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From: Raymond Ambriz [raya@crcwnet.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 13, 2003 4:28 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Rate Increases

April 16, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am a customer of a consumer owned electric utility that purchases power from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). I'm concerned about my electric bill. BPA power costs have increased dramatically since October 2001. Now the BPA threatens a 25% safety net-CRAC in October, 2003.

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

BPA has dramatically exceeded its own budget the past two years, And I read that it will take another three years of 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 rates is in your agency's control. I urge you to do as others have done in the region, by tightening their belts. BPA must find ways to cut costs. Don't let your agency force the Northwest into total economic chaos.

Sincerely

Raymond Ambriz

424 I St. SE
Quincy, WA 98848-1524

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APR 14 2003

From: Orie L. Francis [orieo@bigdam.net]
Sent: Friday, April 11, 2003 5:32 PM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Rate increase

Dear Mr. Wright:

I would like to comment on the proposed rate increase for 2003.

If we must choose between whether or not people have electricity that is "reasonably priced" and "wild salmon" - you may be surprised to know that most people will choose the electricity and catch and eat hatchery salmon. The average ratepayer and taxpayer does not care if the "wild" salmon do become extinct!!!

Our electricity rates already went up a lot a few years ago - to pay for the cost of fish flush.

We are on a fixed income and our cost of living increase certainly did not go up 25%!!!!

Sincerely,

Myrna J. Francis
Electric City, WA 99123

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From: Jeffrey Jensen [jjensen@qosi.net]

Sent: Friday, April 11, 2003 9:00 PM

To: Comment@bpa.gov

Subject: no to rate increases

Dear Mr. Wright,

I am writing to you in regards to the rate increases proposed by Bonneville Power Administration. I live in Grant County which owns and operates its own dams but still must buy power from BPA till the year 2005. We cannot afford an increase of 25% over what we are already paying. My budget cannot afford anymore increases with the increases I have seen this year in other things such as gas and groceries. I am asking that other ways be found to avoid such an increase at this time. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Jeff Jensen

4/14/2003

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From: Rusty [r-mlavio@bossig.com]
Sent: Friday, April 11, 2003 9:58 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: BPA RAte increase

Dear Mr. Steve Wright,

Please register my husband and I, Marion and Rusty La Violette, as strongly opposed to the Safety Net CRAC raise of rates. We are on a low retirement income and just cant afford any more increases.

We understand, according to the Republic News Miner, that at this point the BPA is threatening to raise their rates. Please do not let them go ahead with it, if you can stop it at all. Thank You.

Marion and Rusty La Violette
5 Vista Drive
Republic, WA 99166

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Tom Hale [tom.hale@gte.net]
Sent: Friday, April 11, 2003 10:11 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Cc: President George W. Bush; U.S. Representative Rick Larsen (D); U.S. Representative Jay Inslee (D); U.S. Senator Patty Murray (D); U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell (D); Governor Gary Locke
Subject: PUD Rate Increase Proposal

To: Steven Wright, Administrator BPA

Re: PUD Rate Increase Proposal

Dear Sir,

Please consider this short appeal to explore and implement other options over a blanket rate increase to us PUD customers. The PUD has worked to make good decisions regarding power generation and BPA purchases. In a society where "LEAN" is in everyone's best interest, I ask that you consider PUD alternatives to rate hikes as well as your own.

Please hold our rates steady during this tough economy.

Thanks Sincerely,

Tom Hale, PUD Customer
23305 N. Lake Cochran Rd.
Monroe, WA 98272
360-794-9054
tom.hale@gte.net

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Larry L. O'Connell [larryo@montanasky.net]
Sent: Saturday, April 12, 2003 7:03 AM
To: comments@bpa.gov
Subject: Possible Rate Increases

To Whom it may concern:

Was just notified yesterday, by the Flathead Electric Coop of a potential rate increase by you people this fall. This, to me, as a payer is abhorrent to say the least! I have seen, and gone through several rate increases in the past few years and have to ask when is enough enough? You can only squeeze so much blood out of a turnip and all that this will do, if you do raise your rates is cause us, the general rate-paying public to find other means of obtaining energy. Us rural Montanans are a tad bit more ingenious than people are led to believe. So, with that in mind, it would be my hope that you do take the time to carefully consider the possibility of another rate increase to our Coop.

Thank you.

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From: robert romero [shy7ranch@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 12, 2003 6:47 AM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Cc: senator_murry@murry.senate.gov
Subject: Bonneville Power Administration

Please allow me to introduce myself. I am Robert F. Romero. I am contacting you folks electronically to ask that you assist in NOT allowing (BPA) Bonneville Power Administration to increase power fees. The proposed increase in power will impact buisness as well as private homeoners in the greater northwest. Specifically the already economically strapped portion of eastern Washington State known as Grant, Lincoln, Douglas and Okanogan counties. In the past many buisness have been forced to close due to issues like too high energy costs. This has resulted in rising un-employment and folks that can hardly pay grocery bills being forced from thier homes. Please vote no on any rate increase. As a voter, a tax payer and a patriot, I feel that my request is not too much to ask. Big buisness will benifit and will continue to grow and become rich on the tax payers back. I know that power is necessary and expensive to produce, but perhaps alternative methods of producing clean energy should be explored. Thank you for taking time to read this transmission.

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From: mitchj [mitchj@mymailstation.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 12, 2003 10:22 AM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Raise Rates:

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

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

I appreciate to hear from you very much.

Janet Mitchell

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From: nsprague [nsprague@techline.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 12, 2003 3:23 PM
To: comments@bpa.gov
Cc: jimmeddy@techline.com
Subject: proposed rate increase

Steve Wright,

I feel very strongly that if you as management made a mistake (legal or illegal), you should correct it at your expense not mine. Your proposed rate increase is unfair to me the local citizen to make up for mistakes you have made. You are supposed to be making it better for me and other local citizens, not worse. Do the job you have been asked to do.

Norm Sprague
nsprague@techline.com

4/14/2003

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Bob hOLLOWAY [AGBOB@bossig.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 12, 2003 4:16 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Cc: senator_murray@murray.senate.gov; maria_cantwell@cantwell.senate.gov
Subject: BPA rates

To: Steve Wright, BPA

As farmers and warehouse commodity storage providers, we wish to request no increase in powere rates. We have been struggling with rate increases over the past ten years. To increase again would be a real detrimate to surviving. Please find a way to cut your costs without hurting the region.

Sincerely,
Robert and Agnes Holloway

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From: Kimberly Webb [res00677@gte.net]
Sent: Saturday, April 12, 2003 5:41 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Cc: president@whitehouse.gov; vice.president@whitehouse.gov; rick.larsen@mail.house.gov;
senator_murray@murray.senate.gov
Subject: Concern regarding \$900 Million Shortfall at BPA

April 12, 2003

Mr. Stephen Wright,

I am very concerned with the \$900 million dollar shortfall and the plan to make up for it.

I think it would be almost criminal to increase rates BEFORE ensuring that all aspects of cost cutting WITHIN the organization have taken place.

Doing the right thing is usually harder and takes more effort than doing the easy thing but I'm certain you will do everything in your power to see that the right decisions are made.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Webb
Everett, Washington

4/14/2003

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: PEGGY ROSANE [peggyjorosane@msn.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 13, 2003 3:03 AM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Subject: POWER COSTS

Mr. Wright:

I am a customer of a consumer-owned electric utility that buys power from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA).

I'm worried about my electric bill. BPA power costs have increased dramatically since October 2001. Now BPA threatens a 25% Safety Net CRAC in October.

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

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

Customers like me need relief now.

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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.

Why is that we generate and supply an abundance of Electricity here, which a lot of it goes to California . .

and we have the HIGHEST ELECTRICITY RATES ? !

Sincerely,

Peggy Rosane

Pasco, Wa.

4/14/2003

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Dick & Joyce Behrens [omaopa@vib.tv]
Sent: Sunday, April 13, 2003 12:23 PM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Cc: maria-cantwell@cantwell.senate.gov
Subject: Bonneville rate hike

We have lived in the Pacific Northwest for fifty five years and one of the reasons we have decided to spend our retirement years here is because of the reasonable electric rates. We are both retired teachers and our income is very limited. A large increase, as proposed, would be devastating. It would also be much harder to attract the much needed industry to our area,

We ask you think long and hard before imposing this increase on our area.

Dick and Joyce Behrens
530 Wetzel ST.
Grand Coulee, WA 99133

omaopa@vib.tv

4/14/2003

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: MMcgr52202@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, April 13, 2003 12:55 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: No Rate Increases Please!

Dear Stephen Wright,

I urge you to look for alternative solutions rather than raising the BPA power rates. One suggestion is to cut costs in administrative areas. Please look long and hard for additional ways to prevent a power rate increase.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Jody McGrath

4/14/2003

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Gordy and/or Lorna [dirtball@olynet.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 13, 2003 3:15 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov.
Subject: Power Rates

The fact that I am being charged an increase because of mismanagement really angers me. It is time our costs are reduced not raised. Maybe you should monitor the actions of your business ventures and be responsible for your actions instead of putting your blunders on the rate payers. If you had to pay for your own mistakes, maybe you would take more care before jumping into a venture that isn't in the best interest of the power companies.

I demand that you stop your illegal sales and poor management and start looking out for the best interest of the people that are made liable for your blunders.

Sincerely,

Gordy and Lorna Grube
Elma, WA



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From: JR Realty [jbacks@libby.org]
Sent: Sunday, April 13, 2003 12:47 PM
To: comments@bpa.gov
Subject: Rate increase possibility in Lincoln Co. Montana

Dear BPA

I understand you may increase the wholesale rates you charge Flathead Electric Co-Op here in NW Montana. We have a power generating dam here in our backyard, yet we have some of the highest rates anywhere. We should have some of the lowest rates in the country here, but since our Libby Dam was stolen from us we are paying ridiculous rates. Can you tell me why we are paying so much when the dam is in our own backyard??

