

SN-03-Rate Case

11-Apr-03

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Andy & Kathy Ornelas [andapand@nwi.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2003 9:46 AM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Cc: senator_murray@murray.senate.gov; maria_cantwell@cantwell.senate.gov
Subject: Proposed BPA rate increases

Dear Mr. Wright (and government leaders),

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen of Grant county. I do not own a business or use power for anything other than my personal household. I am extremely worried to hear that we may experience a 25% rate increase.

I am a teacher in Quincy. We are already reeling from real and proposed budget cuts in the school system. Please don't misunderstand me, I'm not meaning to open another can of worms. My point is that, as a citizen and a public school employee, I can understand when money is tight and we have to tighten our belts. I understand this as a manager of my own household as well. I do not have a source that I can tax to supplement my income. I'm asking that as manager of public money and as a trusted servant you and your office will remember that the answer to solving budget problems is not in rate increases. I believe that the public entity that manages our electricity should have the same attitude as we the public- namely, we have to tighten our belts.

As a citizen of Washington state I know that we will have to make cuts and sacrifices. Anyone who has managed a household budget on a limited income can relate to this. I say again at the risk of being redundant, please do not increase power rates. This is not what our economy needs and it is not what your customers need! Thank you for your time and attention to this note.

Sincerely,

Andrew Ornelas
Teacher- Quincy School District
Quincy

4/9/2003

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

APR 09 2003

From: George & Rita Waltho [rwaltho@bentonrea.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2003 12:29 PM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Subject: BPA rate hike

Steve Wright, Admin.
Bonneville Power Admin.
Portland , Oregon 97208

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am a customer of the consumer-owner Grant County PUD. I am concerned about the rate hike you are planning and how it will effect our lives and economy. We are retired persons and needless to say are somewhat on a fixed income.

Also our economy is having serious problems and this rate hike and the size you propose certinally do not help things to improve any.

We feel from what information we have that BPA needs to rethink their budgets and make every effort to reduce it so that the rate hike is far more reasonable.

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

Sincerely , Mr. & Mrs. George B. Waltho, 11 F. ST. NE, Ephrata, Wa. 98823

4/9/2003

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From: Dennis Denke [lolliandpop@charter.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2003 12:57 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Rate increase

The subject of this comment is the yet another proposed rate increase. The really unfortunate thing about government agencies is that management does not usually live in the real world. Every time that there is a budget shortfall the prevailing mind set is that "Let's just raise taxes!" Simple solution to tough problems. The only problem with this is that where do the tax payers get the extra money to fund the rate (or tax) increase. My wages have not kept pace with the increases so the end result is that I have less discretionary money to spend on the economy. Multiply this by a 100,000 or 1,000,000 and even those of you who sit in ivory towers can see that there has got to be a stopping point in a rather absurd downward spiral. As I see it, it would be a much better solution to your economic woes if you would scale back your discretionary spending and budget the available funds in a more realistic manner. Just like the rest of us. Thank you for making this forum available to allow me to vent my frustrations.

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

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From: Denise Boyer [dboyer@lcsnw.org]
Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2003 2:15 PM
To: comments@bpa.gov
Subject: NO MORE RATE INCREASES

NO MORE RATE INCREASES!!! My residential bill has gone up over 55% in less than 2 years. This looming reate increase will cause hardships for both myself and others. PLEASE - NO MORE RATE INCREASES!!!

Dawn Gerhard
3515 W. Sylvester St.
Pasco, WA 99301
(509) 543-9192
gerharddawn@hotmail.com

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From: Denise Boyer [dboyer@lcsnw.org]
Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2003 3:23 PM
To: comments@bpa.gov
Subject: NO MORE RATE INCREASES

4-9-03

Dear Mr. Wright,

I am a customer of Franklin PUD that buys power from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). I am worried about my electric bill. BPA power costs have increased dramatically since 10-01 and now BPA threatens another 15% increase in 10-03.

The Pacific NW 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. In fact, my agency where I worked almost had to close due to large deficits made substantially worse by increased power rates. 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 NW into total economic collapse.

Sincerely,

Dawn Gerhard

cc: NW delegation and Franklin PUD

4/10/2003

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APR 10 2003

From: James Mitchell [osbeachcomber@peoplepc.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2003 9:27 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Cc: jimmeddy@techline.com
Subject: Proposed rate increase

Dear Mr Wright....Why should we the rate payers of a public utility pay for your mistakes...again!! I protest your proposed rate increase...let's try some creative action on the part of your agency to avoid this action.
Jim Mitchell

4/10/2003

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

APR 10 2003

From: craig zora [zora@olynet.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2003 6:12 AM
To: BPA Steve Wright
Cc: USleg VP; USleg President; USleg Murray; USleg Cantwell
Subject: We cannot afford another rate increase!

When will these rate increases stop! You are forcing businesses to close.

Craig Zora
15 Linwood Lane
Aberdeen, WA 98520-9417
H648-2106
zora@olynet.com

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Sandy [prlarsen@bossig.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2003 7:22 AM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Cc: senator_murray@murray.senate.gov; maria_cantwell@cantwel.senate.gov; rbjork@gcpud.org
Subject: BPA Power Costs

Dear Sirs:

As a customer of a consumer-owned electric utility that buys power for BPA, I am worried about the threatened increase in my electric bill because of BPA's safety net proposal. Here in the Pacific Northwest we are all suffering from some of the highest unemployment rates in the nation. An increase in power bills will only serve to kill any economical recovery. BPA's budget has not been followed in the past two years and a proposal for another three years of price increases to meet the budget does not seem to be the answer. In my opinion, BPA needs to solve its budget problem and learn to control within their own agency.

I urge you to explore ways to cut costs; the answer lies within your control. The Northwest does not need further economic collapse.

Thank you,
A concerned citizen
Sandy Larsen

4/10/2003

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APR 10 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Themis Jouthas [tjouthas@starband.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2003 8:42 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Please, No Bailout Money from Us!

April 10, 2003

Mr. Steve Wright
BPA Administrator
Portland, OR

Greetings Mr. Wright,

Sir, while I am at arms length in my ability to gather direct intelligence of your operation, I do believe what is being reported by my PUD Commissioner. I am outraged that you are considering tapping my personal budget to pay for judgment errors on the part of the BPA Administration. The BPA needs to take it on the chin and feel the pain of error and if they don't stay in business, somebody else will step into the gap.

Here I am turning lights off, punishing my kids for wasting power, keeping their little butts colder than I want to, all to keep my costs under control. For you to impose add'l payment to the BPA for not running an efficient operation is a sin. Please reconsider the other options you have, including not making as much profit as your projected target. I have not been employed since September 2001, I've had to make adjustments. Your business has changed too, please make your own adjustments, don't lean on me.

Have a good day,

Themis

Themis Jouthas
Hoquiam, WA
tjouthas@starband.net

4/10/2003

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APR 10 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Jim Millican [jimmillican@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2003 10:04 AM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Cc: senator_murray@murray.senate.gov; maria_cantwell@cantwell@senate.gov; rbjork@gcpud.org
Subject: NO TO INCREASE

I am a customer of the consumer owned Grant County PUD. I am very concerned and distressed to learn that the BPA intends a substantial increase to our power rates.

Our area, including myself, have been hit particularly hard by the downturn in the economy. I lost my job of 16 years and have only been able to find minimum wage employment. We are barely making it know and I cannot see how we can cut expenses further. An increase of any kind will create a further hardship, which I'm not sure how we would handle.

Please reconsider your plan to increase our rates at this time.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jim Millican
jimmillican@hotmail.com

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From: evelynm@qosi.net
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2003 9:29 AM
To: BPA Projects
Subject: External BPA Projects information request

NOTE: A copy of what the sender submitted on the form was e-mailed back to them.

Submitter: Edward Brown

Their e-mail address: evelynm@qosi.net

Date Submitted : 2003 April 10 US Pacific Time 9:29:02 AM

Their address:

712 West Loop Drive
Moses Lake, Wa. 98837-1540

Their telephone: 509-765-6802

Their request or Comment:

We sincerely hope you do not increase the power rates.
We are retired and live on a limited budget. It would definitely change our life style having to pay a higher power bill.

Technical web information on submitter.

Page they were on before submitting form:
<http://www.bpa.gov/indexmain.shtml>

The IP address user is at: 67.0.151.179

The screen resolution of their browser (Width x Height): 800 600

The type of browser used: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows 98)

4-4-03

Dear Mr Wright,

Just want you to know as a
P. H. & U. D. rate payer we
dont need any more rate hikes.

We dont need a rate hike
to cover your illegal activities &
mismanagement.

Why dont you find ways to
cut costs & stop mismanagement??

One way to cut costs is to start
with people like you & cut your
wages by half or try living on
what the average person has to
live on.

My husbands wages sure dont
go up as P & U rates do, or property
tax & gas prices.

One Angry P & U rate
payer -

Ruby Bolick

PO Box 32

Humptulips, Wa 98552

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April 6, 2003

B.P.A.
Mr. Wright.

We cannot tolerate anymore rate
increases.
B.P.A. is supposed to get no low
cost power.

Sincerely

Margaret Lundgren
Earl H. Lundgren
710 N Wooding St
Aberdeen

WA 98520



Earl H. Lundgren
710 Wooding St.
Aberdeen, WA 98520-3235

SN-03-W-0638

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Mr. Wright,

I am about to retire and
cannot afford another increase in my
electrical rates - where does the
greed end?? Please tell me - -



Mr. Richard Ferdinand
251 Mata Rd.
Kennewick, WA 99338

Richard A
Ferdinand

SN-03-W-0639

APR 10 2003

Winlock, Wa
Apr. 9 - 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright,

I am a customer of P.U.D that buys its Power from BPA. I'm worried about my electric bill. BPA power costs have increased so much since Oct. 2001. Now BPA threatens 25% increase. We cannot begin to pay for another increase -

BPA must solve its ~~budget~~ budget crisis - passing these costs on to me is not the answer. Don't let your agency force us into total economic collapse.

