiasco in California should serve as an example of the results of such a change. While not exactly what you may have in mind, there are alarming similarities between the California experience and those that likely await us should we travel the route of a competitive rate structure for utilities.

The present system works just fine. We, the ratepayers and taxpayers, have reliable, predictable power with few valleys or peaks. Please leave well enough alone.

Sincerely,

Abraham Ringel

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: doris toy [toybox@olynet.com]
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2003 1:08 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: sSteve Wright

I am irate that you have even considered raising additional rates for Grays Harbor PUD. I am positive that you can make cost cuts instead. It was your mismanagement and shady activities that brought you to this point and it is your responsibility to make amends.

Doris Toy
26 Leutz Rd. Aberdeen, WA. 98520

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Mays, Linda G [Linda_G_Mays@rl.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2003 12:03 PM
To: 'Comment@bpa.gov'
Cc: 'mastin_da@leg.wa.gov'; 'hewitt_mi@leg.wa.gov'; 'mbauman@franklinpud.com'; 'senator_murray@murray.senate.gov'; 'maria@cantwell.senate.gov'; 'sharlyn.berger@mail.house.gov'
Subject: BPA Proposed rate increase

To Steve Wright, BPA in response to the proposed BPA rate increase, I would like to convey some of my comments regarding this:

I live in Pasco, Washington and pay my electrical bill to Franklin PUD. In January of this year, Franklin PUD imposed a 11.5% surcharge on our electric bills. This is in addition to the 43% rate increase imposed in October of 2001. These are 2 rate increases in less than 2 years!!! I am extremely concerned about this new proposed increase. I have cut back in my electrical usage significantly, but I don't see how I can cut back any more. My income is not keeping pace with these increases on top of all the other increase in taxes from the State (for example, the proposed gas tax increase by the State) and City of Pasco (especially water, cable TV and other utility rate increases) and pretty soon, I will be living on a fixed income with very little annual cost of living increases. To keep my electrical bill low, I turned off my heat the first of March. Sometimes the temperature in my house is only 65 degrees. I don't see how I can conserve any more.

Mr. Wright: I cannot afford any more increases. Enough is enough! I am already having to cut back in other things I need and just not purchasing them. This rate increase will just be another negative impact on my budget and something will have to give. While the Tri-City economy is booming right now, this will not be the case in the next few years as the Hanford Site is downsized. Our State has one of the highest unemployment rates in the country, and according to a recent article on the Internet on MSNBC, the number 2 WORST state to live in in this country as far as taxes go is Washington! Our state tax base is being eroded because businesses are moving out of the state because they can no longer afford to do business here. So, this puts an extra burden on the private citizen.

I question the validity of this increase. We all had to pay in the California debacle. Is this just more of the same? You need to solve your budget crisis and not always take the easy road to just pass the costs on to the customer. Is anyone paying attention to cost outlays at BPA? Who is auditing the books? Who is spending the money at BPA and is anyone checking/auditing what is being spent and how it is being spent? I do not trust what I'm being told.

Linda G. Mays
phone : 509-376-6657
fax: 509-372-2610
email: linda_g_mays@rl.gov

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Sauer, Michele M [Michele_M_Sauer@rl.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2003 9:56 AM
To: 'comments@bpa.gov'
Subject: Increase in rates AGAIN!

To whom it may concern:

It has come to my attention BPA is looking at another increase. Why? In addition to working full time at Lockheed Martin in Richland, WA I also have a small family owned cherry farm. I have to work full time to support the farm and the costs associated with it. If you continue to raise the utilities we will be out of business very soon. Our utilities are now as much as our house payment when we water our farm and run the pump.

When will this stop? The benefits to living in the West were the quality of life and the low cost of living. Please do not allow this piece of the country to become like the East coast.

I am sincerely asking for BPA to stop and look at cost cutting measures, like we all have to keep our business running. You are contributing to unemployment.