Did BPA have anything to do with the energy crisis in California a couple of years ago that drove the rates so high?? I understand Enron and many other energy companies caused this so they could jack up rates and increase their profits. I think you need to give the people who have the natural resources(water) and dams in their area a much better rate than you do people living a thousand miles away. My son lives in Wyoming and pays 37% less than we do per KWH. Makes no sense whatsoever.

Thanks

**John Backs
Lincoln County Montana
406-293-9458**

4/14/2003

SN-03-W-0721

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2003 8:53 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: Affordable Power

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

From: christopher s krzepinski [mailto:krzepinski@juno.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 13, 2003 9:07 PM
To: sjwright@bpa.gov
Subject: Affordable Power

April 13, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am a customer of a consumer-owned electric utility that buys power from Bonneville Powe Adminstration (BPA). I'm worried about my electric bill. BPA power costs have increased dramatically since October 2001. Now BPA is proposing another increase of 25% (Safety Net CRAC) this October.

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

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 a proposed large price increase before costs are under control. Customers like me need relief now. BPA must realize the part it plays in our regional economy now and in the future if recovery is to happen. BPA must solve its own budget crisis by making cuts, not by passing these costs on to my neighbors and me through higher electric rates.

The answer to these high electricity prices is in your agency's control. I urge you to do as others have in the region- by making serious cost cutting measures and deferring other expenses until the region has recovered. BPA must find ways to cut costs. Don't let yout agency force the Northwest into economic collapse.

Sincerely,

Christopher Krzepinski
2903 Shawnee Dr. N.W
Gig Harbor, WA. 98335

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Doug and Jan Fletcher [fletfarm@moseslake-wa.com]
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2003 9:03 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov; Senator Patty Murray; Senator Maria Cantwell; Representative Doc Hastings; Grant County PUD
Subject: Attn: Steve Wright - rate increase comment

Dear Mr Wright:

I recently received a notice from the Grant County (WA) PUD that a power rate increase is being considered by BPA, to be enacted this October. This is of great concern to me, and I would like to tell you why.

We own a small (80 acre) hay farm in Grant County. I hoped that I could supplement our modest retirement income by growing hay on this farm, such as I have done over the last 20 years. However, that is getting harder and harder to do. Electrical rates are rising, fuel costs are rising, fertilizer costs are rising, everything is rising but income. I just completed our income tax preparation for last year, so have a pretty good handle on what happened, and it is a grim picture. The only hope I have of turning things around is when equipment depreciation ends, and that will only show a profit on paper, as the old equipment I have is already paid for, it is just that the IRS still allows me to depreciate it on the income tax forms. So even if I did not include any equipment depreciation for last year, my total net income would have been \$366! This is for an entire years worth of hard, oftentimes back breaking dangerous work.

Last year my electricity cost for pumping water was \$2,208. The PUD said that your proposed increase will be 25%. I don't know how that blends in with PUD power, but if half the power I get from the PUD comes from BPA with a 25% rate increase, I think that means my pumping bill will be 12.5% higher next year than it was last year, all other things being the same. That alone would add \$276 to next year's farming costs over last year's, so my net income would then be down to \$90 for next year. Where does this end? I don't really think it is BPA's goal (or the PUD's) to put all us small farmers out of business, but that is the end result, with continuing rate increases. Is there anything you can do within your own agency to economize, and do without this rate increase? Anything you could do would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Douglas H. and Janet M. Fletcher

CC - Senator Patty Murray
Senator Maria Cantwell
Congressman Doc Hastings
Grant County PUD

From: Melody Cross [flamingomac@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2003 9:16 AM
To: comments@bpa.gov
Subject: Proposed Rate Increase

As a member of the Flathead Electric Coop, I would like to voice my opinion about the proposed wholesale power rate increase. Presently many FEC customers are faced with electric bills that are beyond their means to pay. Wages in the Flathead Valley are below national averages and increasing the electric rates will correspondingly increase the burden on low and middle income consumers. I know of families who pay over \$200 a month for electricity. We need electricity and many of us feel like there is little regard for what these rate increases do to the consumers who are already scraping to pay their current high bills. I hope you will reconsider the rate increase planned for October. Many of us here in the Flathead Valley will simply not be able to pay our bills. There are also not enough "help" programs to assist all those in need.

Melody Cross Gower

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From: vlmccullough@attbi.com
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2003 9:58 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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SN CRAC Rate Proposal
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Vicki McCullough

vlmccullough@attbi.com

360-332-0909

P.O. Box 2345

Blaine WA 98231-2345

 I would like to protest the fact that Bonneville Power Company (BPA) has announced yet another increase in current rates of 15% to go into effect October 1st, 2003. It seems to be extremely high due to the more than 50% increase that has already occurred in the last couple of years and will cost the Northwest economy more than one billion dollars over the next three years.

Many industries moved to Washington to take advantage of the low cost hydropower. However, because of these increases they are now paying more for power in Washington than ever before. It is threatening businesses, industries and residents. Several companies that had interruptible power contracts have shut down.

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

These industries are at the core of many Northwest communities and provide the foundation for numerous secondary employment opportunities and also provide substantial tax revenues. Future NW employment levels depend on the ability to economically produce products in the NW, which is largely influenced by the cost of power.

This proposed rate increase will do more than jeopardize high paying jobs it will slow or prevent economic recovery in the NW as well as exacerbate the state's budget crisis and take one billion dollars out of the state's economy. A record number of residences can't pay their utility bills now and if this increase is imposed there will be more and more people doing without.

It is not necessary for the BPA to raise their rates at this time. It has other options and the tools to meet all of its legal obligations, including protecting the fish and wildlife.

This region simply cannot support an additional billion dollar hit to its economy over the next three years. You must avoid this rate increase.

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Russ Miller [russm@bentonrea.com]
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2003 12:12 PM
To: Steve Wright
Subject: Rate Increase

Dear Mr. Wright: I am a customer of Grant County Public Utility District located here in Ephrata, WA. I am concerned about your proposed rate increase slated for this fall. I am on a fixed income and therefore have no latitude to adjust for increases in the basic necessity's. Your rate increase is just plain wrong. The region is already suffering from a bad economy. The aluminum industry is shut down, the farmers are in big trouble. You have to solve your own budget problems without saddling us with increased costs. You have to internally cut your own costs. Bite the bullet!

4/14/2003

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From: Richard Hogsett [Richard.Hogsett@SGSilicon.com]
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2003 12:28 PM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Cc: maria_cantwell@cantwell.senate.gov; senator_murray@murray.senate.gov
Subject: BPA Rate Increase

14 April, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am a resident of Grant County, Washington and a customer of a consumer-owned electric utility that buys power from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). I am concerned about my electric bill and the impact that the BPA power costs have had on it. BPA power costs have risen dramatically since October 2001. I now hear that BPA plans to initiate the 25% Safety Net CRAC in October of this year.

The Pacific Northwest is going through a very difficult economic time with our nation's economic woes and we have lost a significant amount of jobs. We have some of the highest unemployment rates in the nation. Businesses have closed, our basic public services, schools and future are threatened due to these economic woes. The economy in the region must turn around and recover. That cannot happen if there is another increase in our power bills.

BPA has dramatically exceeded its own budget the past two years and I 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 that part it has played in our dismal regional economy. We have taken steps in our personal budgets to combat the poor economic climate. BPA must solve its budget crisis- passing these costs onto 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 to further slide into an economic abyss.

Sincerely,
Richard N. Hogsett
Moses Lake, WA

CC: NW Delegation
Grant County PUD

APR 14 2003

From: cfisher10@webtv.net
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2003 12:31 PM
To: comments@bpa.gov
Subject: rate increases

As a member of Flathead Electric Co-op, I am totally opposed to any further rate increases by you to the Co-op. The economy of this area is poor to begin with and further rate increases just makes matters worse. Many people now can hardly afford to heat their homes and are looking for alternative methods. It seems to me that if you would keep your rates down then you would keep more customers there by increasing your revenue.

Sincerely,
Carol Fisher

APR 14 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Marv Pessein [mpessein@bentonrea.com]
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2003 12:36 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Reconsideration of rate increase

April 14, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

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

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

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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.

Please consider other methods of solving your current budget crisis without increasing our utility rates.

Thank you for your consideration and understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,

Harley & Bernice Pessein

Cc: NW delegation
Grant County PUD

4/14/2003

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APR 14 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Hage, Bonnie - DR-7
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2003 12:46 PM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: Customer Objection to Rate Increase

FYI -- I received a call from Francis Olman in Everett, WA objecting to our rate increase (she is 81 years old and can't afford this increase).

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April 11-03

Mr. Wright

I'm praying we will not see
any Rate Increases in the Near
future.

I'm a widow on a fixed Income
& any Increase amount would
certainly be burdensome for me.

Please Reconsider & learn to
cut back the same as us
Elderly persons have to.

Dolores Provost
Moses Lake, WA.

Dolores Provost
3328 W Lakeshore Dr.
Moses Lake, WA 98837

SN-03-W-0731

APR 14 2003

4-9-03

Steve Wright
PO Box 3621
Portland, OR 97208-3621

Dear Mr Wright:

As customers of Lewis County PUD we are concerned and object to the 25% Safety Net CRAC that would start in October. This would place a hardship on senior citizens such as us. We urge you to cut your costs and control your spending so that Safety Net Crac will not be needed.