Sincerely

Shirley Campbell

Winlock, Wa 98596



Shirley Campbell
803 Nevil Rd.
Winlock, WA 98596

SN-03-W- 0642

APR 10 2003

04/07/03

Sir

We are opposed to any rate increase of the BPA. to our PVB
Living on a fixed income we have less and less money for our needs.
Please cut costs rather than seek additional rate increases.

Gordon &
Carolyn Skye



SN-03-W-0641

4-7-03

APR 10 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am a life time customer of Lewis County P.U.D. that buys most of its power from the B.P.A. Costs have increased dramatically since Oct. 2001. Because my retirement income is relatively fixed there are no noticeable upward surges in it. Because I want a stable bill I have unplugged a freezer and no longer use some lights.

Now you propose another large increase in rates. Rate increases in my view will be counter productive to your income. Our economy and businesses have been failing for some time. My thought tells me that higher rates will cause more business failures, people cutting their overall use, and plenty of dis connects.

I must ask what you have done to stay within your budget and cut your costs while still meeting your obligations?

Sincerely yours,
John Staker

P.O. Box 1093 Rochester, WA.
98579

cc, Rep Brian Baird
Sen. Patty Murray
Sen. Max Baucus

SN-03-W-6664

APR 10 2003

March 25, 2003

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

Shores

11520 HWY 12

Randle, WA 98377

Dear Mr Wright

I am most unhappy about another 25% rate hike on my P.U. bill. I am soon to be 61 years of age. Also raising a Genage daughter on \$800 a mo. When she goes off to collage or when ever. I will only be bring home \$520 mo. When I say Collage that is if she can get a full paid Scholarship. As you know when you are on S.S. Disability you donot get that much of a raise in Jan.

So you people want to take away our heat, water, + yes any intertament we get by watching T.V. Some of use live in mobile homes with out wood heat. In this area we don't have natural gas.

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Some times I think the big guy want
to put all of us peons in one building no
matter if we lose our independence just so we
can afford to live. I have cut back as much
as I can. Food - Trash - Lights or P.U.D phone -
cable - car upkeep. Oh dont forget Property Tax of
\$1100 yearly. So you see why I cannot
pay any more for P. U. D. than I do.

Up keep on this place hasnt been
done in 4 years because I cant
pay for it. Roof leaks Water lines
leaks. So you tell me you still want
to raise our power bill. In ^{West (EAST)} Lewis County
I would be save in saying at least
50% are low income & below poverty
as I am. If you go thro this I hope you
can sleep at night knowing there will be
people Cold & many worse. just to pay
their bills.

Myrtle Shores
Randall WA

SN-03-W-0643

Dear Mr. Wright:

APR 10 2003

I am a customer of Lewis County PUD that buys nearly all its 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. *Add any personal experiences or impacts, such as lost jobs, amount your bill has increased, fixed income, etc.*

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,

cc: Representative Brian Baird
Senator Patty Murray
Senator Maria Cantwell

SN-03-W- 0643

APR 10 2003

April 5, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright,

This is a follow-up to the email that I sent recently. Please, please know that many of us cannot absorb more rate increases. Our area has been particularly hard hit economically for the past twenty years. We implore you to seek ways of cutting costs rather than additional rates hikes. I think you would be surprised to see what a low income area most of Grays Harbor is. Please take a drive and see our beautiful but depressed area.

Sincerely,



Rita Zastrow
319 Stamper Rd
Elma, WA 98541
360.482.4821

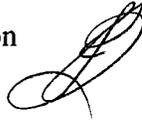
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APR 10 2003

Date: 6 April 2003

To: Steve Wright, Administrator for BPA
c/o BPA
P. O. Box 3621
Portland, OR 97208-3621

From: Joseph Teal, retired person
19205 N. McBee Rd
Benton City, WA 99320



Subject: Planned BPA Price Increases

Our residential electrical provider, Benton PUD of Kennewick, Washington, has informed us by a newspaper notice in the Tri-City Herald on this date, that BPA plans yet another remarkably large rate increase effective this coming autumn. Our disposable income, our access to medical services, and indeed the U. S. economy are declining. It is unconscionable for the Bonneville Power Administration to continue electrical rate increases in utter disregard for the impacts upon users.

It is not a caveat of "manifest destiny" that government entities can continue to expand and to increase expenditures and prices while all other aspects of commercial economy are in serious decline. A basic principle of BPA responsibility is to provide power at cost. Meanwhile, people appear to form the bottom of the food chain in this regard. Perhaps it is not the time to continue subsidizing adventures such as wind generation.

Residential design aspects that have evolved in the Pacific Northwest are based on the energy source matrix for the area. BPA has some responsibility for maintaining stability, not creating chaos. A typical Northwest resident has had no role in the electricity cost/supply debacle of the past five or so years. We somehow expected and depended on the Department of Energy and the Bonneville Power Administration, to defend us. Apparently, we have not been well represented.

You are requested to assure that Northwest residents are not handed the short straw when you balance basic human needs with the goals, ambitions, funding aspects and actions of the Bonneville Power Administration.

"When the economy is fat, have at it; but now is not the time".

cc: Benton PUD
P. O. Box 6270
Kennewick, WA 99336

U. S. Congressman Doc Hastings
320 N Johnson
Kennewick, WA 99336

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APR 1 0 2003

April 5, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am a customer of Lewis County PUD. Our PUD buys much of it's power from the Bonneville Power Administration.. I have heard that the BPA plans to add another 25% price increase in the near future and I am deeply concerned.

My wife and I live on property homesteaded in 1882 by my grandfather who thought this was a great land of opportunity, but now that opportunity is all but lost with the "spotted owl" restrictions, the "wet land" restrictions, and the continual increase in the cost of such necessities as power and fuel.

As a man on fixed income, I cannot increase my income at the expense of my fellow Americans, I have to learn to live within that income. I would only ask that the BPA would do the same.

Sincerely
Charles & Arlene Jorgensen
481 Jorgensen Rd
Onalaska, WA. 98570

cc: Representative Brian Baird
Senator Patty Murray
Senator Maria Cantwell

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April 5, 2003

To All Concerned:

This power rate increases has got to stop. ~~Our~~ family can't afford another power rate increase.

According to the information we have received, by law the BPA has to offer low-cost federal power to community-owned utilities like Grays Harbor PUD **before** they offer it to private, investor owned utilities.

So why is this not being done? Who is regulating and watching the BPA? Our family cannot tolerate any more power rate increases.

We live in the great Northwest, were power (hydro-power) should be as cheap as any place in the nation (or cheaper) if it is not, there is something terribly wrong.

We want to go on record protesting any future power rate hikes.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Busz *Dave Busz*
Kay Busz *Kay Busz*
4726 Wishkah Rd.
Aberdeen, Wa 98520
FAX 360-532-4607

✓Cc: Steve Wright - Administrator & CEO BPA
U.S. Senator Maria Cantrell
U.S. Rep. Norm Dicks
Governor Gary Locke - Washington State
U.S. Senator Patty Murray
U.S. Rep. Brian Baird

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Dear Mr. Wright:

We do not want a 15% increase in power rates. In fact we should have a decrease in rates instead. It was the power that you promised to cut that you sold to the private utilities. In fact those sales were illegal.

Sincerely,

Urban W. Duncan



Urban W. Duncan
P.O. Box 883
Aberdeen, WA 98520-0184

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Kennewick, WA
April 6, 2003

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

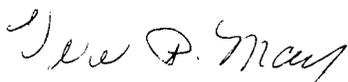
Dear Sir:

I respectfully request that BPA bite the bullet and make cuts to relieve the consumer of further rate increases.

I am an 83 year old widow, living on a very tight budget. I have been conserving usage as far as possible. I have kept my apartment below 68 degrees during the day and heat off at night, wearing extra layers of clothing, eliminated extra lighting - using the new light bulbs, etc. My cost has doubled and puts further stress on my expenses.

Please take into account others like myself who live on fixed incomes and whose only choice is to cut food and medical needs.

Sincerely,



Vere P. May
5225 W. Clearwater Ave., Apt. A-1
Kennewick, WA 99336

CC: Benton PUD
Rep: Hastings

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APR 10 2003

March 26, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am a customer of Lewis County PUD that buys nearly all its power from Bonneville Power Administration. I am worried about my electric bill. BPA power costs have increased dramatically since October 2001. Now BPA threatens a 25% Safety CRAC in October.

How much more do us citizens in the Pacific Northwest have to endure. The Pacific Northwest is reeling from a bad economy and loss of jobs. We have the highest unemployment rates in the nation. Businesses are closing, moving out of state, and our basic public services are continually threatened. My PUD bill alone has nearly doubled through the winter months. I am also paying in the summer what I use to pay in the winter.

In the literature I have read, BPA has dramatically exceeded its own budget the past two years, and that it will take another three years of the current high rates along with the proposed 25% increase before costs are under control. I am worried a not only for my electric bills but those of people on fixed incomes. The BPA must solve its own budget crisis, not pass the costs on to already strapped consumers. That reminds me, two years ago you led us to believe the rates would eventually drop. Is that going to happen? I do not think they will.

Do, as the rest of us are having to do. Cut costs. The Pacific Northwest is in a crisis as is the rest of the nation. Do your part; do not raise rates for the simple bottom line.



Terry Brunstad

Terry & Teresa Brunstad
114 Polaris Pl.
Clatskanie, OR 97122

cc: Representative Brian Baird
Senator Patty Murray
Senator Maria Cantwell

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Quedessa King

473 Peters Rd.
Randle, WA 98377
360-497-2115

April 5, 2003

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

Dear Ms. Murray,

I am a customer of Lewis County PUD that buys nearly all its 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. Our jobs are seasonal, therefore, no work in the winter months when electric bills are at their highest. We have had to install a wood stove and burn wood for heat to be able to afford our electric bill. Our local school has had to make major cuts involving education because this is such a depressed area. Not many could afford another increase.