Sincerely,

Michele Sauer
Telecommunications Planning and Integration
Lockheed Martin Information Technology
2261 Stevens Drive Suite 224G
Richland, Washington 99352
Phone: 509-376-1210
Cell: 509-308-3938
michele_m_sauer@rl.gov

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Telephone comment by Ginny Kuehn
4/8/2003

Joyce Lemeon (?)

Telephone Number
(???) - 532-1853

I want to register a complaint about the Bonneville Power Administration continuing to raise our rates. I live in Aberdeen, Washington and they are just going up to much and way to fast. I believe this has to stop. The northwest can't afford another increase and we won't tolerate one.

Thank you.

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: James & Linda Curdy [ourplace@bentonrea.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2003 7:41 AM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Cc: senator_murray@murray.senate.gov; maria_cantwell@cantwell.senate.gov; rbjork@gcpud.org
Subject: Proposed Rate Increase

James R. Curdy, Jr.



P. O. Box 1537 ♦ 313 Atterberry Dr. ♦ Mattawa, WA 99349
Home Phone (509) 932-4368 ♦ Email ourplace@bentonREA.com

April 8, 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 (GCPUD) that buys power from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). I am very worried about my ever-increasing 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 suffering from a bad economy and loss of jobs - we also have 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 another rate increase on the Northwest that would help push it into total economic collapse.

Sincerely,

James Curdy, Jr.
Concerned Consumer

cc: NW delegation
Grant County PUD

4/8/2003

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APR 09 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Patricia T bennett [patben10@juno.com]
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2003 4:06 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Plan to raise rates

I was made aware of a plan to raise wholesale power rates by Snohomish PUD #1. I am asking that you look for other sources of revenue. These are difficult financial times for ALL of us. I am reducing my housecleaning help to once per month instead of twice, and going to Basic cable instead of Extended Basic and cutting my own grass instead of hiring someone. That is my household's response to these difficult times. What cuts have you been able to make in your administrative expenses? We all need to do our part and I am trusting that you will do yours. Pat Bennett, 1712 Hoyt Ave., Everett, WA 98201

APR 09 2003

51000 S. W. Old Portland Rd.
Scappoose, Oregon 97056
April 2, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright,

I am a customer of Columber River PUD, one of the many regional utilities that buys power from Bonneville Power Administration. My wife and I are in our seventies, retired, and living on a fixed income. We are concerned and worried about our electric bill. BPA rates have increased dramatically since October 2001, and now you are threatening a Safety Net CRAC of a much as 41% in October.

Living in Columbia County, we are victims of a bad economy and a loss of jobs, suffering some of the highest unemployment rates in the county. Our schools, small businesses and basic public services are threatened. My wife and I are unable at this age to go back to work and customers like us need relief now. We feel that BPA must solve its own budget crisis as most of us have been forced to do. We and our neighbors have had to deal with loss of retirement funds, exalating cost of groceries and medical care, not to mention the high cost of prescription medications. Please do not burden us with even higher costs. We feel that our economy must turn around and begin to recover, but we absolutely cannot begin that recovery if faced with another increase in our power bills

BPA has exceeded its own budget in the past two years. Please recognize that part it has played in damaging our regional economy. Tighten your belts as we have all have all had to do. As BPA's administrator, the answer to these high electricity prices is in your control. We urge you to find ways to cut costs, Don't let your agency force the northwest into total economic collapse.

Sincerely

Jan R. Reed / Delores Reed

Mr. and Mrs. Jan R. Reed

cc. Senators Smith and Wyden, Representative Wu

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APR 09 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright;

I am a customer of Columbia River P.U.D. Our power comes from Bonnerville Power Admin. Our electric bill keeps increasing since October 2001. Now you are threatening a Safety Net CRAC of as much as 41% in October.

Columbia County is an economic wasteland. Everyone is hurting. How can you even consider adding to our dilemma with another increase in our power bills?