Sincerely,

Birdetta J. Coburn
B. Coburn

Mr & Mrs Al Coburn
P.O. Box 700
Morton, WA 98356

SN-03-W-0792

APR 14 2003

April 10, 2003

Steve Wright
Administrator BPA
P.O. Box 3621
Portland Or. 97208-3621

Steve,

Just a note to ask you to reconsider your thoughts on the rate increases. I realize that costs have gone up, but I would ask you to consider the fact that we are not all like big CEOs drawing large salaries. My social security check increased by a little over \$ 10.00 last year to a WHOPPING \$544.00 per month. Now my electrical bill went from an equal payment plan of \$90.00 per month to \$141.00 per month. That is a very substantial rate increase and now you have the audacity to suggest that we might need another 25% to 40% increase. That is just plain ludicrous. I have a problem with increases this large, even with a very vivid imagination I don't see any way this can be a legitimate cost. Maybe another solution would be to check into the salaries of some of the personnel that run some of these power entities that are in the multi-million dollar range. The cost of living hasn't increased near this amount, I think you should look into other alternatives for you increased funding.

Respectfully,



L. Bruce Showalter
Post Office Box 7252
Kenenwick, Wa 99336-0616

cc Benton PUD

SN-03-W-0732

Steve Wright, Administrator

I believe the proposed increase of 25% by (BPA) Bonneville Power Administration; will be a hardship to my family. Both my wife and I are retired on a fixed income.

If we were raising a family as are most families; this proposed increase would be a hardship also.

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I say "NO" to BPA
rate increase.

Joseph Bert Matteo Sr
Ephrata, WA

22600 115th PL SE.
Kent, WA 98031

40 acre property
owner

SN-03-W-0734

APR 14 2003

Steve Wright, BPA Administrator

We are worried about the cost of electricity in Grant county starting April 1, 2003. We are a family of two ages ranging from 70 to 73. We are on a fixed income and getting by from month to month. Any increase in a monthly utility will affect our life style and I don't think its justified. We don't smoke or drink and don't spend money foolishly. Give us a break. Adopt some other measure to save money and make up the reason to increase the rate

Tom Phinney
Coralie Barrett
8190 Rd. 813 NW
Ephtata, Wa 98823

P.S. It cost a hell of a lot ~~to~~ for getting sick and we are ripe at our age.

SN-03-W-2715

P.O. Box 44
Wheeler, Or. 97147
April 11-03

Dear Mr. Wright,
We live in Tillamook
County, in Oregon and we buy
electricity from Tillamook P.U.D.
which buys it from B.P.A.
I read that B.P.A. wants
a 25 per cent Safety Net CRAC
in October.

You and I know government
agencies thinks the public
has an never ending supply
of money. Not so our pockets
are nearly empty.
Government needs to cut
back and live within there
means.

Please reconsider the
rate increase.

My husband and I would
thank you.

Sincerely,
Mr. + Mrs. Glenn Strick

APR 14 2003

April 11, 2003
5410 Lerch Road
Snohomish, WA 98290-7797

23 Main - P. O. Box 593
Soap Lake, WA 98851

Mr. Steve Wright, Administrator
BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION
P. O. Box 3621
Portland, OR 97208-3621

Dear Mr. Wright:

How much more can the consumer-tax payer bare. With costs rising, property taxes, insurance, food, gasoline, medical, licenses, etc., etc., and still keeping up our school bonds, how much more can we tolerate.

Rather than raising power costs, try cutting expenses and save our economy and citizens of more financial burdens.

Enough is enough, try CUTTING. I am a multi power consumer and such an increase that you propose, will create a burden to near financial disaster.

You are authorized to send a copy of this letter to Senator Patty Murray, Senator Maria Cantwell and Congressman Doc Hastings. Had I their address would do it myself. Thank you.

Sincerely,



OLIVER K. JERGENSEN



MARIE A. JERGENSEN

MARIE A. JERGENSEN

cc: Grant Co. PUD
Attn: Jerri Mickle
P. O. Box 878
Ephrata, WA 98823

SN-03-W-0137

APR 14 2003

April 11, 2003
Rogal City, Wa.
97357
P.O. Box 607

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am a customer of consumer-owned electric utility that buys power from B.P.A. I am worried about my electric bill. B.P.A. power costs have increased dramatically since October of 2001. Now B.P.A. threatens a 25% safety net CRAC in October.

Our Pacific Northwest economy is suffering right now. Jobs lost, businesses closed and basic services cut, future threatened. The economy in this region must ~~return~~ turn around. B.P.A. must find another way to solve their budget crisis, instead of passing the costs on to my neighbors and me.

I am 79 years old, trying to live in my modest home (840 sq. feet) but my highest bills (mild) - \$100.00 per month. If I cannot pay my bills, my quality of life will be threatened. Sincerely
Kala Hooper

SN-03-W-0118

APR 14 2003

April 9, 2003

Dear Mr. Wright,

I am asking you not to raise the electric rates yet again. My husband works for the State and wages were frozen in 2002 and most likely will be again this year. As he nears retirement we worry about how we'll be able to afford the increases in not only electricity but medical insurance, property taxes and gasoline.

In 2002 there was an abundance of Salmon caught in the Tri-Cities both in the Columbia and Yakima Rivers. Perhaps funding for the Salmon programs could be cut rather than raising rates again.

Sincerely,
Barbara Judy
107308 Harrington Rd.
West Richland WA 99353

SN-03-W-0739

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April 10, 2003

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

Re: Grant County Utility Rate Increase

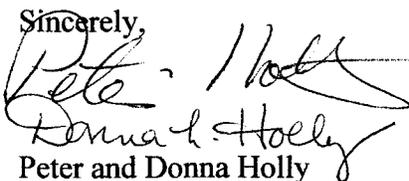
Dear Mr. Wright:

It is not fair to Grant County PUD customers to have to bear the responsibility of the BPA's mismanagement during the Enron case by having to pay increased power rates.

Grant County PUD customers had no say in the BPA power decision and we should not have to pay increased utility rates for their mistakes.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Peter and Donna Holly in black ink. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Peter and Donna Holly
11093 Rd. 4.4 NE
Moses Lake, WA 98837

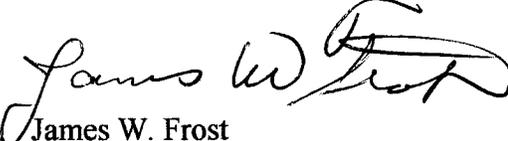
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APR 14 2003

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

Mr. Wright,

It is of great concern for us the possibility of your administration increasing our power rates *again*. We are members of Grant County PUD. The economy of this region in Eastern Washington State is on the decline. BPA must not add to this problem by imposing higher costs on our PUD. Our personal budgets are being stretched so we now can afford only necessities. BPA must do the same. A good start would be to quit spending so much money on fish.


James W. Frost


Nancy A. Frost

364 Elmer City Access Road,
Coulee Dam, Washington
99116

SN-03-W-0741

April 10, 2003

APR 14 2003

Dear Mr. Steve Wright,

Please consider making the rate increase to Grant County residents an absolute minimum. This county has a low population and the per capita income is low compared to the statewide average - particularly compared to the west side of the state or more urban areas. The nature of the county is rural and many people work at factories such as Jamb Weston or Simplot or work on farms. In some ways there are so few advantages to living here, most of us drive thirty to sixty miles for appointments or much of our shopping.

Your consideration in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Donny K Hayes
19486 Road 7 NW
Quincy, WA 98848

SN-03-W-0142



Frank and Karla Beardsley

APR 14 2003

April 10, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright,

As a customer of a consumer-owned utility that buys power from Bonneville Power Administration, I was shocked to learn that the BPA is threatening a 25% Safety Net CRAC later this year.

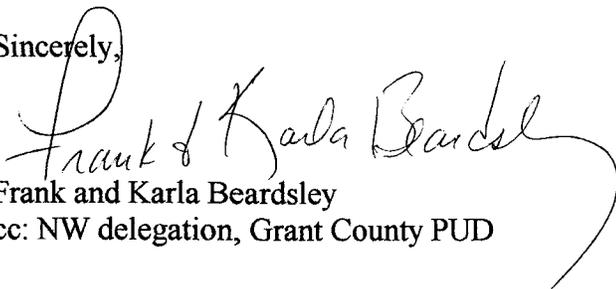
As you know, the Pacific Northwest is already in rather desperate economic shape, with thousands out of work and businesses being forced into receivership every day. Our most basic services, schools and even our future are already threatened. Additional power rate increases brought about by your proposed action would have an extreme negative impact on any economic recovery this year or in the immediate future.

In the economic climate of today, survival is possible for many of us only by tightening our already squeezing belts. This is particularly true for retirees like my wife and I, living on ever declining interest returns at a time of ever increasing costs. I can only imagine how severe your proposed increases will be to those businesses in our area whose very existence depends on holding the line on costs.

Is it possible that BPA has failed to take the same kind of steps required of the rest of us? I understand BPA has dramatically exceeded its own budget over the past two years. I've cut costs to survive. Our local utility has cut expenses and absorbed costs to help us. It would appear the BPA needs to find an answer to its problems in some way other than wreaking havoc in the thousands of households and business places that will be affected if BPA goes ahead with its threatened increases.

It would be sad indeed, would it not, if the BPA, designed and operated with the express purpose of helping the region in which we live have a better way of life, should instead be the instrument of its total economic collapse. I urge the BPA to do as so many of the rest of us have already done; tighten your belt, reduce costs and forgo any action that would have such far reaching, negative effect on our area and our country.

