

SN-03-Rate Case

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Specialist: Gabrielle Foulkes

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From: Thomas Fancher [tfancher@p2-c2.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2003 8:08 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: BPA Rate Increase

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

Dear Mr. Wright,

I have learned that the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is considering a rate increase from information provided by the Grant County Public Utility District (PUD). BPA could consider cost cutting options, including,

- 1) "... goodwill money in order to encourage others not to pursue a lawsuit ...",
- 2) not building excessive financial reserves,
- 3) cutting non-purchased power costs and payments to related agencies back to 2001 levels, and
- 4) treating a portion of upcoming bond refinancing as a reserve.

Of greatest importance from the above list, I am asking our Congressional representatives to initiate legislation that would make it illegal for both public and private companies to pay "goodwill money" to avoid lawsuits unless at least 25% of that money comes directly from the pockets of the board of directors, Chief Executive Officer, and Chief Financial Officer (or equivalent leadership positions). Furthermore, I request that the law provide that payment of lawsuits against public or private companies require that at least 25% of the settlement money come directly from the pockets of the top officials. I think that such legislation would create an incentive for companies to operate within the law.

If nothing else, the public should not be asked to bear the burden of paying "goodwill money" to avoid lawsuits. No company should be operating in a manner that puts them at risk of having meritorious lawsuits be filed. There is an appearance of "backroom dealings", "hush money", and illegal conduct, not to mention blackmail, when such payments are made from money that the customers are forced to pay.

I shall look forward to your reply.

Thomas Fancher
601 S. Pioneer Way, F244
Moses Lake, WA 98837

email: tfancher@p2-c2.com

From: Dave & Lenora D'Arcy [drc@bentonrea.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2003 9:42 AM
To: Comment@bpa.gov; senator_@bentonrea.com; maria_cantwell
Subject: SAY 'NO' TO BPA RATE INCREASES !

Dear Mr. Wright, We are writing to you in regard to the rate increase you are proposing that will affect the Grant County PUD. Fifty years ago we moved to Grant County. It was in the infancy of the reclamation of the desert in Central Washington. My husband went to work for the State Department of Highways and helped build the highways needed for the developement and expansion of this area. Many times he and his crew would come across abandoned farmsteads of people who had been driven out by the drought fifty years previously. We are concerned that this same scenerio could happen again, only this time by cost of operation, not lack of water. We would heartily endorse your efforts to go through and eliminate excess costs in your operating budget first before any consideration of a rate increase would occur. We thank you for the opportunity to express our concerns. May God bless you in your decisions. Dave and Lenora D'Arcy, Ephrata, Washington

cc to Senator Patty Murray

Senator Maria Cantwell

Congressman Doc Hastings

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

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From: RSFetterly@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2003 10:01 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Cc: sharlyn.berger@mail.house.gov; mbauman@franklinpud.com;
senator_murray@murray.senate.gov; maria@cantwell.senate.gov
Subject: BPA rates

Mr. Steve Wright,

As a relatively new (3 year) resident in the Columbia Basin, I am appalled at the increase of electricity rates. Much of the concern for this region correctly centers around what will happen after the Hanford Site is finally shut down and returned to nature. One of the few things this area has going for it from a business perspective is cheap, clean, and renewable hydropower. You are killing the bright spot for this region by passing along unwarranted costs for this NATURAL resource. I urge you to help this region take advantage of what it has.

Sincerely,
Bob Fetterly
8607 Bell St.
Pasco, WA 99301

4/17/2003

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: RLDBallou@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2003 10:07 AM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Steven J. Wright, Administrator and CEO

Dear Mr. Wright,

I understand the BPA is considering raising power rates. I respectfully urge you to stop such an action. Our power rates are exorbitant as they are. Another increase would be crushing to our finances. As homeowners, our bills the past two winters have hit \$200/month to heat 1400 sq. ft., in spite of burning two cords of firewood each winter to "ease" the burden. We're not seeing pay increases to cover these additional costs. In fact, these higher power rates are visiting us multiple times as businesses raise prices to cover their own higher costs. Though I understand these are tough times, please reconsider. Don't raise our rates again.

Also, I'd like to add that I appreciate the BPA taking advantage of lower interest rates to refinance debt. That's good for everybody.