BPA has over-run its own budget for the past two years and we read that it will stake another three years of the current high rates, plus the proposed huge increase. We have to live within our income. We think you should know you are putting a heavy load on our neighbors and us and recognize that BPA has played a part in damaging our regional economy. Please don't put this burden of higher costs on us. as BPA's Administrator, the answer to high electric prices is in your control. I urge you to find ways to cut costs as others in the region have done. Don't let your agency force the northwest into total economic collapse.

Sincerely,
Don & Geraldine Anderson
30740 Canaan Road
Deer Island, Or. 97054

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c. Senators Smith and Wyden, Representative Wu

APR 08 2003

Steve Wright

No increase of 15 percent
please -

As that line on S.S.
and low income just about
appear in or the public now
Thank you

Mrs R. T. Slade



Mrs. Richard Slade
712 N Scammel St Apt 4
Aberdeen, WA 98520-3727

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

As customers of The Tillamook PUD, a consumer-owned utility that buys power from BPA, we are worried about another increase in our electric bill. BPA power costs have increased since October 2001, and now BPA is talking about a 25% safety net CRAC in October!

The bad economy and loss of jobs has seriously impacted the Pacific N.W. Oregon and Washington have some of the highest unemployment rates in the nation. Our regional economy must turn around and begin to recover. However, that recovery will not begin 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 your costs are under control. Customers like us, need relief now! BPA has to recognize the part it has played in our dismal regional economy. BPA must solve its own budget crisis - passing these costs on to utility customers is not a satisfactory solution!

The answer to higher electricity prices is in your

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agencies control. We urge BPA to do as other utilities have done in the region - cut costs and change strategies to reduce the need for the proposed rate increase.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Holan
John M. Colan

5315 Wetlands Hwy N.W.
Tillamook, OR 97141

cc: Senator Ron Wyden
Representative Darlene Hooley
Representative Peter DeFazio

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Scott Scheffler [swscheffler@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2003 8:31 AM
To: comments@bpa.gov
Subject: Utilities

April 5, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright,

The recent deregulation fiasco in California should emphasize the dangers of extending that approach to the Northwest. We're still paying the price for that nonsense.

We who pay the taxes, pay the power bills, and work for a living have exactly what we need: reliable and predictable power supplies at reasonably steady prices, the results of a cost-based rate structure rather than one driven by market competition.

Sincerely,

Scott W. Scheffler
18305 SE Newport Way # L304
Issaquah, WA 98027

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<http://join.msn.com/?page=features/virus>

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From: the Barlows [geobar@olynet.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2003 9:11 AM

To: comment@bpa.gov; maria@cantwell.senate.gov; senator_murray@murray.senate.gov

Subject: electricity

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!!! Stop selling low cost power to private investor owned utilities and selling the more expensive power to the average consumer. I understood BPA was required by law to offer the low-cost federal power to community owned utilities first. The NW cannot afford another rate increase. They are forcing us to use another form of heat!!!

geobar@olynet.com

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From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2003 8:38 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: Proposed BPA 25% Power Increase

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

From: michael jain [mailto:dimijain@worldnet.att.net]
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2003 7:07 PM
To: Steve Wright
Cc: Patty Murray; Maria Cantwell
Subject: Proposed BPA 25% Power Increase

Dear Mr. Wright:

As a retiree on a fixed income I implore you to turn down the proposed 25% increase in power rates BPA is asking for.. I am a customer of Peninsula Power, a consumer owned electric utility that buys power from BPA. We have seen dramatic increases in power rates since October 2001. These continuing cost increases threaten to drive people on fixed incomes from our home. Please force BPA to tighten their own belt a bit rather than pass the costs of their inefficiencies on to the citizens of the northwest.