Sincerely,


Frank and Karla Beardsley
cc: NW delegation, Grant County PUD

Frank and Karla Beardsley
P. O. Box 775
Coulee City, WA 99115

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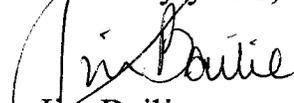
April 10, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright,

I am writing you today to express, in the strongest possible terms, my concerns for any immediate increase in BPA'S power rates. Our local economy is agriculture based. As you know agriculture is a large consumer of electricity. It is also going through some very difficult times, right now, in the market place. That, coupled with unprecedented rate increases over the last two years has placed many of our family farms in jeopardy. I would urge you to tighten Bonneville Power's belt a little more before passing on a rate increase to many of your consumers who, at this time, can ill afford it. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Jim Bailie
121 Berkshire Ln.
Franklin County
Pasco, WA 99301

SN-03-W-0744

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9 April 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

The Lewis County PUD, from which I receive electrical power, buys nearly all of its power from your power generating plants. As BPA raises its rates, we consumers are adversely affected. As a result of your actions, rates have risen dramatically since October 2001. Now I understand your organization is considering another rate hike of 25% this October.

I am personally concerned as I and my wife live on a fixed income which continues to shrink due to higher medical insurance costs and ever increasing utility rates. At the present time the Pacific Northwest is also suffering from a declining economy and a high rate of unemployment. Increased electrical rates that you now propose would only make economic conditions worse, delay recovery, and create a hardship on many of those barely able to meet present expenses.

I am sure you are like many other taxing organizations looking for more revenue rather than for ways to reduce expenses to remain solvent. For the time being until the economy can afford continued increases in electrical rates, please use your expertise and efforts to bring down your own costs of production. This may be an unpleasant task, but I am confident that it is a workable solution. One that will also enable the economy in this region to regain its vitality faster.

Sincerely,



Gerald M. Waterfall
210 Alderwood Drive
Chehalis, WA 98532

copies: Representative Brian Baird
Senators Patty Murray & Maria Cantwell

SN-03-W- 0745



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March 24, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright

We are customers both residential and business of the Tillamook PUD that buys power from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). We have great concern about our power bill. The BPA power costs have increased dramatically since the fall of 2001. Now the BPA has threatened a 25% Safety Net CRAC in October of this year.

Tillamook County along with the Pacific Northwest is suffering from a bad economy and loss of many jobs. We have one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation. We have had businesses close, and our basic public services, schools and our own future threatened. The economy in Tillamook County must make a significant turn around to even begin to recover. If we suffer another increase in our power bill we cannot even begin to start that recovery.

BPA has exceeded its own budget dramatically in the past two years, and as we understand it will take another three years of the current high rates plus large price increases before it is under control. Customers like us here in the South Tillamook County need relief now. The BPA must realize the part that it plays in our dismal economy. The BPA has to solve its own budget problems and passing it on to local small businesses and us is not the right answer.

We believe the answer to these high power cost is in your agency's control. We the Pacific City ~ Nestucca Valley Chamber of Commerce urge you to do as others have in the region. You the BPA must find ways to cut costs.

Sincerely,

Everett Longanecker, President
Pacific City ~ Nestucca Valley Chamber of Commerce

"SERVING SOUTH TILLAMOOK COUNTY OREGON"

SN-03-W-0746

April 10, 2003

APR 14 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

Tillamook County per capita has the second highest status of people living in poverty in the State of Oregon.

They struggle meeting their heating bills by living under cold conditions in their homes. I have been donating to these families outdoor clothing, blankets, and warm sleeping bags.

The answer to these high electricity prices is in your control.

We cannot take another increase in our electric bills.

Please have your agency find ways to cut costs.

No more increases.



Ms. Dorothy J. Victors
38065 Island Dr.
Nehalem, OR 97131-9308

Sincerely,

Dorothy Victors - P.U.D. Customer - 503-368-6251

SN-03-W-0747

Sample Letter

APR 14 2003

Date

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

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Sincerely,

cc: NW delegation
Grant County PUD

 Mr Wayne C McIntire
269 D St SE Apt 221
Ephrata WA 98823

Dear Sir, a very great number of the elderly, disabled and the poor - have a difficult time paying their Electric bill every month. There is people that go without other necessities, so they can pay their electric bill. A multitude of retired people live on \$500 to \$600.00 a month. I am 71 years old and disabled and can't work to make extra money. There should be some allowances for people in my condition, I hope you give people like my self some careful thought. Thank you for reading my note!

Sincerely, Wayne C. McIntire

SN-03-W-0778

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

APR 14 2003

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am writing to you to let you know a few things about my husband and myself and the connection between Bonneville Power and us. You wouldn't think that there could be a connection between a small time farmer in the Columbia Basin and the Great BPA.

The year that your company did the power buyback from the farmers who used the water from the Columbia Basin Irrigation Projects, was the end of life as we had known and loved it.

Your proposed project to save the people in California from a disaster. Killed us.

We ran a single combine harvesting operation. With that one year the machine ran approximately one tenth of the time it usually did. With that we couldn't make the payment on the machine, and it was repossessed. With BPA's single focus to save the people of California and cash in on their unfortunate situation, it ruined our credit rating and us.

I have little comfort knowing that now the GREAT BPA is in financial binds and YOU expect us to help you out. For just once think about who in this world feeds you and how your actions affect them. The farming industry is the only one where you purchase everything at retail and sell at wholesale. So there is no room for a profit margin there.

You need to think this rate increase thru a lot more. Just as the BPA should have considered how their actions would affect others, instead of how much money can we make off others

Respectfully,
Tim & Janet Jenkins


P.O. Box 472
11125 Rd. 11.5 N.W.
Quincy, Wa 98848

CC

Senator Cantwell, Senator Muliken, Senator Murray, Representative Hasting, State Representative Hinkle, State Representative Holmquist

SN-03-W-0749

APR 14 2003

APRIL 10, 2003

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

DEAR MR. WRIGHT:

I am writing you as a concerned Senior citizen regarding your proposed rate increase for Bonneville power administration. First we have some idiotic State legislator from the West side who wants to impose a tax on all PUD power and now the Bonneville power administration wants to impose a whopping big 25% increase in their rates to the Grant County PUD. WHEN & WHERE DOES IT ALL STOP?????. We are on a fixed income and cannot contact Social Security and Pers and say Hey Guys I am sorry but I have got to have an increase in my retirement pay to cover a whopping big rate increase on my PUD power. This has all got to stop some where if we elderly people are to maintain our independence and stay off welfare. I worked hard for well over thirty years to build up a retirement fund so we could take care of ourselves in our declining years but it sure seems like there is always someone or some organization who wants to kick your security out from under you and let starve and give up all other comforts of life which we have worked sor hard to prepare for.

With our local economy in a serious down turn all we need is a couple of more plans to pull the rug out from under us and let us spend our remaining years in misery.

MR. WRIGHT "PLEASE" FIGURE OUT SOME OTHER WAY TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR OBLIGATIONS TO THE FED'S. DON'T DROP IT ON THE BACKS OF US WHO ARE ALREADY STRUGGLING TO TAKE CARE OF OURSELVES.

SINCERELY
O. RICHARD & ANNA N. MATHENY
798 C ST. N.W.
EPHRATA, WN.



SN-03-W-0750

APR 14 2003

COPIES TO:

SENATOR PATTY MURRY
172 RUSSELL SENATE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON D.C. 20510

SENATOR MARIA CANTWELL
717 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON D.C. 20510

CONGRESSMAN DOC HASTINGS
1323 LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON D.C. 20515-4704

GRANT COUNTY PUD
ATTENTION: JERRI MICKLE
P.O. BOX 878
EPHRATA, WN. 98823

SN-03-W-0750

APR 14 2003



Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Rhoads
926 S. Ironwood Dr.
Moses Lake, WA 98837

April 9, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright

Having lived 90 years in Washington State, I have seen the economy going up and down with changes in Many world and local affairs. Power is the factor which keeps America working. Conserving and utilizing wisely is our best defense against overpowering problems in home, farm and in industry.

We have seen numerous cost increases in the last few years. Now with a deepening depression sending everything in a down spiral is no time for going in the downward (or upward) direction without much serious consideration.

Here in Moses Lake, the power rates have played a good part in new industry coming our way.

Please, do what you can to stabilize a down trend in the economy .

Yours truly

Mr and Mrs. *Arnold Rhoads*
A. E. Rhoads

926 Ironwood Drive
Moses Lake, Wn. 98837

SN-03-W-0751

APR 14 2003

Sample Letter

Date 4/11/03

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

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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,

Verna Foley

cc: NW delegation
Grant County PUD



Verna Foley
PO Box 156
Starbuck, WA 99359-0156

this may be a sample letter but it says what I want said to Steve Wright. It also lets our rep's know how I feel about raising prices of our power. Work within your Budget, as we all have to do.

Verna Foley

SN-03-W-0752

APR 14 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

We are customers of a consumer-owned electric utility that buys power from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). We are worried about our electric bill. BPA power costs have increased dramatically since October 2001. Now BPA threatens a 25% Safety Net CRAC in October 2003.

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

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

The Pacific Northwest is reeling from a bad economy and loss of jobs. The economy in this region must turn around and begin to recover. We cannot begin that recovery if we suffer another increase in our power bills. The answer to high electricity prices is in your agency's control. We urge you to do as others have in the region, find ways to cut costs. Do not let your agency force the Northwest into total economic collapse.

Sincerely,

Miriam and John Sharpe
Miriam and John Sharpe
3010 W. Peninsula Dr. #107
Moses Lake, WA 98837

SN-03-W-0752

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April 10, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am writing on behalf of my family and the families who are forced to have our Grant County P.U.D. purchase about 50% of our current and future electricity from B.P.A. who is now asking to increase costs by 25%.