Lisa Ballou

4/17/2003

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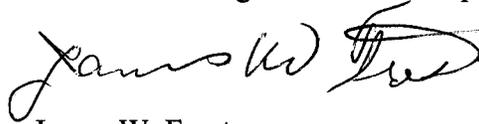
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Steve Wright,
BPA Administrator,
PO Box 3621
Portland, Oregon
97208-3621

RE: BPA Rate Increase

No! No! No!

We are members of Nespalem Valley Electric Coop. Recently, our bills increased substantially because of your increased rates and we do not want more of the same. Our community is extremely depressed economically. Our own personal budget is feeling the pinch – maybe BPA should also reduce their budget rather than impose higher rates on our REA.



James W. Frost



Nancy Alice Frost

364 Elmer City Access Road,
Coulee Dam, Wa. 99116

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FAX: 15097640878 4-9-03

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NO
TO BPA RATE
INCREASES!!

I'm A LOW
INCOME
PERSON

I PAY \$55.⁰⁰
A MONTH FOR
POWER NOW

"NO INCREASE"

Darrell & Paul Templeton
418 S. Alder St. #A
Moses Lake, WA 98837

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Duane Nycz

P.O. Box 923
Soap Lake, WA
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ddnycz@televar.com
509-246-0672

April 9, 2003

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

Dear Steve:

I am writing to comment on your intentions to raise the power rates in Grant County by 25%.

For starters I feel that your expenses definately do not justify that type of a rate hike and that you are merely raising rates by opportunity rather than necesstety.

Second. Grant County Washington is an economic disaster. My town has lost 20 business in the last 10 years...and they have not been replaced by anything new. Just a self perpetuation problem as the Walmarts take over and any decent job is in the city. So that translates to lost jobs and lost money in the flow of the economy. On top of that, Work First, which has some positive tones to it has cost these small towns, like mine a lot of lost revenue as well. As those people have left to live where the jobs are. People that pushed Work First didnt realize that those people that received Welfare checks did spend them at the Grocery Stores, Taverns and Gas Stations... thus supporting the jobs of those that did work.

So to me, raising the power rates is just like taking your steel toed boot and kicking the mouths of the people that are trying to make these towns work and their residents right in the teeth.

So think twice. Rather than raise the rates...kick up the volume a bit. Offer some incentives to companies to locate here and bring jobs and build a tax base that maybe can handle a rate hike somewhere done the road....and still have its residents be able to afford to eat. A 25% hike will definately starve quite a few people.

Sincerely,

L today

Duane Nycz

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4-11-2003

Arnold M. and Delfina S. ~~Case~~ Guazos

H20 Clark

Moses Lake, wa.

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

Dear Mr Wright

I am a customer of a consumer-owned electric utility company that buys power from Bonneville Power Administration. I am worried about my electricity Bill. B.P.A. costs have increased dramatically since October 2001 now B.P.A. threatens a 25% increase safety net (G.R.A.C.S.) in October.

The Pacific Northwest is already spinning its wheels from a bad economy and loss of jobs. We are already suffering with some of the highest unemployment rates in the nation. Businesses have closed and our basic public services, schools, churches, etc. which are the essentials to our survival are threatened. ~~As~~ is our health care system.

The economy in this region must turn around and begin to recover. We cannot begin our recovery if we suffer another increase in our power bills.

B.P.A. has dramatically exceeded its own budget the last two years, and we are reading

② that it will take another three years of the current high rates plus the proposed large rates increase before costs are under control. Customers like us, small business owners, senior citizens, are already having to bite the bullet. Some of us will have to keep on working longer than we anticipated. At the current rate, we'll have to keep on working till the day we die.

Customers like us need relief now.

B.P.A. must realize the part it has played in our dismal regional economy. B.P.A. must solve its own Budget Crisis and bite the bullet, as we are already doing.

Passing on the costs on to my neighbors and my self is not the answer.

The answer to these high electricity prices is in your agency's control. Please Mr. Wright you must find ways to cut costs as others in the region have done. Don't let your agency force the northwest into total economic collapse.

It could come back to haunt us all.

Sincerely,

Deanna L. Cavazos

Carol M. Canyon

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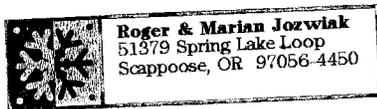
4-15-03

Dear Mr. Wright:

I just got word that you are talking about a 41% increase in our electric Bill.