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 in total economic collapse.

Sincerely,


Quedessa King

CC: Representative Brian Baird
Senator Patty Murray
Senator Maria Cantwell

SN-03-W-0651

APR 10 2003

April 7, 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 that buys nearly all its 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. My husband and I are retired and live on a fixed income. We certainly cannot afford another expense. We have dropped our HMO because it increased from \$49.00 per month to \$79.00 per month. We have also dropped my husband's part two of Medicare so we could afford mine. He is now depending on the VA to care for him and they are over an hour away. We can't drop our electric so please try and fix your problems so there won't be another increase.

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.

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Sincerely,


Geraldine J. Teutsch

cc: Representative Brian Baird
Senator Patty Murray
Senator Maria Cantwell



Louis Teutsch
116 E Zola Dr
Cinebar, WA 98533

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APR 10 2003

Dear Steve Wright,

4/6/03

I am writing to you to beg you to reconsider raising electric rates in Cowlitz County! I met you when you were at the PUD meeting in Longview to address the rate hikes to a room of frightened and angry ratepayers. I was impressed that you had turned down a bonus, in light of the money problems and rate hikes. You seemed considerate, kind and understanding to our terrible situation here. I pray that attitude has not changed! Several seasoned businessmen at that meeting had great ideas how the BPA could save money and cut costs. I hope you took note of those extremely helpful suggestions.

I know you are aware of the current weak economy in Cowlitz County and in other Washington Counties. I have included, with this letter, a clipping out of yesterday's Daily News paper. It is an eye opener! The situation here must not be ignored or overlooked! Too many people are losing everything they worked so hard to achieve. To be honest, I find this to be extremely un-American! To price a necessity like electricity out of the reach of so many, or to cause people to go hungry or live in freezing temperatures is purely disgusting. It must not be allowed to continue! Our economy is already beyond the breaking point with closed businesses, lost jobs, hunger, foreclosed mortgages, family stress and charities going broke from so many requests for help and having to put hundreds of people on waiting lists. The wait for help can be for a year or longer! How can anyone possibly even consider adding to this grief????? Please Steve!!! Do not add to our grief anymore. Our Commissioners caught a lot of heat for signing those contracts with the BPA and this is the reason why. Please, do not take advantage of us. Please!

Sincerely,

Sherry D. Davis
3825 Cottonwood ST.
Longview, WA.
98632
360-423-5212

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Dreams Foreclosed

County's soaring rate of home foreclosures leaves wake of pain



Bill Wagner / The Daily News

After losing his Lexington home, Martin Harris moved to a Longview apartment with his three small children.

Hundreds suffering financially, emotionally

By Pat Forgey
THE DAILY NEWS

Thousands of local residents have joined the ranks of homeowners in recent years, reaching for the American dream of a owning house of their own.

Now, for many, that dream is falling apart.

A skyrocketing foreclosure rate is hammering Cowlitz County, and leaving many who've lost their homes in shock at the turn their lives have taken.

"It's humiliating," said Linda McCall. She and husband Boyd took out a \$118,000 business loan secured by the house where they'd lived for more than 30 years.

Though they were forced to move when they fell behind on payments, they didn't

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- Eight residents tell their painful stories
- Tips: How to avoid mortgage foreclosure

tell their friends about the foreclosure.

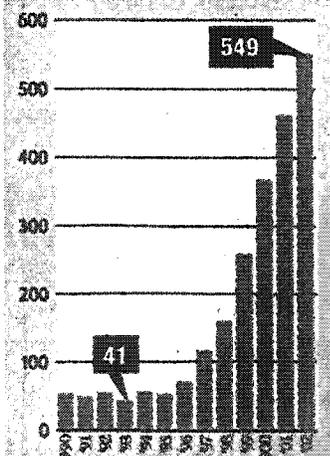
"A lot of our close friends don't even know what happened," she said. "It's too embarrassing to want to talk about."

Families like the McCalls know that foreclosure takes an emotional, as well as financial, toll. They have a great deal of company.

In 2002, 564 homes in the county went through foreclosure, according to records compiled by Cowlitz County Assessor Dean Takko. Little data on county foreclosure

Homes lost

Mortgage foreclosures in Cowlitz County:



Source: Cowlitz County Assessor's Office

Daily News graphic

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Foreclosure: Rate 'just keeps going up'

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rates across the state are available, but Takko has been compiling data on trustee deed filings with the county to keep track of local foreclosure rates, providing local housing experts with a tool few other counties in the state have.

Early in the 1990s, before big declines in interest rates and a boom in mortgage financing, the county averaged 50 foreclosures a year. By 1997 it was in triple digits, and it's been growing at a double-digit rate ever since.

Through the first three months of 2003, there have been an additional 164 foreclosures, on pace to record 656 foreclosures for the year. "It just keeps going up," said Takko.

Takko and other housing experts say they're shocked by the local foreclosure numbers, especially given the number of homes with mortgages in the county.

The 2000 U.S. Census found Cowlitz County had 24,250 owner-occupied houses, with 13,025 of those being mortgaged. The numbers likely have changed somewhat since then, but indicate that the current foreclosure rate could be approaching one in every 20 homes.

Some surprising causes

Interviews with those in the housing and lending industries, and those whose homes are at risk of foreclosure or lost to foreclosure,

Profiles in foreclosure discouragement

Linda and Boyd McCall

House: 100 block of Bond Drive, Castle Rock

The Story: A work accident left Boyd McCall unable run his log trucking business for several months, and the McCalls mortgaged the house they'd owned for decades to keep the business afloat. He's now working again, but was unable to catch up on the missed payments on a \$118,000 loan.

The Outcome: They lost the house, filed for bankruptcy, and are now living in a rental house owned by a friend. They're also doing something bankruptcy experts say is highly unusual: They're paying off debts they're not legally required to pay after the bankruptcy.

Rebecca and Raymond Miller

House: 600 block of North 23rd Avenue, Kelso

The Story: They were recently married, and both brought kids from previous marriages and knew they needed a house. "We had to have some more bedrooms, now," said Rebecca Miller. Then tight finances got even worse with rising health insurance premiums and a court judgment in favor of Raymond Miller's ex-wife. One of their mortgage holders is willing to work with them, but the holder of a \$24,000 second mortgage has begun foreclosure proceedings.

The Outcome: They're still trying to work out an arrangement with lenders that will let them keep the house. "We are surely hoping so," said Rebecca Miller.

Carolyn Parker

House: 200 block of South Goble Creek Road, Kelso

The Story: Carolyn Parker's husband of 14 years left her, she said, after he'd encour-

aged her to take on a \$235,000 mortgage to build a new house.

The Outcome: Foreclosure proceedings began when she fell \$17,000 behind in her payments, but with the assistance of other family members and another mortgage company, she and an aunt managed to keep the house and the land to which she had deep emotional ties.

Martin Harris

House: 100 block of Mission Road, Kelso

The Story: After a divorce, Martin Harris wound up with three kids and payments on a \$98,000 loan he couldn't afford on his income.

The Outcome: He lost the house to foreclosure, filed for bankruptcy, and is now living in an apartment at half the cost, but remains upbeat. "I wish I could have kept my house, but I still have a job. Could be worse," he said.

Patrick and Brynda Hunter

House: 1500 block of Nichols Boulevard, Longview

The Story: The Hunter case is somewhat unusual. After their house was damaged in a firebomb attack, their homeowner's insurance rates shot up. "We just couldn't afford to pay the insurance anymore," he said. That left them in a bind because their \$123,000 mortgage required that they have insurance coverage.

The Outcome: Unable to find insurance at a rate they could afford along with their \$1,049 monthly payments, the Hunters had to let their home go back to the bank and resume renting.

Cloyd (Bud) Cooper

House: 100 block of Laughlin Road, Castle Rock

The Story: Bud and Sharon Cooper took out a loan to make improvements to their house before the economy turned sour. Bud got fewer jobs installing floor coverings, and they fell behind in their bills, winding up nearly \$6,000 in arrears on a loan on which they still owed \$85,000.

The Outcome: Bud Cooper's been trying to hang onto the house, but said financial strain has ended his marriage. "It's costing us a divorce," he said.

Rick and Elva Kemp

House: 2600 block of Garfield Street, Kelso

The Story: The Kemps mortgaged a parent's home to pay for nursing home bills, planning on selling it. When they couldn't sell it in the down real estate market, they fell behind \$1,600 on payments and their lender began foreclosure proceedings on a debt of \$49,000.

The Outcome: They still had considerable equity in the house, and managed to sell it before foreclosure and are happy with their borrowing experience. "The loan was handy and came in when we needed it," said Rick Kemp.

Vicki and Robert Cordier

House: 300 block of J.E. Johnson Road, Kalama

The Story: The Cordiers needed two incomes to make their house payments on a \$94,000 loan they'd had since 1995, but when Vicki got sick, Robert's job as a crane operator at a Portland foundry couldn't cover the mortgage and other bills.

The Outcome: The Cordiers have recently filed bankruptcy in an attempt to hang onto a home on which they've done a lot of their own work. "We put our sweat and blood into this," said Vicki Cordier.

— The Daily News

Tips on Avoiding Foreclosure

■ **Be Cautious.** Be suspicious of anyone who offers you "bargain loans." Beware of offers that are only "good for a very short time." Be suspicious of anyone who contacts you first — most good mortgage lenders or credit companies don't solicit business over the phone or just show up.

■ **Slow Down.** Never act quickly. Avoid lenders who call and promise guaranteed, low-interest loans, who take applications over the phone, or who offer next-day approval if you pay them some money today.

■ **Shop Around.** If you need a loan, start by contacting local financial institutions. See if you are eligible for a loan from a local bank, credit union or mortgage company.

■ **Avoid "balloon" payments.** One way that lenders make loans sound very attractive is to make the monthly payment small but require a big balloon payment at the end of the loan period.