I am a disabled retiree who only gets a limited increase in my fixed income which is S.S. COLA (Cost of Living Allowance) of 2-3%.

With costs where they are, which is very high, and our economy where it is I am asking you to tighten your belt also and help us cut costs so we all will be able to survive.

Your electric customers,



Mr & Mrs Bill Myers
17915 Rd A.5 NW
Ephrata, WA 98823

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Margaret L. Schiffner
4840 Westshore Dr
Moses Lake, WA 98837

April 10, 2003

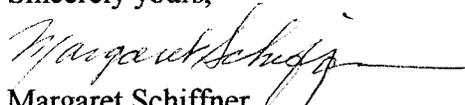
Steve Wright, Administrator
Bonneville Power Administration
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, OR 97208-3621

Dear Mr. Wright:

As a long time resident of Grant County (48 yrs.) I feel fortunate to be part of our own power generating facilities-Priest Rapids and Wanapum Dams, two small irrigation canal power plants. However, population growth, farming and industries have combined to exceed local power capacity, along with the fish protection measures our PUD is doing.

Now we are hearing talk about BPA is proposing a 25% price increase. I wish to voice my concerns that if this increase is forced on us the residents of Grant County it will effect the business world and the quality of life for all. We hope you can solve your budget problems some other way and not place them on the shoulders of the people of Grant County. We believe this price increase is unnecessary.

Sincerely yours,


Margaret Schiffner



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Sample Letter

Date 4/10/03

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

THE BPA IS EMPTYING OUR POCKETS!
THIS IS WRONG! WE ARE DROWNING
WITH ALL THE TAXES
LAYED ON US!

Dear Mr. Wright: THIS LETTER SAYS IT ALL
WE ARE LOW INCOME. \$1,134 A MONTH. 78 + 79 YR OLD

I am a customer of a consumer-owned electric utility that buys power from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). I'm worried about my electric bill. BPA power costs have increased dramatically since October 2001. Now BPA is proposing another increase of 25% (Safety Net CRAC) this October.

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

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 a proposed large price increase before costs are under control. Customers like me need relief now. BPA must realize the part it plays in our regional economy now and in the future if recovery is to happen. BPA must solve its own budget crisis by making cuts, not by passing these costs on to my neighbors and me through higher electric rates.

The answer to these high electricity prices is in your agency's control. I urge you to do as others have in the region – by making serious cost cutting measures and deferring other expenses until the region has recovered. BPA must find ways to cut costs. Don't let your agency force the Northwest into economic collapse.

Sincerely,

Your Name MR + MRS RAYMOND WILSON (WIFE DISABLED)
Address P.O. BOX 405
City, State Zip WAUNA, WA. 98395

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

Mr. Frank & Edna Jones
1310 21st St. SE
Auburn, WA 98002-7873

HOME:
1184 FAIRWOOD DRIVE SE
OLYMPIA WASH

4-9-3

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TO STEVE WRIGHT

I RECEIVED A NEWSLETTER FROM
MY LOCAL GRAYS HARBOR PUD DESCRIBING
HOW YOU ARE SEEKING ADDITIONAL RATE
INCREASES FROM MY LOCAL PUD TO
COVER YOUR ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES AND
MISMANAGEMENT. THIS DOES NOT MAKE
US HAPPY AT ALL, AS MY RATES WILL
GO UP. WE RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU
TO CUT COSTS RATHER THAN SEEK
ADDITIONAL RATE INCREASES. WE ARE
SENIORS ON A FIXED INCOME AND NEED
YOUR HELP ON THIS MATTER.

THANK YOU

FRANK - EDNA JONES

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April 10-03

Dear Sir:

I am a widow living in Westport. I've been cold most of the winter because heating with electricity is high. And I know of others who have turned their electricity way down because it's too high a price to pay.

If it goes higher it will cause business to fall. You are shifting the cost of expensive power to us.

We're tired of high electricity costs.

Please don't raise our rates again

Sincerely
Shirley

SN-03-W-0758

Wheaver
257 Warden Ave NW
9000 Lake, WA
91857

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April 9, 2003

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

Dear Mr Wright:

We are a retired couple living in Grant County on a very low fixed income. One of the main reasons we chose to move to Grant county when we retired 10 years ago was knowing that we would be able to afford our power needs. If the price continues to rise as you are proposing we will perhaps have to choose between heating our home and purchasing our needed medication. We believe that the rate increases are unfair and unethical as we are a public owned power Co.

Please consider our regions economic struggle, and find ways to solve the BPA's budget crisis without increasing the Grant County customers rates.

Sincerely
William & Shirley Weaver

SN-03-W-0759

From: k-l-chris@att.net
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2003 1:36 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov; Steve@measles.bpa.gov; Wright@measles.bpa.gov
Subject: B.P.A rate increase Safety Net CRAC

Dear Steve Wright
B.P.A. Administrator

I have just read where BPA is about to implement yet another rate increase if you can't make the US trasury payment of if there is a 50% prbability of missing the payment.

As I have grown in life I have come to realize that if I have acquired a bill I am responsible for paying it. If I haven't learned enough about how to buget my money I would be in a world of hurt. Plan and simple.

If you keep raising the rates in Ferry County where the jobless rate is 19.1% I will not be able to pay my bill. It's over 7 cents a kil-a-watt now which is twice that of some other PUD in Washington state. Please find another way to pay for this "note" If you continue to increase your rate I can't pay you and the issue just snow-balls . Some thing has got to give and I'm sure it will not be the big guy on the block. . I am very concerned the those people who are on fixed income and who have be go cold because they couldnt pay there bill. I could go on and on.

Thank You

Linnea Christopherson

April 10, 2003

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Stephen Wright Administration
Bonnevill Power Administration

Dear Sir

I am writing in concern about your thinking of raising our power rates. I can not see your need to raise our power rates. All our dams have been generating power for years, and you cannot convince me, that it costs that much for the water to flow thru the generators and over the dams. I have worked construction on power houses, with the piping, and know a little bit about how power is generated. My brother worked for Public Service Co. of Colorado as a operator in the Showstoun Plant in Glenwood Springs Co. for 40 years.

This is really a big concern for everyone,
our

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as I feel you are taking our freedom away
by raising rates. Being a senior citizen it
really is taking my freedom away by raising
power rates. As far as I am concerned you
are just price gouging, and stealing our money
for your greedness. There is too much
greed in the world and you are not helping,
by raising rates

Sincerely

William R. Carrington

1800- 73rd ST, S.E.

Everett, Washington 98203

(425) 353-1527

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From: Jan Kastning [jkastning@nwi.net]
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2003 4:05 PM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Subject: BPA Letter

Owen & Janet M. Kastning
20094 Delta Road NW
Soap Lake, WA 98851

April 14, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

We are customers of a consumer-owned electric utility that buys power from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). We are worried about our electric bill. BPA power costs have increased dramatically since October 2001. Now BPA threatens a 25% Safety Net CRAC in October.

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 our neighbors and us is not the answer.

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

Sincerely,

Owen and Janet Kastning

cc: NW Delegation
Senator Patty Murray
Senator Maria Cantwell
Congressman Doc Hastings

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Larry Phelan [lnj@mcsi.net]
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2003 4:53 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: SN CRAC rate proposal

Ensure that if any CRAC is necessary, it will only be one year in duration. Keep your overhead down - don't use assumptions about future revenue that are overly ambitious as an excuse to inflate the overhead. Don't duplicate the costs that have already been factored in and are being paid for through past rate increases to your new calculations of costs such as the bad debt from Northwest aluminum companies and the California Independent System Operator. Obtain the consent of Energy Northwest to the extent necessary, to use available proceeds of Energy Northwest's refinancing to cover liquidity needs on a short-term basis.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Larry Phelan
775 Donruss Drive
Roseburg OR 97470
541-672-8545

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From: Larry Phelan [lnj@mcsi.net]
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2003 4:38 PM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Subject: SN CRAC Rate Proposal

Four points I would like to make regarding the review and revision of your rates.

- (1) I ask that the bad debt that we are already paying for (Northwest aluminum companies and the California Independent system operator). not be included again when computing your wholesale rates.
- (2) I also ask that you reduce overhead costs to be consistent with current revenue instead of making questionable assumptions about future revenue and thereby getting into further trouble.
- (3) Work with Energy Northwest to use refinancing on a short term basis to cover liquidity needs.
- (4) If any SN CRAC is necessary, keep it to a one year duration.

Thank your for this opportunity to comment. Jeanette Phelan, 775 Donruss Drive, Roseburg OR 97470-9709

From: Laura Lagerstedt [Laura-L@campfire-usa.org]
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2003 6:02 PM
To: 'Comment@bpa.gov'
Subject: BPA Rate Increase

I am writing because I am concerned about the announcement that my family got with our heating bill this month that BPA will be raising it's rates to compensate for revenue losses during this poor economic period that we've all been experiencing.

I think PUD's suggestion that the BPA consider saving money within their organization first before asking the clients of their service to pay more is very valid, and more than worth investigating.

"The utility (PUD) firmly believes that there are still numerous measures - both administrative cost-cutting and financial tools - which BPA can use to address its financial challenges. The PUD has, in fact, identified \$900 million in recommendations, which it has shared with BPA."

Before we see any rate increase on the hard working people of the Puget Sound, I want to see that these recommendations for BPA have been followed. I don't know how much revenue BPA intends to gain from the potential rate increase, but 900 million seems like it would go a long way in taking the weight off of the non-corporate entities that make up the people of the Puget Sound, who are also struggling to make it through these difficult economic and emotional times.

I want to see those corporate recommendations put in place before we start asking essentially product dependent customers to pay more for a necessity which the accessibility of determines the opportunities and health of a family.