I am a customer of Columbia River PUD who I understand buy's power from you (Bonneville Power). I hope and pray that you will seriously reconsider this increase in view of the present economical condition of the USA.

I, as others, have been hit with several increases. Rent in our Park up 10%, Gas up 30 to 40%, Insurance up 14%, etc etc and now this.



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How long can a lot of us
hold on! Being retired
for 15+ yrs. and less cost
of living increases than
the actual cost of living,
we are slowly going broke!

My savings for retirement
has slowly run down and
will be out shortly, if this
continues. At 72 years old
I'm a little old to find
another job.

What has happened to the
Golden years? It's getting
to be more like Lead years.

cc Senators
Smith
Wyden
Rep. Wey

Thank you for
your shoulder!
B. J. [Signature]

4-15-03

Dear Mr. Wright,

I think you should consider all other avenues before increasing power cost by 25% - That is another 25%

would you and your enormous number of employees consider a 25% reduction in pay? I know you wouldn't and probably shouldn't but that makes more sense to have a few people suffer than to make thousands suffer your proposed "temporary" rate increase.

You must find a way to cut your costs rather than taking the easiest way out by increasing rates - any fool can raise rates and increase income --- only a good manager can lower operating costs to achieve the best results -

Thank you,

Jerry Coble

1296 Centrolia alpha Rd
Chehalis, Wa. 98532

APR 17 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright,

I am a customer of Grays Harbor PUD. I am also a native of the State Of Washington, having been a resident for 80 years. I am very concerned about the proposed rate increase which our Grays Harbor area will no doubt receive

These proposals by the Bonneville Power Administration to make up for the Financial shortfalls would have a very devastating effect on our community. The BPA needs to consider all other avenues of cutting costs, just like we as Consumers have been forced to do in these rather tight economic times.

We do not need another fiasco such as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. As well as you know, the California deregulation caused extreme Hardship on many small electric utilities and created the problem we now are Faced with. BPA must take a position against these FERC proposals in order to Continue to ensure affordable and reliable energy in the Northwest.

I would appreciate your consideration of these issues. It is of upmost concern Of the people here in Grays Harbor. Unemployment and loss of a regular income Here in this area must be taken into consideration. We are a proud people here on The harbor, let us be proud of BPA's decisions.

Thank you,



Clarence E. Schultz
22 Meander Way
Aberdeen, Wa. 98520

Copy: Paul Norman
Sens. Murray, Cantwell
Reps. Dicks, Dunn, Baird
Hastings, Insle

SN-03-W-0810

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2003 8:33 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: RE: For the Record

Please don't raise rates.

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

From: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2003 7:32 AM
To: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7
Subject: RE: For the Record

Nicki: Did she say anything? I need a few words.

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

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2003 5:07 PM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: For the Record

I received a call from a private citizen concerned about rates. Here is info:

Ms Lenbi Kongas
3211 Highland Avenue
Everett WA 98201

Nicki

APR 21 2003

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

From: Laurel Wilbur [mailto:ljwt21@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 20, 2003 7:09 PM
To: gwvincent@bpa.gov; jsviskov@bpa.gov
Subject: Power Business Site Comments Form

firstname: Laurel
lastname: Wilbur
e-mail: ljwt21@hotmail.com
telephone:
org: consumer

comment: We need to consider declining the rate increase for power in the Flathead Valley.

With the increased spending for the War, the increase in gas, oil, and propane costs, the people of the Flathead are already digging deep.

If the rates are allowed to continue, with an increase next year, we may come out ahead of the game economically and able to afford an increase the following fall.

Please do not raise our rates at this time. We need to recover from our already heavy load....let it ride a bit.

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SN-03-W-0812

From: obn2o@aol.com
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2003 8:29 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

Comment on
SN CRAC Rate Proposal
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Rick Keller

obn2o@aol.com

360-384-3925

717 W. Pole Rd.

Ferndale WA 98248

Mr Wright:

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the proposed rate increase. I am sorry to say but I can not support the proposed increase and feel that rates should be rolled back to the year 2000 level. It is beyond belief that the BPA has been so mis-managed that once what were the lowest power prices in America have now become the most expensive. Your proposed increase is sure to doom an already poor Washington State economy.