■ **Ask Questions.** Before borrowing money, know exactly what the lender is offering. You have a legal right to know the total cost of the loan, the annual percentage rate, the monthly payments, and how long you have to pay back the loan.

■ **Read carefully before you sign.** Whenever you bor-

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Glen Allison [gallison2b@charter.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2003 10:33 AM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Subject: keep rates down

We are just adjusting to a power increase. The School District I work for finds that the current rates take a big chunk of money that use to go to textbooks. Please work hard to find ways to make your budget with out increasing rates.

Alice Allison
6121 W Melville
Pasco, Wa. 99301

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Bruce Showalter [schnauz@gte.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2003 10:50 AM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Proposed Rate Increases

I'm getting tired of these **UN-NECESSARY** rate increases. Due to to work of some thieves in California, must we all pay for this? I think a better recourse would be to go after the persons who drew these multi-million dollar salaries for just stealing money, not working in the interest of the people. Some of us just don't have a great deal of money to throw to these thieves. My social security check now is a whopping \$544.00 per month. My electrical bill in the last few months has gone from \$90.00 to \$141.00, believe me my social security check did not increase by more than \$10.00 last year, the percentages just don't work very well, I think that some of the salaries could be adjusted for those drawing salaries in the millions....Thank you for your consideration on this matter.....**NO MORE INCREASES FOR A WHILE!!!!**.

Bruce Showalter
P.O. Box 7252
Kennewick, Wa 99336

4/10/2003

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Mr Wright

As a customer of Lewis county PUD
I have learned of an Increase that
may occur in our Electric Utility
Cost

we are retired and therefore
are on a Fixed budget, IF our
cost keep going up what shall
we stop paying out for a living
we have an Electric forced
air unit we don't use, a washer
and dryer but hang clothes on
clothes line weather permitting
Our water heater is on
a time clock, so some times

we have used chilled Hot water

Cut Cost Cut Cost

we don't allow our yard
light to go on at Dusk
but control the light manually
for some occasions,

we are attempting to be
careful of all Electrical use

at our place so as to
cut cost

cut cost is the
clue to careful living

Cheryl Lynn Skoopes

125 Hale Rd, East
Winlock Wa 98596

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Patricia L. Nurney
PO Box 1474
Westport Wa 98595

Dear Mr. Wright,

My husband and I are retired
and living on a fixed income.
With the rate increases in our
P.U.D. bill in the last two years
we are having a hard time
keeping our heads above water
so to speak. Please try to
cut costs rather than raise
rates again.

Thank you,

Patricia L. Nurney

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April 7, 2003

Bonneville Power Administration
P. O. Box 3621
Portland, Ore. 97208-3621

Attention: Mr. Steve Wright

Dear Sir:

RE/ Proposed and recent rate increases.

I have been a resident of Benton County, Wa. for 53 years. As a retired independant businessman without a pension my income has decreased approximately \$12,000 annually due to interest rate and market reductions. In the last 2 years I have seen my electric rates increase 55%. Now I am hearing of another rate increase of 25% or more.

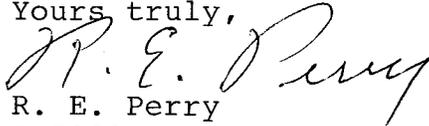
The ridiculous spending for salmon recovery and enviornmental concerns over the last few years is causing rate increases to bankrupt seniors, consumers, and business. IT MUST STOP.

Why do you feel that BPA's shortfall can be passed on to individuals, retirees and business?

We have to deal with out own income shortfall by CUTTING WHAT WE SPEND !!!

It is time BPA does the same.

Yours truly,


R. E. Perry
213003 E. 22nd Av.
Kennewick, Wa.

cc: Benton County P. U. D.
Senator Patty Murray
Senator Maria Cantwell
Representative Doc Hastings

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GARY L. ANDERSON
678 KELLER ST -- PO BOX 386
REPUBLIC, WA 99166

April 7, 2003

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

RE: Rate Increase

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am absolutely opposed to any rate increase in BPA rates. As a business owner and resident of Ferry County, our ability to compete is being severely hampered by these increased expenses. It is possible for you to focus on conservation and/or eliminating part of your overhead expenses to achieve these same goals.

The people of Ferry County, an area of distress already, does not need another straw on our overloaded backs.

Sincerely,



Gary L. Anderson

GLA:ss

cc: Congressman George Nethercutt
Senator Maria Cantwell
Senator Patty Murray
Bobbie Weller, Manager Ferry County PUD

18703 Hwy 21 N.
Curlew, WA. 99118
April 7, 2003

APR 10 2003

Bonneville Power Admn.
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, Oregon, 97208
Administrative Steve Wright

Re: SN CRAC

Dear Mr. Wright:

Electricity was brought to rural Washington through P.U.D. to bring us "cheap power". A few years later the ranchers were urged to irrigate their fields using "cheap power".

This cheap power has become more and more expensive even though the rural incomes have lowered each year. Now Bonneville wants to boost the rate again so as to put the ranches out of business entirely and deprive other businesses and citizens of less food, clothes, etc.

How about Bonneville cutting back like we have to do, by cutting all salaries, donations, "perks" and payments for third party law suits, etc? Also, no doubt many executive offices could be entirely eliminated like our businesses have had to do.

Mr. Wright, I am 94 years old on a very small social security income (I am a retired rancher) and my electric bill already uses up half of my income.

There are many elderly and unemployed people in Ferry County and Washington who cannot buy necessities and your electricity is the greatest expense.

Please redo your books and eliminate SN CRAC entirely without raising the regular usage to the counties.

Sincerely,

Margaret R. Grumbach

Date

4-7-03

APR 10 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 that buys nearly all its 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. *Add any personal experiences or impacts, such as lost jobs, amount your bill has increased, fixed income, etc.*

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

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

Sincerely,

Tracy Swetz

*Mother of seven, running 3 businesses
Chiropractic office, Massage office, & Health Gym
3 different locations = 3/25% increase.*

cc: Representative Brian Baird
Senator Patty Murray
Senator Maria Cantwell

SILVERCREEK I, INC
P.O. BOX 24
SILVERCREEK, WA 98585

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APR 10 2003

April 7th 2003
Gig Harbor, Washington

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

Gentleman,

I have been informed you have applied for a rate increase of 25% which would take effect October 1st, 2003. I am of the opinion that a "Safety Net Cost Recovery Adjustment Clause" is unnecessary and should not take affect until you look at reducing internal costs and deferrals which myself along with other members of Peninsula Light and other Northwest utilities customers are already having to pay. A rate increase is not called for and is not necessary.

The BPA should be ashamed for having offered some for-profit utilities "goodwill" money to discourage them from pursuing it through the courts.

With the money saved from your offers to "for profit utilities" and a good hard look at BPA's internal costs, the shortfall you are looking at could more than be made up.

Yours Truly,

P. S. Cornell Paul S. Cornell

13920 88th Ave. Ct. NW,
Gig Harbor, WA 98329- 7060

cc:

Senator Patty Murray

Senator Maria Cantwell

Congressman Norm Dicks

SN-03-W-0607

APR 10 2003

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 Columbia River PUD, one of the many regional utilities that buys power from the BPA. I'm worried about our electric bill. My husband is just two years from retirement. We cannot keep taking on higher and higher utility bills. There is only so much money to go around. We have been hit with higher garbage rates, higher gas rates, higher cable rates three different times, and now facing a very large cut in our medical and dental insurance. BPA rates have increased dramatically since October 2001, and now you are threatening a Safety Net CRAC of as much as 41% in October.

My mother is 87 years old on a very limited income. I do not know how you expect the people out of work and people in her income level to assume another rise in anything. There are already senior citizens in this community actually living by eating dog and cat food. This state might as well put out the lights and everyone move to another state. Columbia County is reeling from a bad economy and a loss of jobs. We suffer from some of the highest unemployment rates in the nation. Businesses have closed and our public services, our schools, and our very future are threatened.

BPA has dramatically exceeded its own budget the past two years, and we read that it will take another three years of the current high rates, plus the proposed large increase, before costs are under control. Customers like us should not have to struggle more because you cannot stay within your budget. The rest of us have to relook at all of our expenses just to survive now. BPA must recognize the part it has played in damaging our regional economy and solve its own budget crisis without burdening my neighbors, my mother, and me with even higher costs.

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

Sincerely,



Bonnie MacKenzie
845 Cedaroak Street
St. Helens, OR 97051-2805

Cc. Senators Smith and Wyden, Representative Wu

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April 7, 2003

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

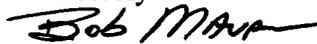
Dear Mr. Wright

I am writing to voice my concern about the rapidly escalating power rates. It is my understanding the BPA is proposing a **25%** increase in power rates to become effective in October of 2003. It was only October of 2001 that the BPA imposed a **46%** rate increase on electrical consumers. A **71%** increase in any budget expenditures could and probably will devastate individuals and businesses alike.

This is certainly the worse economic climate I can remember in the last 40 years. Personal financial situations are tenuous at best, corporations, businesses, federal and state entities are all experiencing budget shortfalls. Individuals, private businesses, as well as, governmental agencies are trimming overhead, curtailing programs and have reduced spending at every level, many making a choice of lights or food. They are meeting the financial emergency by decreasing work force, cutting benefits and in many cases reducing wages. Individuals are going without health, vehicle and personal insurance so they can afford necessary services. They are acting responsible and are making difficult sacrifices in light of the financial situation they find themselves in.

Mr. Wright, may I suggest that your organization make responsible sacrifices to decrease BPA's budget instead of continuing to exceed your budget as you have in the past two years. Your organization plays a major role in the regional economy and has a tremendous responsibility in providing reasonable energy. You also have a greater responsibility to bring your budget in line and not expect others to suffer because your agency is out of control.