Thank you very much for your time!

Sincerely,

Laura Lagerstedt
VISTA/ Youth Volunteer Corps
Camp Fire USA
Today's Kids, Tomorrow's Leaders
Central Puget Sound Council
8511 15th Ave. NE
Seattle, WA 98115-3199
206 461 8550 ext. 221
fax: 206 525 3351
cellphone: 206 972 1281
web page: www.campfirecpsc.org

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From: mitchj [mitchj@mymailstation.com]
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2003 3:47 PM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Raise Rates:

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

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

I appreciate to hear from you very much.

Janet Mitchell

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From: john & marveen [johnngoofy@olynet.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2003 12:17 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Rate Increase

To: Steve Wright-Administrator & CEO
Bonneville Power Administration

Dear Sir,

We are writing to inform you that we are among the citizens who are extremely angry and fed up with rate increases to cover BPA losses due to speculation, mismanagement, and illegal activities of BPA energy suppliers. Those contracts were fraudulent and should be declared null and void!

Why did BPA contract sales for twice the power that BPA could actually generate?
Why isn't this type of speculation fraudulent also?
Why do we, the rate payers, have to cover BPA management mistakes and errors of judgment?

We are demanding that BPA cut costs rather than increase rates, possibly beginning with management salaries and benefits which is what happens to the workers in similar situations.

Sincerely,
Mr. and Mrs. John Goldstein
Westport, WA 98595

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: margie gray [gardguru@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2003 6:26 AM
To: comments@bpa.gov
Subject: (SN)CRAC threatened raise

Steve Wright; B.P.A. Admin.

Sir: I am writting to protest the threatening raise in rates labeled (SN) CRAC as my husband and I are both on Social Security (set income) and are already paying a budget payment of \$167 monthly to BPA. We can not afford anymore raises.

Utilities, groceries, gas and so many other things are raising their prices or threatening and our SS does not begin to keep up with such. The yearly "cost of living" raises each January does not cover the percentages of raises already implemented unto the public.

If we were to miss or felt we were going to miss a payment no one comes to our rescue.
Please stop these raises.

Thankyou Sincerely,

Mr and Mrs Donald K Gray
22 Tiffany Rd.
Republic, FERRY CO., WA 99166

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From: Palani1234@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2003 8:19 AM
To: comments@bpa.gov
Subject: rate hike

I am writing in regards to Bonnaville Power wanting to increase the cost of electricity,I think we have had enough increases,and am strongly against it.

Francine Hess

4/15/2003

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From: Palani1234@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2003 8:40 AM
To: comments@bpa.gov
Cc: Mbauman@franklinpud.com; senatormurray@murray.senate.gov; maria@cantwell.senate.gov; sharlyn.berger@mail.house.gov
Subject: rate increase

Dear Mr. Wright,

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

The Pacific Northwest is reeling from a bad economy and loss of jobs-we suffer some of the highest unemployment rates in the nation. Businesses have closed, and our basic 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 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 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 cost. Don't let your agency force the Northwest into total economic collapse.

Sincerely,
Francine Hess

4/15/2003

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

APR 15 2003

From: Reuben [sphere@techline.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2003 11:46 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: lost security

Dear Steve Wright.

Our for fathers had a brilliant plan to protect the less fortunate from greedy private utilities that just want to stuff their pockets at the expense of the less fortunate.

Our cheep energy sources has not only keep the North West families children warm at night but keeps their bellies full of warm school breakfast and lunch programs. Rates increases have cause the schools to re-look the lunch programs, and at home we have seen our winter bill become our off seasons bill. We are a two family income and we are feeling the pinch!

A friend of mine with one family income came to me last winter crying for help to pay their electric heating bill. When I paid the family a visit they had turned out all the lights and closed off the other rooms with cardboard the children were huddled together under blankets in the middle of the day trying to stay warm instead of running around and playing like children are suppose to do. If only you could have see their faces. Desperation is a humbling thing to see.

Now with your 15 present rate hike looming, industry is making threats of pulling out putting even more N.W. children at risk.

I work for Weyerhaeuser, and the threat of higher rates has us all looking for ways to conserve. Such as, every night as I leave work, I on my own time, I drive down to the power box and shut the log yards 40 light poles off for two hours a night. Just Sunday on our way home from town I notices the lights on and as I've done before we turn around and head for the mill to turn the lights out. My wife and I were joking about my wife telling my boss that these lights are going to be the cause of a divorce if my husband keeps turning around and dragging us across town to turn out those lights. At least----- I think she was joking. We all are trying to do our part. We ask that you be the voice for us that our forefathers were hired for. we are speaking out to you as were the children from under the blankets.

Selling our power to private utilities is illegal and causes great suffering. We should not have to pay for this illegal act with 15 present rate increases. You should do as we have and tighten your spending belt.

Thank you very much.

**This letter speaks for the registered Pruett family voters of Grays Harbor.
Reuben,Connie,Herman,Patty, David,Val,Arnie,Sandy,Regina, Art, Ranette,Brian,Reuben Jr., Brook and Adam.**

4/15/2003

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APR 15 2003

From: BobFrase@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2003 11:43 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: please..... no more rate increases

To: Mr. Steve Wright
Administrator
BPA

Mr. Wright:

My husband and I are retired. We used to supplement our social security with interest and/or dividends from our retirement investments. However, our investments have deteriorated to the point that that income is not covering our expenses. If we spend our principal investments amount, we will be left with no cushion for emergencies. We are hopeful that the market will turn around, but after over three years of losing money...well, you know the story! We are actually fearful that we will no longer be able to afford our prescriptions...not to mention an electric rate increase.

Please do your best to prevent rate hikes at this time. All seniors that we know are already wearing sweaters to avoid turning up the heat (to save money) and we find it hard to tolerate summers without air conditioners. Don't make us turn them off too.

Thank you.
Paulette Frase
9716 W. Schuman Lane
Pasco, WA 99301

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57026 Evergreen Lane
Warren, Oregon 97053

Mr. Steve Wright
Bonneville Power Administrator
P.O. Box 12999
Portland, Oregon 97212

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am a customer of Columbia River PUD, one of the regional utilities that buys power from the BPA. I am quite concerned about my electric bill. BPA rates have increased dramatically and now you are threatening a Safety Net CRAC of as much as 41% in October.

My husband and I live on a very limited income. Our pension has not increased since he retired in 1986 and you know as well as I what the Social Security cost of living increases have been. I have never quite figured out how the percentages of everything else go up like they do and the cost of living figured by Social Security is so very small in comparison. If things continue as they are doing, we will be forced to sell our home in order to survive and we live in a very modest home.

Also Columbia County is having a very difficult time due to bad economy and loss of jobs. Our schools are in a precarious position as well as our basic public services. It is becoming a very scary situation.

BPA has been exceeding its own budget and we read that it will take several years at the current high rates plus proposed large increases before costs are under control. We need some relief now. I urge you to do as the rest of us are compelled to do. That is to find ways to cut costs so that we may all survive this crisis in our economy.

As BPA's Administrator, the answer to these high electricity prices are in your control. Please help us all by finding ways to cut costs.

Sincerely,



Barbara Olsen

cc. Senators Smith and Wyden, Representative Wu

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

APR 16 2003

From: Grace Feldman [gfpt@access4less.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2003 4:49 PM
To: comments@bpa.gov
Subject: concerning rate hike

This is in regard to the proposed rate hike of up to 41% . I have a difficult enough time as a widow to keep up with costs as it is, but this rate hike could really cause hugh problems!

With the economy so low, and seems to be getting worse, at least in Oregon, and you want more of my hard earned money!!! This is rediculous! Our economy will never recover if this sort of thing continues.

I will be sending notes to Senators Smith, andWydon, and Rep. Wu , also.

Sincerely, Grace Feldman

APR 16 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: renee golleher [golleher@centurytel.net]

Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2003 7:13 PM

To: comments@bpa.gov

Our power rates through our local cooperative have nearly doubled in the the last few years. This is causing a strain on business in this area. Please, find ways to maintain power rates at present levels. We will find ways to conserve electricity.
Thank you,

Steve and Renee Golleher
Ole's Country Stores, Kalispell

4/16/2003

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APR 16 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Debra Wilcox [wilcox.vegas@worldnet.att.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2003 7:19 PM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Opposition to Latest Rate Increase Proposal

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the latest rate increase proposal put forth by the BPA, despite rate increases of over 70% in the last year in our area. Not only do we join the Benton and Franklin PUDs and other customers in the belief that this rate increase is unnecessary, but we believe that there must be other measures taken or avenues explored to hold the line on future increases.

While every business deserves to make a profit, we believe that profit margins need to be reassessed and realigned given the realities of our economy, the livelihoods of the people and businesses that are (and have been) drastically affected by such recent rate increases--in order to preserve these profit margins.

You are affecting the primary and fundamental ability of many people to live ordinary lives, and in many cases, unluxurious lives. People on fixed incomes, families trying to make ends meet, and even ourselves--a "double-income, no kids" couple must still both work in order to meet the ever-rising tax bills and assessments, health care costs, and still try to save for the uncertainties of our future retirement, which isn't very far away (at least, we THOUGHT it wasn't very far away, but if these kinds of price increases continue, it may be farther away than we thought).

Please cut your costs, explore other strategies, and make your own drastic shifts in priorities in order to avoid this current proposed rate increase, and to avoid similar onerous rate increases in the future.