During a period that private industry is being creative in cutting costs to stay competitive, the administration costs at the BPA continue to grow. It is very obvious to me that a change and restructuring of management needs to occur at the BPA as the current management has lost sight of who they are serving. You have taken a public resource and turned it into a liability.

Mr. Steven Wright, you should seriously think of putting in your resignation as you are no longer an effective keeper of our valuable NW resource.

Sincerely

Rick Keller

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: K or J Edie [kjedie@quicktel.com]
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2003 8:23 AM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Subject: rates

Dear Mr. Wright,

Please do not increase our rates this year. We, as in most all of your customers, are having a hard enough time with making ends meet. If there is any other way you can fix the budget problems you are having, please do so.

Sincerely,

Keith and Joyce Edie
P.O. Box 924
Mattawa, WA 99349

4/21/2003

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: j.bourm@att.net
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2003 9:02 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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john bourm

j.bourm@att.net

(360) 715-1194

2217 lynn st.

bellingham wa 98225

please do not raise the power rate's!! it will affect to many jobs in the northwest that we can not afford to loose!B.P.A. should clean it,s house of waste before any rate increase

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Maas, Will [Will.Maas@alcoa.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2003 10:05 PM
To: 'comments@bpa.gov'
Subject: SNCRAC Rate case

Mr wright I work at Intalco Aluim in ferndale Wa . Im 54 yrs old WITH A FAMILY Ive been working here 20 yrs I Need This job just like everyone else that works here.If YOU RAISE THE RATES INTALCO WILL SHUT DOWN.Personaly I think its all political so foget the politics for awhile an think of the people that will lose there jobs

THINK ABOUT IT LIKE A MAN

Thanks

Will Maas

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Lummi5@aol.com
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2003 5:34 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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Ron Morris

Lummi5@aol.com

360-380-2731

4188 Haxton Way

Bellingham wa 98226

 A rate increase would be irresponsible on your part. The increase would be devastating to the Washington economy.

Ron

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Madonna Docken [mdocken@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2003 9:25 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: don't raise rates

Dear Mr. Wright,
I am a PUD customer and am writing asking you not to raise the wholesale rates you sell power to PUD for..this will just force them to raise their rates in turn. Consider other options in fiscal responsibility besides just handing the bill onto the consumer. As an electrical customer, I review my bill every month and every month I see that i have used less than at the same time the previous year, and yet I continue to pay more. As a customer, I strive to be responsible in my use of electricity and make every effort to reduce our consumption of this valuable resource. In return, I would wish that the providers would appreciate that consumers cannot always take the bite with higher prices. Sincerely,

Madonna Docken

Do you Yahoo!?
The New Yahoo! Search - Faster. Easier. Bingo
<http://search.yahoo.com>

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Mitchell, Marty [Marty.Mitchell@alcoa.com]
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2003 3:10 PM
To: 'comments@bpa.gov'
Subject: SN CRAC rate case

Dear Sirs:

I am an 18 year employee of Intalco Aluminum. I have a family of three and we live in Ferndale Washington. The life style we now have depends on my employment with Intalco being that there are few family wage employers in Whatcom County. We have been told the smelter will shut down if BPA raises the power rates. This will mean a loss of jobs for 750 Intalco employees and a recession in Whatcom County. The schools, fire departments, and many civic organizations rely on money contributed to the community by Alcoa. Many programs would have to cease. I am asking that you find another alternative to raising the power rates. It means my job.

Marty Mitchell
Intalco Aluminum

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Ryan.Scheib@alcoa.com
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2003 7:41 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

Comment on
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Ryan Scheib

Ryan.Scheib@alcoa.com

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3753 W89th

Blaine WA 98230

 These rates need not go into effect at this time the overall state of the economy is very poor right now but how much worse will it be when so many business' will be forced to lay off employees. The aluminium industry will be especially hard hit as the past rate increases have already taken their toll, plants have shut down or curtailed, some have laid off employees, and not to mention all the business' that support those plants. BPA needs to do more cost savings internally. Maybe the CEO and other Execs could layoff the bonus' for a year or two, this goes for Aluminum Execs as well. Its time for our state and our country to do something selfless in the name of self preservation of our jobs I'm working harder than ever at my job and all I hope to show for it is to be able to continue to work at my job and support my family. Thank You for reading this I hope it helps make a difference. Ryan Scheib.