Michael C. Jain
10413 120th Ave Ct KPN
Gig Harbor WA 98329

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From: Jim Randall [jimcff@odessaoffice.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2003 11:11 AM

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To: comment@bpa.gov

Cc: rbjork@gcpud.org

Subject: Proposed BPA Rate Increase

Steve Wright, Administrator
Bonneville Power Administration
Portland, OR

Dear Mr. Wright:

As a customer of Grant Co. PUD we are very concerned about our current and projected electric bills. Our local PUD is obligated to purchase 50% of the power needed for Grant County from the BPA. Recent rate increases from the BPA have forced them to increase rates, and proposals for further increases can be devastating.

Our local economy is already suffering, and I have friends that are facing job losses due to cutbacks directly related to our power costs. Several industries that previously located in Grant County because of our favorable power situation are now facing cutbacks or closures due to the increased power costs which are being passed down by BPA.

We are already suffering from a bad economy, with families and businesses being forced to make drastic cutbacks in their previous standard of living. Increased medical expense, energy costs, together with other essentials are being felt by nearly everyone.

I understand Grant County PUD has reduced their 2003 budget 29% below the 2002 budget. It's time for the BPA to reduce expenses and proposed rate increases, especially during these hard economic times.

Sincerely,

Jim & Gloria Randall
P.O. Box 513
Coulee City, WA 99115

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From: JMic624732@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2003 11:28 AM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Subject: no excuse to raise electrical rates

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Steve Wright, BPA

I just don't understand the need to increase electrical rates in Benton and Franklin Counties. Energy Northwest Nuclear Plant has reduced it's cost of power by 30% to .023 cents p/kwhr and the wind generators are now in use for a lot less.

I am retired and live on a fixed income which puts me in a large class of people that struggle to make ends meet every month. To raise the rate of the most needed commodity puts the hurts on a lot of consumers.

J E Michaud 9100 Court St, Pasco Wa 99301

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From: Vargas, Susan [Susan_Vargas@rl.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2003 12:05 PM

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To: 'Comment@bpa.gov'

Cc: 'mbauman@franklinpud.com'; 'senatormurray@murray.senate.gov'; 'maria@cantwell.senate.gov'; 'sharlyn.berger@mail.house.gov'

Subject: NO MORE RATE INCREASES

I am a customer of the Franklin County PUD in Pasco, Washington. As a single parent I implore you to not increase our rates any more. It is hard enough to currently keep up with rising costs. Another rate increase will cause a undue financial hardship upon myself along with many, many other families. Please no more increases!

Susan Vargas
1327 N. 24th Street , # 7-C
Pasco, WA 99301
(509) 547-8406
(509) 539-2853

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: SHELLY & LOIS [sralston@atnet.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2003 3:20 PM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Cc: Patty Murray; Maria Cantwell
Subject: Rate increase comment (BPA)

The Grant County PUD is asking each and everyone of us to write to the BPA in regard to a proposed BPA rate increase of 25%.

A short time ago the citizens of Grant County asked the Grant County PUD "NOT" to raise our rates and they went ahead and did it anyway.

I don't see how they can expect us to ask the BPA not to raise rates when the GCPUD turn around and rise our rates due to many bad decisions on the part of the PUD Commission regarding; Fiber Optics, Diesel Generating Farms, Purchase of BPA power that they did not have use for, purchasing outside of state 3 bid rule and on and on and on!

I have more faith in the BPA than I do in the GCPUD to make wise decisions.

Sheldon Ralston
POB 159
Stratford, WA. 98853

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From: C & M Nash [cmnash@pwi.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2003 4:20 PM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Cc: rbjork@gcpud.org
Subject: BPA Rate Increases

Steve Wright, Administrator
Bonneville Power Administration

Dear Mr. Wright,

We are customers of a consumer-owned electric utility that buys power from BPA. We're concerned about our electric bill. BPA threatens a 25% Safety Net CRAC in October, after dramatic cost increases since October 2001.

The Pacific Northwest suffers from a bad economy with the highest employment rates in the nation and businesses closing. Threatened are basic public services, schools and our very future. It will be impossible to begin recovery if there is 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 us need relief now. BPA must realize the part it has played in our dismal regional economy. BPA must solve its budget crisis, and passing these costs on to our neighbors and us is not the answer.