Sincerely



Bob Maupin
Lewis County P.U.D. customer



P.O. Box 907
Morton, Washington 98356

Cc: Representative Brian Baird
Senator Patty Murray
Senator Maria Cantwell

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P. O. Box 31
Westport, WA 98595-0031
April 7, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

This letter is sent to alert you to the growing dissatisfaction of the management and administration of BPA. Once again it is a prime example of, "the great American Rip-off". We, the people, should deal with all government entities by eliminating administrators if they are unable to "manage" their business legally and efficiently.

The BPA is notorious for "stealing" power that by law belongs to the Pacific Northwest and selling it to private utilities at a higher rate. This illegal practice results in a shortage of power that forces your organization to go out into an inflated market to buy power to sell to Washington PUD consumers. This practice must stop.

I must manage my household finances to live within my means and budget constraints. The people are becoming angry. Possibly our State Attorney General will have some guidance for her constituents. In the meantime, please do not threaten us with yet another price increase due to your mismanagement. I believe it's time for your organization to tighten its belt and become effective and efficient. Without the protection of the government's umbrella you, due to your inefficiency, could not survive in our country's private enterprise sector. Currently many companies are going under due primarily to poor and often illegal management practices.

Sincerely,



Sharon Henry



Ms. Sharon L. Henry
P.O. Box 31
Westport, WA 98595

SN-03-W-0105

April 7, 2003.

Steve Knight, P.U. Administrator:

I am one of the many thousands of people that is very angry, worried and feel so helpless about my P.U. bill.

In a Senior Citizens dependant on my Social Security and I just can't stand another raise in my power bill.

I understand the P.U. has stolen power that was promised to us and sold it to Private Utilities.

How can you justify this? The P.U. belongs to the public how could you make such a decision?

Now it's your turn to help us. We can't stand another raise on our bills.

Joyce Johnson
616 N. Michigan
Aberdeen, Pa. 98528

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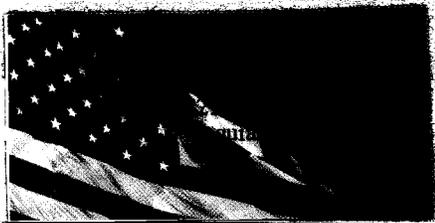
april 7th
2003

Mr Steve Wright (not really right)

we seniors protect the price
of electricity why is it you (big shots)
leaders can make so many mistakes
that cost us money you are suppose
to know your job better I have to
sure know what I'm paying for
but you fellas go on some
plan the new know-

thank you for your
time

(I however doubt you ever
see this)



Maggie Leberman
another senior
you sure aren't
helping -

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

APR 10 2003

From: Gastons [gastonns@bossig.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2003 11:52 AM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Cc: senator_murray@murray.senate.gov; maria_cantwell@cantwell.senate.gov; rbjork@gcpud.org
Subject: rate increase

Dear Mr. Steve Wright,

I, a tax payer in Grant County, am against your proposed rate increase slated for October. Why should I and the other tax payers of Grant County have to shell out more money for power when your organization (BPA) has shown the inability to effectively operate within a budget. Maybe you haven't noticed lately, but the people of Washington have been passing Initiatives which hold our government to tighter standards now than ever before, so why should you be exempt. With the economic times in Washington State right now, hitting the businesses and people with yet another loss of their income is not a good idea. Things have been great for a long time with our PUD running the power in Grant County and now that you and others are getting involved things are going down hill. Once again I suggest you deal with your financial problems within your own company and give the people a break.

Thanks for your time
Norman M. Gaston

4/10/2003

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APR 11 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Joyce Helsley [dj2832@crcwnet.com]
Sent: Friday, April 11, 2003 10:29 AM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Subject: increase

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

Dear Sir:

We have been notified by the Grant County PUD Commissioners and Manager of Grant County in Washington that you are proposing to raise the power rates 25%.

In a time of recession and depressed economy, especially for the farmers, do you realize what this will do to the farmer? They are having multiple problems now trying to make ends meet let alone a small profit. With an increase in power rates there will be even more farmers losing their farms. This is an irrigated area and without water it will become a desert again and many of the farmers will be on welfare. Is this a good thing?

The Grant County PUD buys power from you and this rate increase will be naturally passed on to us. With orchardists having to operate wind machines for frost control and sprinklers and pumps this increase will be devastating.

I think you need to take another long hard look at what you are proposing and realize that some of the error may have been of your own doing and you need to absorb the cost instead of making others pay for your mistakes. If the tables were turned would you sit by and do or say nothing and pay more and more for others short sightedness? I think not.

Sincerely,
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Helsley

4/11/2003

SN-03-W-0669

From: mitchj [mitchj@mymailstation.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2003 12:55 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

APR 11 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Harleybrown32@cs.com
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2003 5:02 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: BPA RATE INCREASES

to: STEVE WRIGHT, ADMIN.BPA..PORTLAND,OR.

UPON RECEIVING NOTICE OF A PROPOSED PUD INCREASE POSSIBILITY, I HAVE TO TELL YOU WHAT A 25% INCREASE MEANS IN THIS GRANT COUNTY, OF OURS.

IT HURTS EVERYONE BECAUSE WE ALL USE THE POWER! IT HASN'T BEEN THOUGHT OUT CAREFULLY....THE IMPACT ON EVERYONE....YOU SHOULD COME OVER HERE AND GET OUT HERE WITH THE COMMON PEOPLE, THE AREA FARMERS AND LET THEM TELL YOU WHAT WOULD BE THE DEVASTATING RESULTS....

OUR COMMUNITY OF MOSES LAKE IS STRUGGLING FINANCIALLY RIGHT NOW....FROM THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S INCOME VS THE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS THEY NEED TO THE LOCAL FARMERS WHO HAVE TO HAVE THE POWER IN ORDER TO KEEP ON GOING.....NOT TO MENTION THE RATE INCREASE ON OUR INDUSTRIES, HERE, LAST YEAR (67%)!! WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MOSES LAKE IF THIS KEEPS HAPPENING, YEAR AFTER YEAR?

I KNOW THAT YOU , AT BPA, HAVE SOME OPTIONS ON THE BOARD THAT CAN BE LOOKED AT....THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE IS TO QUIT GIVING THE PRIVATE UTILITIES SUCH A GOOD, GOOD DEAL.....AND PAYING THE FED.GOV'T A LITTLE LESS \$\$ WHEN TIMES ARE ROUGH:THIS CANT BE TOO TOUGH TO DO;AND JUST FORGET ABOUT A REG.TRANSMISSION ORG. FOR NOW AS IT NEEDS TO TAKE A BACK SEAT ON SCHEME OF THINGS...

YOU CAN HELP MINIMIZE THE PROBLEM BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE OPTIONS.....PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO THINK THIS OUT CAREFULLY. WE ALL , HERE IN GRANT COUNTY, HAVE A COMMUNITY THAT NEEDS YOUR HELP.

THANKYOU FOR LISTENING,

SHIRLEY J. BROWN
POBOX 2131
MOSES LAKE, WA 98837

4/11/2003

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Phyllis Burrows [pburrows@vib.tv]
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2003 5:40 PM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Cc: maria_cantwell@cantwell.senate.gov
Subject: BPA Rate Increases

**Steve Wright
BPA Administrator:**

I want to remind you that there are many seniors like myself on a very low fixed budget, mine is just under \$1000 per month. Any increase in rate will force me to make a choice between heating my house to a barely comfortable degree or facing having a house that is less than comfortable, in fact down right cold. I set my thermostate at 74 degrees now. That is not very warm, I wear a sweater and cover my legs with a blanket. I am disabled and life is hard enough now. PLEASE DON'T MAKE IT UNBEARABLE.

**Phyllis Burrows
PO Box 543
Electric City, Wa 99123**

SN-03-W-0672

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: jack or bonnie strop [cbo5@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2003 7:40 PM
To: comments@bpa.gov
Subject: Rate Increase by the BPA

To Mr. Steve Wright:

Dear Mr. Wright I am opposed to any rate increase at this time. We are all struggling to make it in the farming business. There has to be other ways to balance you budget other then the backs of the farmers in Grant County.

Sincerely Jack Strop
Cherry Grower in Grant County

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Jerry & Sandy Cole [jerryc@hawaiian.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2003 8:29 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: BPA - Snohomish County PUD Rates

We received our Snohomish County PUD newsletter for March/April 2003, concerning BPA's plans to raise rates again. We cannot understand how the BPA can be considering raising rates again.

Our records for our house in Marysville, WA from 1988 to 2000 show a 10.0% increase or .91% per year increase. From 2000 to 2003, our rates went up 58% or 19.32% per year. It seems like management was very good during 1988 through 2000. The last three years, something has definitely changed. And now, you are talking about another increase in rates. It seems to us that something needs to be examined - administrative cost-cutting comes to mind.

Regards,
Jerry & Sandy Cole

April 10, 2003

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Don Taylor [dtaylor60@charter.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2003 8:43 PM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Subject: April 10bpadoc

April 10, 2003

To;
Steve Wright
BPA

RE: Proposed Rate Hike

Dear Mr. Wright

I would like to share with you my thoughts on a BPA proposed rate hike, as you are well aware this state is in the worst financial situation in as many years as I can remember. With that Sir everything we consume has gone up in price.

I am one of the unfortunate that works for state government, I have not had a pay increase in over three years now, not even a cost of living increase, yet everything I have to buy to maintain a household has gone up. 3 billion dollars is what our state is facing for budget shortfall, I am not a smart man but I do see the writing on the wall. It will be many years before I will ever see another raise in salary.

All costs have increased to my family and here we go again? Gas, bread, milk, shoes, toothpaste, coffee, phone bill, cable bill, shampoo, school lunches, insurance for the house, insurance for the car, health insurance, hats, socks, butter, water, sewer, irrigation, pellets for my pellet stove cause I sure cant afford to run my furnace, shirts, yup even my e-mail. Enough is enough Sir.

I don't have the answers to your budget whoa but I can sure tell you my wallet does NOT, perhaps we should make those that receive electricity in other states from our recourses pay the increase or don't sell them any and lower our costs.