APR 21 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Darlene Schott [catwoman0@centurytel.net]
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2003 8:12 PM
To: BPA
Subject: rate increase

My husband and I are members of the Flathead Electric Coop. I am definitely not in favor of a rate increase of our power. What are you trying to do? Make it so the citizens can't afford even electricity? You people with your thumb on the switch don't seem to care about the little people who work hard just to make ends meet; just putting more money in your pocket. Consumer costs are always going up; where's it going to stop.

Darlene Schott

From: SPRAGRP@aol.com
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2003 8:44 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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Bellingham WA 98225

Dear Sir

I'm writing to you in hopes to stop the BPA rate hike. I have lived in Bellingham all of my life and I would hate to have to leave it. But if they where to raze the power cost to Intalco too high And thay would heve to close the plant down. I have only worked ay Intalco for 7 years now. My kids go to school in Bellingham. I have a son that will be in the 11 th grade next year and a girl the will be stating High School in the fall. I would hate to have to move them out of there school and away from friend at this time. But with the way things are going in Bellingham with G.P. closing down and no good paing jobs coming to this area or this state for that matter. i fear having to move out of state. Also I with to say this is not jest about me or the other workers at Intalco but to all of Watcom County and this State as a hole. If Intalco has to close down it will cost more then job. Intalco give so must to this County and its taxes is big part of the Ferndal schools buget. And w!

e see how hard schools are being hit right now. And all that Intalco and its workers give to the community too. So I hope that you see this is about more then this company it is about famils a way of life and a community in a hole. Thank you for your time.

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From: Carl Blumer [carlblumer@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2003 7:25 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: rate hikes

Hello Mr Wright,

I am contacting you to tell you of my great displeasure at how you seem to be stealing our power quota, selling it to other private utilities, then when you need more power...you have gone out and purchased it at artificially inflated prices. Now that Enron and others have "cleaned the till" we private power users have (again) been stuck with the bill.

Is there not some way BPA could cut costs, trim some of the fat and not have to raise our rates another 15%???? It seems to me it is just too darn easy for the government to stick the little guy for the missteps of those in charge. I may not have "all the answers" but it does really hurt us little guys trying to make it on S.S.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

Carl Blumer

Carl

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From: mitchj [mitchj@mymailstation.com]
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2003 6:11 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

SN-03-W-0824

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: AnonymousComment@somewhere.com
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2003 10:22 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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 Wow.....sure wish I could get a wage increase of 15 or maybe even 20 per cent if I made a bad finacial decision at home. Where do you think the money is going to come from? Takeing food out of the people of wash. is not the answer.Why should we pay for someone else's debt? Tell ya what why don't you double the rate on the Californians that didn't pay last year? I can't pay more for power. Oil ,gas,and insurance have already eaten up much of my profits. I don't hear of anybody, other than government employees getting raises and its not fair to break up ones lively hood. Please take a good hard look at what ur doing, and make the smart choice! Its better to keep people working than to take away jobs, and then it'll be another rate increase because the unemployed won't pay their bills either. You'll get ur money over time.....thats the way poor business decisions get paid off

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From: AnonymousComment@somewhere.com
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2003 11:27 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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Thomas m. Willert

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 Please do not raise the power rates up anymore than they are !!Things are getting out of hand for the little guy (ME) and raising power rates would put me over the edge of trying to make a living for my family. Plus, I do not want to lose my job of 29 years at Alcos Intalco Works.

Thank you very much,
Thomas M.Willert

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Shirley [sacollins@reachone.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 19, 2003 10:14 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: 4letter to bpa

4-10-03

ATTENTION STEVEN WRIGHT

ADMINISTRATOR: BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATOR

THIS LETTER IS IN RESPONSE TO THE DECISION OF THE BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATIONS' INTENT TO RAISE THE COST OF POWER TO THE CONSUMERS OF WASHINGTON STATE.

THE FOLLOWING IS MY VIEW AND OPINION AS EXPRESSED:

IT IS MY OPINION AND IN ALL PROBABILITY THE EXPRESS OPINION OF THOUSANDS OF WASHINGTON STATE CONSUMERS THAT THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO SHIFT ACCOUNTABILITY, RESPONSIBILITY, AND FINANCIAL BURDEN FROM THE B.P.A. TO THE PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON STATE THROUGH COMMUNITY-OWNED PUBLIC UTILITIES.