The answer to these high electricity prices is in your agency's control. We 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,

Clayton and Myrtle Nash
3864 Denton Rd. N.E.
Moses Lake, Wa 98837

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: DADHALLS@wmconnect.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2003 6:29 PM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Subject: RE POWER RATES

Dear Mre Wright

Please stop the power rate increases. The rates are going up faster than our cost of living.

Thank You

Larry Halls

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: mitchj [mitchj@mymailstation.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2003 3:45 PM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Raise Rates:

PUD of Snohomish Co. encourage us customers to input toward this critical BPA decision on increase rates that concern us. We customers can't afford too high rate and we request BPA not to increase the rate, please!

In Phoenix, Electricity Power company called SRP has cheap rate in comparison with here in Wash. State, please keep the rate low for us to afford. Thank you lot.

I appreciate to hear from you very much.

Janet Mitchell

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From: Chris Davis [cdavis@olynet.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2003 8:16 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: PUD rates

As a Grays Harbor PUD customer I strongly protest the rate increases. They are outrageous and more than many customers can pay.

Chris Davis
cdavis@olynet.com

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

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From: Tim and Marcie Bowers [cty20076@centurytel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2003 1:05 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: P.U.D. rate increases (AGAIN!!)

To Mr. Steve Wright
Administrator Bonneville Power Administration:

My husband and I are frustrated P.U.D. customers. We conserve energy; we installed a heat pump, have energy efficient insulation in our home, switched to fluorescent light bulbs, keep our thermostat at 65 degrees tops, and I could go on and on. My point is that WE have had to cut back on our consumption because WE cannot afford to do any different. Why is it that the B.P.A. sold OUR cheap power to private utilities, and yet WE, the public consumers are having to PAY for this mistake??? Everybody's on a tighter budget, and I believe that the B.P.A. should have to cut their own costs, rather than pass their shortfalls on to the ratepayers. I really would have preferred mailing a letter to you, Mr. Wright, but I cannot afford the gas to go to the post office and buy more stamps!

Sincerely,

Marcie Bowers
bowerzoo@centurytel.net

From: Deianira Dixon [goldenrose00@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2003 2:51 AM
To: Comment@bpa.gov; senator_murray@murray.senate.gov; maria@cantwell.senate.gov
Subject: Mr Wright, BPA, PO Box 3621, Portland, Or

To Mr. Wright,

Who's "Less Than Stellar" idea was it to sell Washington States power to CA and then buy it back at an increased rate. You may make enough to pay this increased rate but your average smoe (ei; me) can not. Am I miss informed, but then again it doesn't matter because I continue to fight a losing battle to keep my electric bill paid. Then I hear that in the fall(just in time for cold weather) the rates are going up AGAIN. What is up with you guys!!!!!! My average bill two years ago was around \$80 a month and I don't run it excessively. Currently it is averaging \$150 - \$200 a month. More than doubled, that is alot to a single mom. I have to tell my son " put more clothes on if your cold" because I can't afford to turn up the heat past 68'degrees (that means it is really 60'degrees). I can imagine only too well what it will be after the next hike. Pardon me while I FREAK OUT!

Recently the state installed wind generators, why isn't this extra electricity being used to help the state and lower costs. What are you going to do to help all of us afford just being able to survive a winter(without freezing) or a summer (without roasting in the desert sun)?

Very Sincerely,
Deianira Dixon
Customer of Benton County PUD
Kennewick, Washington

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From: Josh Hansen [jrhansen@abs-eng.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2003 7:17 AM
To: Comment@bpa.gov

Date 4/09/03

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 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. It is hard enough as it is to pay the high prices and if you raise the rates then I don't know how we will get by. I hope you could cut your costs so we don't have to pay for your supplies.