Sincerely,

Bruce and Debbie Wilcox
44404 E. Shannon Lane
West Richland, WA 99353

4/16/2003

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Jmcrgc@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2003 7:26 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: SN CRAC rate case

Dear Deciding Members of the BPA,
We need affordable energy in the Northwest and you have the power to keep energy rates reasonable for families and business alike.
Industries such as aerospace, aluminum and pulp and paper are at risk in our region due to high power rates. We cannot afford to lose them as they are a large part that makes up the backbone of our regional economy and tax base.
Please look into the future, not just at the present dilemma, and think about what will be lost by raising energy rates at this time.
We need long term solutions. We need to work together to keep Washington's economy alive. Please do not make it impossible for industry and families to survive in the Northwest!

Janet Chapman
Lifetime Washington State Resident
305 Crown Ln.
Bellingham, WA 98229

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

APR 16 2003

From: Jmcrgc@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2003 7:46 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Power Rate Increase

I am a 30 year employee of the aluminum smelter in Ferndale, WA. I am writing you to tell you that I along with hundreds of my coworkers will be on buses tomorrow, April 16, 2003, to Olympia and then Portland, OR. to give you a visual demonstration of our concern about the proposed power rate increases.

I am a lifelong resident of Whatcom County. My family is being raised here. This is a wonderful community. It is a great place to live and raise a family. I have been able to grow up and to stay here as an adult because of the job opportunities that were here. These opportunities are getting scarcer and scarcer. Gone for the most part is the fishing industry and logging is right behind it. In Bellingham we have lost the pulp mill and higher energy rates may end the paper mill as well. I have supported my family by working at the aluminum smelter for nearly 30 years. Now as the possibility of retirement comes closer energy rates may rob my family and myself of finishing my career here and make retirement a thing pushed far into the future. Hundreds of others are just starting out and may have to find other jobs and leave our area. I and hundreds of aluminum workers, pulp and paper workers along with aerospace workers are asking you to please think of the futures of our communities, of our families and our state.

Please give us affordable power and help us look for other alternatives for the future. Don't just slam the door in our faces. All of our lives and the state and regional economy depend on the decisions that you make today.

Thank you,
Ray Chapman
305 Crown Ln.
Bellingham, WA 98229

From: mitchj [mitchj@mymailstation.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2003 7:01 PM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Raise Rates:

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

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

I appreciate to hear from you very much.

Janet Mitchell

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From: Gerald Rude [EandJRude@worldnet.att.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2003 11:03 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: PUD Rates

Stephen Wright, Administrator

We urge you NOT to increase wholesale power rates. We already have the highest power rates in the state, from Snohomish County PUD, and can't afford to have them go up again. There must be some way to optimize costs and avoid an increase. We are a retired couple living on a fixed income and have no way to increase our income to keep up with rate increases.

Mr and Mrs Gerald A Rude
718 12th Ave No
Edmonds, WA 98020

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From: dbmiller777@msn.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2003 3:23 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: We need your help

Dear Steve Wright,

I am writing you because I think it is time to say it like it is. We need some help to understand why we must keep on paying for the mistakes that you have made in the passed of selling our power to other private utilities and making us pick up the lose ends with all the increases in our power cost. Such an illegal action should be taken care of at your own expense not at the expense of those who were not involved. We need to learn to pay for our own mistakes.

When is enough, enough ? Hot! From Grays Harbor County.

Don

4/16/2003

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From: pgr@bossig.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2003 4:42 PM
To: BPA Information
Subject: External Generic (NOTA) information request

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

Submitter: Peter Rawson

Their e-mail address: pgr@bossig.com

Date Submitted : 2003 April 15 US Pacific Time 4:41:43 PM

Their address:

55094 Bay Area Drive NE
Electric City, WA 99123

Their telephone:

Their request or Comment:

Mr. Steve Wright
Bonneville Power Administrator

Dear Mr. Wright:

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

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 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,

Peter Rawson

Cc: NW delegation
Grant County PUD

Technical web information on submitter.

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

The IP address user is at: 66.45.192.101

The screen resolution of their browser (Width x Height): 1024 768

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From: john stevens [jonmartha@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2003 8:23 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov

Dear Mr. Wright,

Please cut costs and don't raise our PUD rates in Grays Harbor, WA.

John Stevens
312 W. Lovett St
Aberdeen, WA
98520

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Chapman, Jan [janetcha@bham.wednet.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2003 9:59 AM
To: 'comment@bpa.gov'
Subject: Curb Power Rate Increase

As an educator I am writing to let you know of my concerns over the possible impending power rate hike. I work and reside in Whatcom County. We have many industries that can ill afford to be hit by any significant power rates hikes. Our area has been hard hit by the decrease in fishing and logging as well as the closure of the pulp mill in Bellingham. Additional rate hikes will most assuredly take out the remaining paper mill and one of our areas bigger employers, Alcoa Intalco Works, in Ferndale.

Money for education is tight these days and we rely greatly on our dwindling tax base for school funding. Please don't put our children, homes and jobs at greater risk. Please look for alternative to raising power rates which will further kill our economy and our community.

Thank you.

Jan Chapman

Bellingham School District Employee

Blondie

Dean Young and Denis Lobrun



4/14/03 \$ meetings - Handwriting uses no electricity. If I sit on the patio or near a window I'll need no electric light. If I eat cereal for breakfast and cheese, tomato sandwiches for lunch I need not use my electric stove. I may switch to gas. Many of us know how to be frugal. Conservation has been a water word for years. With a 100% watered pipe in electricity cost we can really cut electrical use. Maybe you are doing us and the environment a favor by raising power cost. My first thought, however, does this plan from you rise from ENRON experience? ENRON and its golden parachutes and well paid executives - is this the point? I plan to trim my power use a lot.

yours -
V.M. Harchas

The Humane Society of the United States Member



Ms. Valora M. Harchas
107 W Hill Ave
Moses Lake WA 98837-2181

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P.O. Box 685
Grayland, WA 98547
4/14/03

Dear Mr. Wright,

Another PUD rate increase would create a real hardship for me. I am a 70 yr old retired junior high teacher living in a 73 year

not insulated house old house where I was born and raised. It is not energy efficient, though ^{most of} my appliances and lights are, I put plastic & heavy drapes on my single paned windows (many), close off rooms, burn wood in one room, etc. In addition I have a warehouse for my small farm equip. (4 1/2 acres) and a freezer. It is necessary to heat this (1/2 insulated) building so the equip, my ¹⁹⁸⁴ Honda, etc, won't completely rust. To keep it dry I use another wood stove and more mostly energy efficient space heaters (use when temp. is freezing or it's very ~~cold~~ wet &/or leaking rain).

I noticed during my teaching years the majority of my students shift from the survival work ethic of my generation to the "con" or the skill of using others as their survival skill. It of course involves lying, cheating, & stealing. As a result I judge people by their actions & how they use others to make unfair profits. I hope you are not one of those people.

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Teachers, laid off workers, and many others have and continue to experience cuts in essential jobs and services, etc.. I'm certain that you too can make enough cuts to provide equitable rates for us all. I'll be waiting for that to happen so that I can write a sincere thank you to you, Mr. Wright.

The irony is my goal has been to save enough money for a completely energy efficient manufactured home so that my power bill won't be so high.

Sincerely,
Mr. Terri Ingraham

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Geer family
1810 West First St
Aberdeen, WA
98520

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To Mr. Wright -

4-10-03

I recently read a column in our Grays Harbor PUD energy newsletter Commissioner's corner by Jim Eddy that talked about mismanagement and threats of more (15%) rate hikes brought on by the BPA. I DO NOT agree with these consequences.

My husband, Albert, and I are in our mid 30's new homeowners and parents of a 4 year old boy. My husband just began a new job this month, which is fortunate, but I have been on disability for M.S. since January and may no longer be able to work a credible job myself, which is unfortunate. Another unreasonable rate increase would not benefit us or anyone else. We have a lot of folks in Grays Harbor County who live on fix incomes and have worked hard to deserve the best in their futures, not the worst.

There are a lot of others increasing rates each year such as gas prices, cable bills, water bills, and things not owned or "legislated" by the people. The PUD is one thing we have some control over and we would like to be allowed to control it.

Thank you for your time and, I hope, your consideration.

Sawonie J. Geer
Aberdeen, Washington

SN-03-W-0787

April 11, 2003
 Mr. Steve Wright
 Bonneville Power Administrator
 P.O. Box 3621
 Portland, Or.

Dear Mr Wright:

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

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

Customers like me need relief now. BPA must solve its budget crisis passing these costs on my neighbors and me is not the answer. It 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.

Linking Faith, Values & Finance
 LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD
 Sincerely,
 Mrs. Jess Johnson

Mr. Jess Johnson
 1003 S. Grant St.
 Moses Lake, WA 98837

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

April 11, 2003

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am a customer of the Grant County PUD that buys power from BPA. I AM worried about my electric bill. I understand BPA power costs have increased dramatically since October 2001, and now we are threatened with a 25% Safety Net CRAC in October!

The Pacific Northwest is reeling from a bad economy and loss of jobs. I know this personally. My son has been unemployed for about one and half years, my son-in-law worked two jobs, doing a minimum of 60 hour a week to make ends meet, until it just about did him in, and now they live with me. He did get a government job, but it is so low paying, they will have to live several years with me to save money for a down payment on a house. A poor quality cheap house, if they can find one! I know of a woman who has two sons and power is so high for her, that they spend the entire winter at a very low miserable cold temperature. I am looking at retirement in the near future. My income will be cut, but my electric bill, bread, doctor bills, and etc., will not be. The cries of those on welfare and the demands of the rich are loudly heard; but there is a large group of poor out here, that have low paying jobs, live in old houses, drive small cars, and pinch their pennies to pay their bills. I guess we are very easily overlooked.