Lets see did you get a raise in the last 3 years perhaps you can pay more, I for one cannot.

I look forward to your reply.
Respectfully,
Don Taylor
Dtaylor60@charter.net

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

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From: craig zora [zora@olynet.com]
Sent: Friday, April 11, 2003 7:31 AM
To: BPA Steve Wright
Cc: USleg VP; USleg President; USleg Murray; USleg Cantwell
Subject: Comment

When will rates stop climbing? I set my thermostat at 60 degrees and still pay 150-160.00 per month. We will not forget this when elections roll around.

Craig Zora
15 Linwood Lane
Aberdeen, WA 98520-9417
W532-8478
H648-2106
zora@olynet.com

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Max [mfischbach@mindspring.com]
Sent: Friday, April 11, 2003 10:13 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Cc: jay inslee; paull shin; mike cooper; brian sullivan; senator_murray@murray.senate.gov; vice.president@whitehouse.gov; president@whitehouse.gov
Subject: BPA PLANNED RATE INCREASES
Importance: High

As a customer of the Snohomish County PUD #1 and thus an indirect customer of the BPA, I wish to express outright rage at the proposed BPA rate increases. Mismanagement is mismanagement and that certainly applies to BPA

I OPPOSE ANY RATE INCREASE.

MR. MAXWELL S. FISCHBACH
P.O. BOX 2057
LYNNWOOD, WA. 98036-2057

**NEXT TIME I PURCHASE A FRENCH PRODUCT, IT WILL HAVE A MADE IN GERMANY LABEL ON IT!
SHOULD THE FOURTH REICH EVER RISE, WE SHOULD GIVE THEM FRANCE ON ONE CONDITION, THIS
TIME, THEY NOT GIVE IT BACK, EVER!**

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Secretary, The

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From: Tom & Lauri Waggoner
Sent: Sunday, March 02, 2003 10:17 PM
To: Secretary, The
Subject: Save Family Wage Jobs

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Dear Honorable Spencer Abraham:

OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

My husband and myself are both currently employed at Alcoa Intalco Works in Ferndale, Washington. Intalco is an Aluminum Smelting Plant that is dependent on power to make our product.

The power price that the BPA announced in February is threatening our jobs -- for our family, our only source of income. Our jobs not only have provided for our family but for the community as we own a home, buy cars and buy goods and services in the community.

We need our jobs . . . if Intalco closes because of this 15% increase BPA has announced, we will be forced to move out of the state in order to make a living . . . Washington State and Oregon have the highest unemployment rates in the nation right now . . . the increased energy costs to companies such as ours, would put the final nail in the coffin and further put the Northwest in a recession.

We need power rates we can afford for our personal residences as well as our jobs. Please find options that keep BPA power prices low enough to keep industry in our state.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Tom & Lauri Waggoner
3044 Eldridge Ave
Bellingham, WA 98225

3/3/2003

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Secretary, The

From: Robert Goodwin [rvgoodwin@juno.com]
Sent: Monday, March 03, 2003 8:12 PM
To: Secretary, The
Subject: BPA's proposed rate increases

2003 MAR .4 A 8:42
OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

Robert Goodwin
8121 N. Pass Rd.
Everscn, WA 98247

March 3, 2003

Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham
1000 Independence Ave SW
Forrestal Bldg 7A-257
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Abraham:

It is time for the Department of Energy to intervene in the BPA process to ensure that everything possible is being done to prevent another rate increase. The Northwest is still reeling from the Energy Crisis that hit two years ago and more industry will be lost if this rate increase goes into effect.

Sincerely,

Bob Goodwin

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Secretary, The

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From: Karen Madison [kkmadison@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2003 12:20 AM
To: Secretary, The
Subject: Jobs for the State of Washington

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Karen Madison
5930 Birdseye Ct.
Ferndale, WA 98248

OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

March 4, 2003

Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham
1000 Independence Ave SW
Forrestal Bldg 7A-257
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Abraham:

Dear Secretary Abraham,
The State of Washington has the highest unemployment in the nation. In these times, businesses cannot afford to pay the BPA's proposed 15% increase in electric rates. This increase on top of their recent 50% increase will cripple the region. Many businesses (the aluminum plants, pulp and paper mills, Boeing) can be more profitable in other regions of the U.S. where electricity costs are lower. If they close their plants here, they will not return.

Please do not let the BPA raise their rates again. The BPA must do what all businesses are doing now - CUT COSTS.

Sincerely,

Karen Madison

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February 27, 2003

Honorable Spencer Abraham
Secretary, US Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC, 20585

Dear Sir:

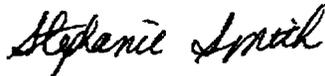
I am writing you about my grave concerns regarding the power situation in our Northwest region. The rising energy costs in the Northwest threaten our families, our communities, our jobs, and the quality of life in the entire region. We gravely need your help on the power situation if our communities,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

Please help to make decisions that:

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

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

Sincerely,



Stephanie Smith
811 Adelia Street
Blaine, WA 98230

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Roy Gegenhuber
4467 Aldrich Road
Bellingham, WA 98226

APR 11 2003

February 24, 2003

Honorable Spencer Abraham
Secretary US Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Abraham:

It is time for the Department of Energy to intervene in the BPA process to ensure that everything possible is being done to prevent another rate increase. In fact, rates need to be lowered for the sake of the Northwest economy.

Energy prices in the Northwest are threatening businesses and industries, including aluminum companies. BPA's recent announcement that it intends to raise rates yet again jeopardizes thousands of family wage jobs.

BPA has announced that it is beginning the process that will allow it to raise rates another 15% this October. The increase will mean that Washington State manufacturers will be operating with some of the most expensive power in the world - in a location that is supposed to be known for its low-cost power. At these rates it will be impossible to operate the smelters or other energy-dependent businesses profitably. The rate increase could have a devastating impact on the manufacturers and the communities in which their employees live and work.

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

Manufacturing and agricultural jobs should not be sacrificed to the inefficient administration of BPA. Elected officials must insist on solutions that preserve Northwest jobs. BPA must develop approaches that help industry survive.

The aluminum industry is critical to the Northwest economy. In Washington alone, the industry directly provides thousands of family-wage jobs, primarily in rural areas. Wages paid by the industry are generally much higher than can be otherwise found in the rural areas. Indirect employment is estimated to be more than three times direct employment. The industry contributes millions of dollars in local and state taxes annually. Intalco is a vital part of the Whatcom County and Ferndale communities. Intalco currently provides more than 700 family wage jobs in Whatcom County with a total payroll of more than \$50 million annually. Intalco is a substantial percentage of the local tax base, and the Ferndale School District tax base. Intalco and its employees contribute significantly to community organizations, both monetarily and in volunteer hours.

Sincerely,
Roy J. Gegenhuber
Maintenance General Supervisor
Alcoa - Intalco Works

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Dear Honorable Spencer Abraham,

For more then two years now my family plans have been put on hold due to the increased rates in power. With BPA talking about an additional rise of 15%, the families that work at Alcoa Intalco in Ferndale and the community and businesses that we support feel defeated. The young people working here and in well paying support jobs who dream of sending their children to collage as I did, are just trying to survive. Older employees who dream of retirement and time to work in the community, will be looking for anything to keep from going to Welfare for health care.

Given the business down turn of Boeing, Georgia Pacific, Boise Cascade, Weyerhaeuser, and so many others in the Pacific Northwest I cannot fathom that another solution cannot be found. A short-term problem is about to become catastrophic. Please ask the Department of Energy to intervene in the BPA process and ask them to do everything possible to prevent another rate hike. BPA's ability to make the right choice in a timely manor will go a long way towards keeping family wage jobs and a good tax base in the Pacific Northwest.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,



Tim Randell
7212 Dahlberg rd.
Ferndale, Wa. 98248
360-484-1940

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PO Box 246
Deming, Wash 98244
(360) 303-4736
2/24/03

Spencer Abraham
US Dept of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
Wash DC 20585

Dear Secretary Abraham,

Please help keep the price of electrical energy
down so our aluminum plant can survive.
Our area is economically devastated already.
Thank-you.

Sincerely,
Benji Nyberg

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March 4, 2003

Honorable Spencer Abraham
Secretary, US Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Abraham:

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

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

Sincerely,



Grace Fischer
830 Drayton Court
Lynden, WA 98264

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Secretary, The

From: David Workentin [dworkentin@peoplepc.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 08, 2003 9:48 PM
To: Secretary, The
Subject: BPA rate increase

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David Workentin
2949 Canlin Dr.
Ferndale, WA 98248

March 8, 2003

Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham
1000 Independence Ave SW
Forrestal Bldg 7A-257
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Abraham:

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

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

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

Sincerely,

David Workentin

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Brent & Andrea Hickey
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I am writing you in regard to the Northwest Power Crisis. I am very concerned with the possibility of The Bonneville Power Administration raising their power rates in October of this year. This not only threatens my job at Intalco, but thousand of other jobs in the Northwest. As you know it takes a tremendous amount of power to run an aluminum plant such as Intalco, and with the threat of a power rate hike, Alcoa has said that it can not remain competitive, and that shutting down Intalco is a real possibility.

Let me tell you a little about myself and my family. I am a husband and father of 5 children. Two of our children are biological, and the other three are our foster children. My wife and I love all of our children very much, but I am afraid without my income, I will not be able to afford to raise our foster children anymore. My wife is a stay home mom, who takes care of all of our children very well, and that would also have to change, where she would be forced to look for a job outside the home. In this day and age, it is very difficult to find jobs that provide family wages.

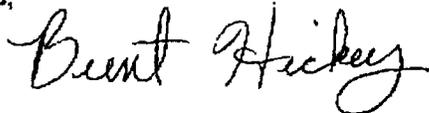
I know that the BPA has said they are 1.2 billion in the hole through 2006. Maybe I am wrong, but I can't help but wonder if that the Enron Crisis has to do with a big part of that number. That is not my fault, not any fault of the Northwest Region, and I feel that we should not have to pay for this horrible tragedy with our jobs, and keep on suffering. This power situation is so UNFAIR!