Sincerely,

Josh Hansen
Absolute Engineering, LLC
509-734-9767
jrhansen@abs-eng.com
www.abs-eng.com

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From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2003 8:18 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: Proposed Rate Increase

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

From: IFHEALTH@aol.com [mailto:IFHEALTH@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2003 8:15 PM
To: sjwright@bpa.gov; senator_murray@murray.senate.gov;
maria_cantwell@cantwell.senate.gov
Subject: Proposed Rate Increase

April 8, 2003

Mr. Steve Wright
BPA Administrator
PO Box 3621
Portland, OR 97208

Dear Mr. Wright,

As a customer of an electric utility serviced by BPA, I am extremely concerned that the proposed 25% increase in October will translate into a much higher electric bill for consumers.

Before increasing electricity prices - particularly at a time when the Northwest economy is in trouble - doesn't make sense to me in light of increasing BPA budgets. BPA should work to better control its own costs before asking consumers to pay a rate increase. I firmly oppose the proposed 25% rate increase.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Piscatella
9416 Beachwood Drive NW
Gig Harbor, WA 98332

cc: Senator Patty Murray, Senator Maria , Representative Norm Dicks

Bonnie Watson

PO Box 393

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We are IRAT

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of Grays Harbor PUD! We CAN NOT

manage another rate increase. We are demanding rates be reduced!

Crystal Arias	1005 Arthur #9	Aberdeen
Christina Ritchie	420 N. 16 th St.	Elma
Michelle Tarnowski	1104 W Market St	Ab.
Daniel C. Parks	72 "L" St. #2	Hog WA
Angela Larsen	17 Eaton Drive	Montesano
Morris Kennedy	617 Simpson Ave	
Mary Valentine	15 Murray Pl #101	Elma WA
Cathy Langewing	608 NO 3RD	MONTESANO
Catherine Monter	847 Broadway	Hogwain
Kitty Bucconi	326 E. Marion	Aberdeen
Cheryl Brien	2523 Simpson Ave	Hogwain
John Jones	6936 Grange Rt	Aberdeen
Rickie Petter	104 Melody Lane	Elma
Carole Mendoza	1911 COOKIDGE	Ab
Debbie Gregg	2810 Cherry St.	Hogwain
Tracey Jackson	1621 Aber. Ave.	Aberdeen
Julius Reich	1215 E Second St	Aberdeen
Lappolly Sander	210 Nunley	Aberdeen
Tova Cherven	203 US Hwy 101	Hog.

No More Rate Increases

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We need your help! My residential electric rates have gone up over 55% in less than two years. My power bill is not the only thing that has increased; my other necessities of life like groceries and clothing have also increased.

My public power utility purchases power from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). BPA recently announced that it is intending to raise rates by 15% in October. I cannot cope with another rate increase. Our economy is already in trouble and additional rate increases will just add to the negative impacts we are feeling.

This looming rate increase is causing hardships for many people and businesses in this region. The impact of the rate increase to our community and others throughout the Northwest would be disastrous.

BPA must not implement the 15% proposed increase. Thank you for your attention.

Name	Address	Email	Phone #	Signature
Elizabeth Berrones	1905 N. 12th Ave Pasco, 99301		509-547-5204	Elizabeth Berrones
Felicia Jackson-Davis	513 So Elm St Pasco WA. 99301		509-547-0257	Felicia McInerney
E. Tillman	80 4th Beech		509-547-6376	
Rick Scott	4604 Peyote Dr		546-2497	Rick Scott
Rafael Guizar	919 5th 9th Ave		547-5371	Rafael Guizar
Azcena Uison	814 E. Alton		594 0881	Azcena Uison
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Rozelle	21 N A St		521 7612	
Teresita	438 522 N Pasco		546 2480	Teresita Brown
BRAD DODSON	9005 WHIPPLE PASCO		547-3635	Brad Dodson

Return forms to: Mary Bauman, Franklin PUD, Box 2407, Pasco, WA 99301 before May 14, 2003

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