Increasing the cost of living, will not turn economy around - and certainly not my budget. I have to live within the budget I have, or I go under. Plain and simple. That line of thinking has to apply to anyone who handles money, whether a household, government, or corporation. We took care of the fish - but forgot the people. Now BPA has a budget crisis and responsible management must take place and that is not passing the costs on to the people.

I join with many others and say the answer to high electricity prices is in your agency's control, BPA must find ways to cut costs. Don't let your agency force the Northwest into total economic collapse! Electricity in the Northwest is our MAIN source of energy!

Sincerely yours,



Donna J. Kreiter

cc: NW delegation
Grant County PUD
Senator Patty Murray
Senator Maria Cantwell
Congressman Doc Hastings

Robin T. Mandelias (daughter)
I say No to BPA Rate increases!
NJ Kreiter
PO Box 483
Electric City WA 99123

SN-03-W-0789

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Sample Letter

Date 4/14/03

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am a customer of a consumer-owned electric utility that buys power from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). I'm worried about my electric bill. BPA power costs have increased dramatically since October 2001. Now BPA threatens a 25% Safety Net CRAC in October. - *I hear the stock market gatcha!*

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Anne D. Winkler
Box 129
Soap Lake WA 98851

cc: NW delegation
Grant County PUD

- *I must -*
Buy a wood stove. Stop watering lawn, trees etc.
No Air Conditioners for summer.
get up at dawn, go to bed at dusk. (Frugal and Cheap)
Microwave my food. Learn to love poverty.
Take a bath once a month, turn off water heater
wash clothes every two weeks. - cold water.
buy clothes and shoes at thrift store.
I can live on \$550 a month I have a pup tent.
also I can move out of Grant Co.

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S. Clark
Bx 331
Soap Lake, WA 98851
April 10, 2003

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

Dear Administrator Wright:

I'm sure you are aware of the fact that Grant County, WA is an very economically depressed agricultural community, whose residents and farmers can barely afford the necessities of life.

You should also be aware that the property tax rate is close to that of Seattle, college tuition is the same as that in the Seattle area, and we get no breaks on sales tax or income tax or state fees.

In addition you should be aware that without an adequate source of timber for firewood the people here must rely on electricity for their primary heating source in our usual subzero winters.

So, Grant County has a base of struggling poor who will freeze to death in the winter without electric heat. This makes electricity a necessity not a luxury. Because of that we have had to pay the rate increases already in place which have made our KWH cost close to three times what it was 10 years ago-considerably more than the rate of inflation for other goods and services.

Another 25% increase you are asking for on top of the increase already scheduled would be a considerable hardship for us and almost all Grant County residents. We cannot afford to subsidize any more redundant bureaucracies like the proposed RTO West by increased power costs. We cannot afford to subsidize BPAs very fat bureaucracy in lean times.

As usual, I'm sure these rate increasing hearings are just a formality to meet legal regulations for a decision that has already been made to increase rates, but you can't claim now to be unaware of the human impact on those rate increases. So, if this letter does nothing else it will prove that your electric rate increase is not alright with electricity users like me and many others.

S. Clark

SN-03-W-0791

Alene Schweb
P. O. Box 75 APR 16 2003
Stratford, Wa
98852

The Endangered Species (E.S.A.)
is bleeding everybody dry.
The act should be repealed. The
B.P.A. + P.U.D.'s would become
solvent.

There is NO endangered status
for salmon.

Secondly, we are having a depression.
The administrative and
management of the BPA + PUD
should be adjusted.

Depressions have a purpose in
a free society. It is time for
bloated budgets to be adjusted.
Some workers + most mgmt.
are grossly overpaid. Cuts of
15% to 50% should be considered.

Do two things -

- 1 - Repeal E.S.A.
- 2 - Adjust budgets.

Instead of increasing rates
they should be lowered!

Mr. Wright:

4/14/03

Are increases in energy prices the only solution for shortfalls which are being anticipated by BPA? I have a home in Columbia County and there have been steady increases over the years. These higher bills have definitely strained our budget and the addition of other increases such as gasoline, phone services, groceries and many fund raisers due to cuts in services at all schools in our area have added to the financial burden most of us are under.

This county has experienced a high level of unemployment and many small businesses have closed. A large increase in the electrical rates will further distress an area already suffering economically.

BPA needs to consider its own economic problems; controlling costs means looking at all areas within the organization to discover where expenses can be reduced. The last two years BPA has exceeded its budget and this has been passed on to the consumer. I urge you to find ways to curb costs and pass the savings on to our appreciative homeowner.

Regards,
 Kent E. Konradson
 33913 Shamrock Ln
 Scappoose, OR 97056

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

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From: gerry wicks [gwicks@3-cities.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2003 2:08 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Cc: questions@bentonpud.org

Mr. Steve Wright,

Speaking only for myself, I CAN NOT AFFORD, any more power rate increases. I'm not in very good health, and retired with only Social Security income of \$833.00 a month. My toes are always cold in the winter and I wear extra sweaters. Starvation might not be too far off... I have made great strides in lowering my electric bill to the lowest in my consumption history, and have no place left to go. I DREAD another hot summer, just around the corner.

If this increase is approved, I will fly my American Fag, upside down, in distress, along with thousands of other Benton Co. residents. National press will pickup on it.

Sincerely,

Gerald P. Wicks
Kennewick, WA 99337

PS: Mr. Jim Sanders, You asked that we send a copy of our correspondence to our P.U.D., and then don't even give the email address. "See our website". Thanks a big bunch. Doesn't make it any easier.

If the Benton Co. P.U.D. (public funds) is really conserving, how much have you spent on Wi-Fi internet computer service and how does this relate to providing electricity to the public? Your reports to the public seem to be lacking.

4/16/2003

SN-03-W- 0794

From: Kenneth Ferguson [waycrossemf@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2003 2:33 PM
To: Comment@bpa.gov

To: Steve Wright, Administrator

Re: Rate Increases

From: Evelyn & Ken Ferguson

As retired citizens of Grant County we are worried about the cost of electricity for our homes and concerned about a proposed significant rate increase from BPA this year. We urge you to find ways to solve the BPA budget crisis that will spare us from additional rate hikes at this time. Sincerely, Ken & Evelyn Ferguson

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

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Hage, Bonnie - DR-7
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2003 2:02 PM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: Phone Call from PUD Customer

FYI, I received a call from a PUD customer (not willing to give her name) voicing her opinion about the rate increase. She does not want the increase and said it will hurt the economy even more -- some people can't pay their bills now.

Thought you were keeping a log for these.

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BASIC AMERICAN FOODS

April 16, 2003

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

RE: BPA Proposed Rate Increase

Dear Mr. Wright:

Basic American Foods is a potato processor in Grant County, Washington and a customer of Grant County Public Utility District. Basic American Foods is opposed to the 25% Safety Net CRAC proposed by BPA for October 2002.

Potato processing is big business in Washington State. According to a study done by Washington State University in 1996, the potato industry alone directly and indirectly generates over \$3 billion of sales throughout the Washington State economy. For a potato processor, the cost of potatoes and the cost of energy typically are at the top of a list of expenses. We rely on low cost power as part of the equation. A rate increase not only impacts us directly through our power costs, it also impacts processors indirectly through the increased cost to produce potatoes.

Economically feasible potato production in the Northwest requires low cost power and abundant irrigation water. A substantial change in either power costs or water availability diminishes the ability of farmers to prosper. The Northwest is already at a freight disadvantage in the North American marketplace based on geography so we need to maintain our historic advantage in power costs and productivity. The 25% proposed increase on top of the 46% increase instituted by BPA in 2001 have devastated the Northwest's advantage in power costs that have been key to developing irrigated agriculture in the region. In fact, current power costs are of questionable advantage. The Tri-City Herald recently reported that Washington State fell from having the nation's second-lowest electricity rates in 1999 into a tie for 18th last year (according to estimates by the U.S. Energy Information Administration).

Basic American Foods urges the Bonneville Power Administration to reduce expenses at BPA rather than seek additional revenue from ratepayers. The economy of the Northwest in general and the Columbia Basin in particular cannot absorb another power rate increase without damaging an already depressed economy.

Sincerely,

Brian Meiners
Plant Manager
Phone: (509) 766-3220
FAX: (509) 766-3207
E-mail: bmeiners@baf.com

Cc: NW Congressional Delegation
Grant PUD

BLM-003-03

538 Potato Frontage Road, Moses Lake, WA 98837

SN-03-W- 0797

From: russl13@attbi.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2003 3:56 PM
To: comments@bpa.gov

I am a customer of yours & I am writing you concerning the proposed 18% rate increase . I think the timing of this is absolutely terrible. In a time when a large portion of your customers are losing ther jobs & trying to make the little money spread out to take care of their family, I think it is a crime to even think of an increase this large. I think you need to relate to the times a little more & be realistic. People have plenty of pressure applied to their lives without rediculous increases such as this. Get real!!

Russell V. Leonard
16433 Se 149 th St.
Renton, Wa. 98059
russl13@attbi.com

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Harry Solomon [santeint@cyberport.net]**Sent:** Thursday, April 17, 2003 7:32 AM**To:** comments@bpa.gov**Subject:** Bonneville Power Rates

Dear Ms. Jones,

We were shocked when reading that Bonneville Power is even thinking about raising rates !

Just for your information we would like to give you our "power bill" history.

Year Average electric bill

1995	\$ 109.00
1996	\$ 113.00
1997	\$ 114.00
1998	\$ 123.00
1999	\$ 125.00
2000	\$ 131.00
2001	\$ 149.00
2002	\$ 196.00

As you can see this is an 80% increase.

Another increase would be absolutely unacceptable.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Harry and Caroline Solomon
1340 Swan Horseshoe Drive
Bigfork, MT 59911

Account nr. 1154900

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