Myself, along with thousand of other families are asking, no, BEGGING for you to PLEASE, help us save our jobs with reasonable and fair power rates. The State of Washington has the third highest unemployment rate in the nation. A 15% increase in the power rate will easily make our State of Washington #1 with the highest unemployment rate in the Nation. I am also asking for your help in encouraging the Department of Energy to step in and take a good hard look at the BPA and it's policies and practices in setting fair rates for residents and industries.

Thank you very much for your time. Please do your part in supporting me and thousands like me in our communities and the Northwest Region, by keeping power rates that we can all live with and AFFORD.

Sincerely yours,

Brent Hickey



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Secretary, The

From: Loren Jackson [lnkjackson@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2003 12:37 PM
To: Secretary, The
Subject: Northwest Electrical Rates - Aluminum Industry

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Honorable Spencer Abraham:

I am a twenty two year employee of the northwest aluminum industry. If our electrical rates are allowed to increase in the proposed fashion, aluminum production in the northwest will be nothing more than a memory. Please tell BPA that we in the aluminum industry need affordable rates.

The economy in our part of the country needs your support in controlling electrical costs.

Thank You

Loren Jackson
Senior Shift Supervisor
Alcoa's Intalco Works
Ferndale Washington 98248

Home Address:
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Bellingham Washington 98226

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Eka Chemicals, Inc. • Solar Grade Silicon, LLC. • Chemi-Con Materials Corporation

March 13, 2003

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

Re: Possible further BPA rate increase

Dear Mr. Wright:

In meetings with the Grant County PUD over the past several days, we were informed about the possibility of a further BPA increase of up to 25% above the base rate, effective October 1, 2003.

While the PUD is taking severe measures through reduction of O & M costs and deferral of capital costs to minimize the impact of a further rate increase on most of its customers, the PUD's power sales contracts with our companies provide for a straight pass-through of BPA rate increases to us.

Our manufacturing operations have significant economic benefits to Grant County and Washington State, and to the nation for that matter. All three of our companies have production facilities elsewhere in the United States as well as in other countries. As a result, our U.S. plants must be competitive both within our own companies as well as with other producers. In the past year, we have all taken draconian steps within our own operations to reduce personnel and all other costs to the greatest possible degree.

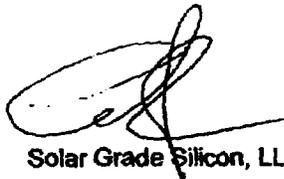
Our operations in the Northwest are severely impacted as a result of the 46% increase in BPA rates that is already in effect. A further increase places us in deeper jeopardy and will most likely result in planned expansion by two of our companies to be made elsewhere, probably outside of the United States.

Please take steps, as painful as they may be, to reduce BPA costs in order to avoid this additional rate increase.

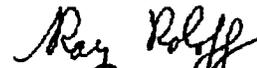
Sincerely yours,



Eka Chemicals, Inc.



Solar Grade Silicon, LLC.



Chemi-Con Materials Corporation

cc: Each member of the Northwest Delegation
Commissioners and Manager, Grant County PUD
Ken Canon, Executive Director, Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities
Terry Brewer, Executive Director, Grant County Economic Development Council

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Wednesday, March 05, 2003

Honorable Spencer Abraham
Secretary US Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585

Mr. Abraham,

I am one of those persons that normally do not agree with you on many of your actions on several different issues but every now and then an issue does crop up where a person such as myself has to come to you with hat-in-hand and ask for your help. I am one of the those citizens up here in the Pacific Northwest who's life revolves around the health of the Aluminum Industry and during the past couple of years, events have transpired that put the industry on the very brink of extinction in this area. I find it very odd that the manipulations of others will start a domino effect that will cause the cost of the primary ingredient in the smelting process to reach a level where Aluminum can no longer be produced in the Pacific Northwest and for that matter in the United States as a whole.

Aluminum is used in a vast array of different products purchased by consumers in the United States and is a core material used for producing items needed for our common defense and in the exploration of space. To a point, in order to defend this country, in order to push forward in technological advances in the space program, and in order to produce structurally strong light-weight energy efficient products and component parts for cars, trucks, planes, train, and ships, this country will have to rely on a commodity that is produced overseas. Just when there is more of a movement to not have to be so dependant on foreign sources for the materials needed in our everyday lives, we find still another product being out-sourced away from our borders.

The American worker employed in a job that earns a viable FAMILY WAGE is fast becoming a thing of the past where more attention is paid to the bottom line and the value of one's market holdings than community responsibility. I am a stockholder through the Alcoa 401k plan and I am deeply concerned about the value of my retirement investments but it is also in my best interest to keep my job that allows me to keep investing in the wide range of holdings that will hopefully provide the fuel to jump-start the innovations of the future.

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As it is, this country is looking at the strong possibility of only having industries within the confines of our shores that can't move and they will hold a virtual strangle hold on our lives. An example would be the energy industry. The Bonneville Power Administration will never move off shore because they can't. But because they feel they have to raise their rates in order to meet some financial obligation imposed on them because of the manipulations of companies such as Enron, an entire industry and the economic welfare of a great portion of the Pacific Northwest hangs in the balance.

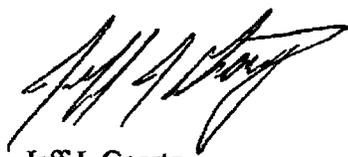
Rates will go up, people will loose their jobs, won't be able to pay their home power bills and others that can pay will have to pick up the slack. The power industry is the only industry I know of where a person will have to pay more for using less because the corporate bottom-line wasn't strong enough. The more I use, the more I contribute to the problem, the less I use the more I am part of the solution put the more I have to pay because some entity fell short of their projected profit margin.

I am asking for your help but I don't want some band-aid fix that is only good for the short term, I want to see something that will have the effect of making the Aluminum Industry something that is sustainable in the Pacific Northwest. I can just hear the screams of "corporate welfare" but is it really that when the industry is going head to head with offshore competition that is heavily subsidized by the governments of the countries in which they are located. It would also seem to me that everyone should have to face competition on some level in order to keep the juices of ingenuity and innovation flowing. I just wonder if the same amount of creative thought and energy would have gone into the development of solar power that went into the development of faster processor times in computers, what type of affordable home energy products would be available at places like Home Depot and Lowes today. A person would be able to go to the store buy a solar collection sheet, roll it out on the roof, plug it into a power converter and heat their home. These sheets could be upgraded and combined to the point where monthly power bills would become very slight or non-existent. Now more power would be available to industry at favorable rates that could be conducive for making a profit.

That would be true competition where everyone has to be on their toes and no one vendor or supplier holds a monopoly on an important consumable resource.

I thank you for your time and I realize that I have been long winded but this is not an issue that I can take lightly. I am currently 48 years old, I just purchased my first home three years ago and within the next couple of months I have marriage plans. It would be nice if I didn't have to worry about loosing my job.

Sincerely,



Jeff J. Goertz

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March 6, 2003

Honorable Spencer Abraham
Secretary US Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585

Mr. Abraham,

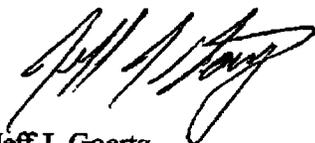
Enclosed is a letter that I have written to the delegation from my state.

This would include:

Senator Patty Murray
Senator Maria Cantwell
Representative Rick Larsen
Representative Norm Dicks
Representative Doc Hastings
Representative Jay Inslee
Representative Adam Smith
Representative Jim McDermott
Representative Jennifer Dunn

I respectfully thank you for your time in this matter and would appreciate your support in this matter.

Sincerely,



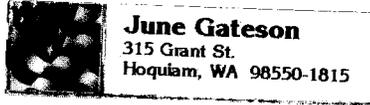
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Hoquiam, Wn.
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Dear Sir:

This increase in our P.U.D bills can't continue. A 50% raise in little over a year has put many of our Seniors in a very desperate position.

As you probably already know - this Grays Harbor area is a depressed area and many people do not have jobs since the logging is almost down.

Why was the low-cost power sold to private utilities & now we are stuck with the expensive power. This is very unfair to our local P.U.D and it's customers. It sounds like an illegal deal and we are the goats!

Right now people have to make choices - should I heat my house, have food in my cupboards or get the medicine I need to stay well.

Enough is enough and we can't stand another raise. Try to be fair & considerate. It's your place to get this taken care of properly.

Sincerely,
June Gateson

SN-03-W-0691

711 W. 24th Ave.
Kernum, WA 98337
April 8, 2003

APR 11 2003

Steve Wright,
B. P. a. P.O. Box 3621
Portland, Oregon 97208-3621

Dear Steve:

We are writing to say how much we appreciate having the service your company provides; and also to say we really want to pay for all we are liable for.

Harvested at ages 81 & 82 years of age, we find ourselves, at a financial disadvantage, primarily due to several, long illnesses (just formal diagnoses), thus using most of the savings we thought would secure a comfortable life in our old age.

We have been fortunate to acquire wood, at quite reasonable prices, for our wood-burning fireplace insert, kept going and sawing, (bringing wood from your orchards near by). Harvest and health is now deteriorating and we will be unable to continue this practice, in order to keep our electrical bills to a minimum.

Sincerely,
Sutton Hoffarth
Mrs. M. Hoffarth

SN-03-W-0692

STEUER WRIGHT - ADMINISTRATOR
BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION
P.O. BOX 3621
PORTLAND, OR. 97208

4-8-03

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Mr Elmer Harr
605 6th St N
Montesano, WA 98563-1503

PH. 360 249 3260

SIR:

This is to let you know that we ratepayers at Grays Harbor P.U.D. are demanding some relief from your practice of passing on increases that you have for 2 years now.

The practice of giving private utilities lower power costs and increasing power costs to P.U.D.'s is allegedly illegal. Likewise fish enhancement costs have to be reduced to protect the rate payer, for example!

We expect management to cut costs instead of breaking down the income base which is the rate payers who sustain the whole system!

Not a happy camper,
Elmer and Evelyn Harr

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APR 11 2003

Alan D. Rammer
PO Box 547
Montesano, WA 98563-0547
April 9, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am writing to you in hopes of letting you know how appalled I am that you are operating BPA in a less than scrupulous manner. I am very upset that because of your less than impeccable business dealings and operations savvy, the citizens of the northwest are left to foot the bill to correct this disaster why those companies who saw great financial gain at our expense go merrily on their way. I am not sure if I am in a position (or have all the facts) to state without a doubt that these dealing are illegal but it is very apparent that something "is rotten in Denmark".

Rather than investigate to correct the situation and call to task those who have done wrong against BPA, the private utilities and ultimately the rate payers, you just keep on hitting the us with rate increases to make up for the mismanagement of this administration. How much longer do you think this can go on without serious repercussions to the ratepayers? Do you sincerely believe the depth of their pockets is endless? Do you sincerely believe that every time BPA has a problem you can say "Oh let's just hit the rate payers" rather than to look at the source of the problem and to be strong enough to correct it head on?

I do not believe the problem is entirely BPA's but I do not believe you have been doing enough to stand up to the apparent illegal activities that have resulted from the mismanagement of the California market and the spin off to the northwest. I assume that you were hired for your excellent business and managerial skills but right now I am doubtful as to your ability to stand up to the "big boys" and make the right decisions when the road gets tough.

Please do not keep passing the buck with more rate increases to the ratepayers. This is nuts. This is out of control and only someone at your level can bring this madness to a grinding halt. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of the ratepayers of the northwest.

Sincerely,



Alan D. Rammer

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Rita L. Niles



604 Simpson Avenue ♦ Aberdeen, WA 98520

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March 30, 2003

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

Re: Power rate increases

Dear Mr. Wright,

I am writing this letter in response to your proposed rate increase of 15% for the Grays Harbor area. I am currently paying an average winter bill of \$250.00 a month for PUD. This means that I am paying approximately 14% of my monthly income for electricity. I have practiced all the energy conservation techniques that have been recommended, yet my cost continues to rise. Unfortunately, my wages do not!

Grays Harbor is not an affluent area. I am a social worker, and work with many poverty level folks who have to apply for charitable assistance to keep from having their electricity turned off. There are never enough of these funds to go around. This means that children are suffering cold and damp environments because their parents are forced to choose between food or heat. If you think this is an exaggeration, I invite you to be my "work buddy" for a day. I'll show you the reality of your mismanagement.

The illegal profiteering must stop! People are suffering from your incompetency! Shame on you, Mr. Administrator, shame on you!

Sincerely,



Rita L. Niles

cc: Grays Harbor PUD Commissioner

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April 4, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

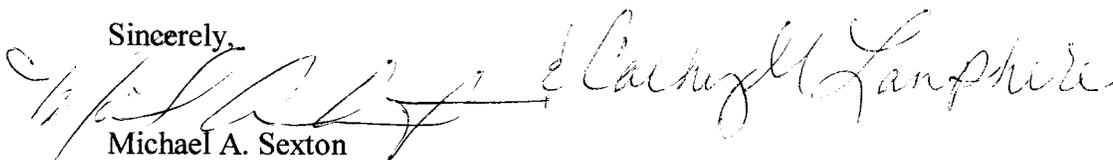
I am a customer of Lewis Co. PUD that buys nearly all its power for Bonneville Power Administration. I'm concerned deeply about our electrical bill. BPA power costs have increased dramatically since Oct. 2001. Now you want another 25% Safety Net CRAC in Oct. 2003.

The Pacific NW is reeling from a bad and depleting economy and loss of jobs; we suffer some of the highest unemployment rates in the nation. Businesses have closed (one after another), 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 a recovery if we suffer another increase in our power bills. Our business will not be able to withstand another blow at this time. This being our only source of survival for our family. Since your rate increase in Oct. 2001, we have quit using our furnace and changed every lightbulb in our home to florescent. My partner and I freeze at our shop while trying to work our business, since we already cannot afford to turn the heat on. The possibility of another increase could shut down our business and cost us everything we have worked so hard for.

BPA has dramatically exceeded its own budget the past two years, and we read that it will take another three years or 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,



Michael A. Sexton
Cathy M. Lanphere

216 Poetsch Rd.
Toledo, WA 98591

cc: Representative Brian Baird
Senator Patty Murray
Senator Maria Cantwell

SN-03-W-0696

APR 11 2003

Ira H. and Jerolyn Coen

468 Gehrke Road
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360-452-6541
jerrimac@aol.com

April 7, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright,

We strongly object to any 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,

Ira H. Coen & Jerolyn A. Coen

Ira H. Coen, Jr, and Jerolyn A. Coen

SN-03-W-0697

APR 11 2003

Date: 4-9-03

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 am 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 solve its budget crisis – passing these costs on to my neighbors and myself 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,

Leo Heintz & Joan M. Heintz
3550 I.E. HWY.
WINE COUNTRY VILLA, S.P. II 14
PROSSER, WA. 99350

CC: NW delegation and Benton PUD

P.S. WE PREFER AFFORDABLE ELECTRICITY
TO HEAT & COOL OUR HOME, A 1000 TO ONE,
TO A RIVER FULL OF FISH, AND WE ARE
AVOID FISHERMAN.

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April 8, 2003

Mr. Wright,

I'm taking time out of my busy day of raising 6 children to let you know that I'm angry at the unlawful things you and your people have done. You should be cutting costs rather than seeking additional rate increases from the Grays Harbor PUD.

I take responsibility for my finances and there should be responsibility on your part!

Not happy,

Therese Backholm
1600 W 6th St.
Aberdeen, WA 98520

APR 11 2003

Mr. Wright,

What does the B.P.A. think we all are going to do.

We will be on fixed incomes soon when my husband retires.

I started last year buying night lights for all the rooms we use also so we could become bat like. The furnace is turned down, I buy the new light bulbs that use less power, wash in cold water what else can I do. We had the house sided 2 yrs ago new windows also the wood stove runs when it can.

Our household like many including nurses work shifts, our house does not shut down.

My mother in law so shuts off part of her house in winter can't do her painting because the room uses base board heat. My uncessed bedrooms had the vents closed also, my spare room full of my craft supplies is so cold

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I hate running in there for things
so my warm family room gets full
of things for my projects when the
wood store is going.

There must be something you
can do besides raise rates. Look
again

Mrs. Judy Westcott
Pasco Wn.
509-547-7988

February 15, 2003

Representative Mike Armstrong
PO Box 40600
424 John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia WA 98504-0600

Dear Representative Armstrong,

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When the cost of "cheap" hydroelectric power is half again more than what much of the nation pays, it may be time for the Department of Energy to look into what is happening at the BPA.

Please do all you can to save these jobs and the communities these jobs support.

Thank you,



Daniel R Cheatham
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c.c.: Mr. Stephen J. Wright, BPA Administrator
c.c.: Honorable Spencer Abraham, Secretary US Department of Energy

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February 15, 2003

Representative Cathy McMorris
Republican Leader
PO Box 40600
Mod 2 Building – Room 110-E
Olympia WA 98504-0600

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February 15, 2003

Senator Linda Evans Parlette
PO Box 40412
106 A Irving R. Newhouse Building
Olympia WA 98504-0412

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From: Matt Beaton [MattBeaton@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, April 11, 2003 1:13 PM
To: comments@bpa.gov
Subject: NO MORE RATE INCREASES!!!!

If rates have to be raised again, there should be some resignations. The BPA is being run without accountability. I for one am tired of it. Start at the top and fire all of the inept, entrenched government employees that haven't demonstrated they could manage a hamburger stand, let alone the BPA. You lock in forward contracts to purchase at the peak and then when rates collapse you can't sell the surplus power to plug the budget holes. You gambled with everyone's money and lost. BPA management sucks and should be fired. Your crew of idiots wouldn't survive a year running there own business. A management team like yours only survives in a monopoly. I am so totally disgusted!!

PS: Why not hold a meeting in the Tri-Cities?

If my facts are incorrect please send me the correct ones so I can get my blood pressure back to normal.

Thank you,

Matt Beaton
608 Rd 52
Pasco, WA 99301

Neva J. Corkrum
District 1

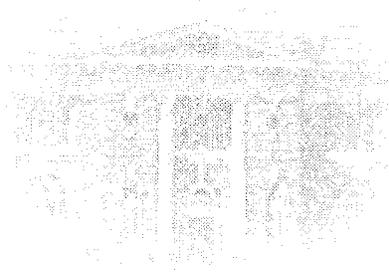
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Board of County Commissioners
FRANKLIN COUNTY

April 7, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

We are customers of the Franklin Public Utility District (PUD), which purchases power from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). We are considerably worried about our electric bill. BPA power costs have increased dramatically since October 2001 and now BPA threatens another 15% increase in October.

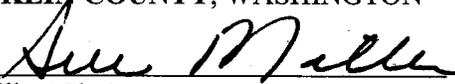
The Pacific Northwest is reeling from a bad economy and loss of jobs. We suffer some of the highest unemployment rates in the nation. Businesses have closed, and our basic public services, schools and our very future are threatened. The economy in this region must turn around and begin to recover. We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

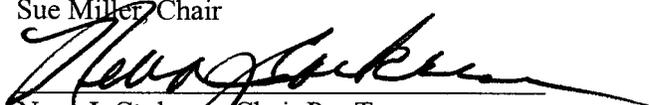
BPA has dramatically exceeded its own budget the past two years, and we read that it will take another three years of the current high rates plus the proposed large price increase before costs are under control. Customers like us need relief now. BPA must realize the part it has played in our dismal regional economy. BPA must solve its budget crisis – passing these costs on to others 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,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON


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