WE THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY ARE SUFFERING INTOLERABLE DEBT AND FINANCIAL LOSSES THAT WILL TAKE YEARS TO RECUPERATE FROM IF WE EVER DO, DUE TO CORPORATE MIS-MANAGEMENT, POOR DECISION-MAKING, AND ONGOING FRAUDULANT, ILLEGAL PRACTICES THAT LARGE CORPORATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS ARE PERPERTRATING UPON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES.

THE LARGEST CORPORATIONS IN THIS COUNTRY HAVE BEEN COMBINING AND MERGING COMPANIES UNTIL THEY ARE, IN TOTALLITY, THE UNCHALLENGED CONTROLLERS OF ENERGY AND OTHER RESOURCES, AND HAVE BECOME SO POWERFUL THAT THEY HAVE DRIVEN ALL SMALLER COMPANYS OUT OF BUSINESS. THIS HAS HAD THE PREDICTABLE EFFECT OF ELIMINATING ALL COMPETITION AND CLEARED THE WAY FOR THESE COMPANIES TO COVERTLY MANIPULATE AND CONTROL PRICES AND GIVE GREED-ORIENTED CORPORATIONS ALL THE INCENTIVE THEY NEED TO FRAUDULENTLY INFLATE COSTS AND RAISE PRICES ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO THE CONSUMER.

TO CONTINUE ON THIS DISTRUCTIVE PATH IS LEADING TO A DOWNWARD SPIRAL INTO A BOTTOMLESS POOL OF DEBT THAT WE THE CONSUMER WHO ARE ALREADY SO FINANCIALLY BURDENED THAT WE ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO BEAR THESE EXORBITANT COSTS WILL ONLY SINK DEEPER INTO THE OBLIVION OF POVERTY.

THE BONNEVILLE POWER ASSOCIATION CAN NO LONGER EXPECT TO SQUANDER IT'S

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FINANCES ON CEO'S AND MANAGEMENT WHO THROUGH MISMANAGEMENT AND IMPROPER DECISION-MAKING HAS LEAD TO, IN MANY PEOPLES OPINIONS, ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES THAT ARE INTENDED TO ENRICH THEMSELVES AT THE COST OF THE COMPANY, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY THE PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON STATE.

SUBSEQUENTLY, THE COMPANY FINDS ITSELF IN DIRE FINANCIAL INSTABILITY AND EXPECTS THE CONSUMERS WHO HAVE HAD NO SAY OR CONTROL OVER THESE ACTIONS, TO MAKE UP FOR IT WITH MONEY OUT OF THEIR OWN POCKETS.

THIS IS AN IRRATIONAL DECISION BROUGHT ABOUT BY BPA'S NEED TO COVER MISTAKES AND WRONGDOING AND REFUSAL TO ADHERE TO THE PROTOCOL OF GOOD BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND PRACTICES WHICH WOULD HAVE SAVED THE COMPANY AND THE CONSUMERS OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH FAILED MANAGEMENT AND BAD DECISIONS THAT HAVE BROUGHT US ALL TO THIS POINT.

IT IS MY OPINION THAT THERE IS A NEED TO ISSUE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ON BEHALF OF ALL CONCERNED OVER THE BPA'S INTENTION OF RAISING RATES TO THE CONSUMERS OF WASHINGTON STATE:

THE PEOPLE, WILL NO LONGER TOLERATE OR ACCEPT FRAUDULENT ACTS PERPERTRATED UPON US BY CORPORATE POWERMONGERS WHOSE ONLY INTENT IS TO FLEECE THE CONSUMERS FOR FINANCIAL GAIN.

THE PEOPLE, WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CORPORATE CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR OR MISMANAGMENT OF CORPORATE HOLDINGS OR FINANCES THAT LEADS TO LOSSES OF THE CORPORATIONS ASSETS AND LOSS OF LOWCOST POWER TO THE CONSUMERS OF WASHINGTON STATE.

THE PEOPLE, WILL NO LONGER BE HELD FINANCIAL HOSTAGE THROUGH MANIPULATED INFLATED COSTS BY DECEITFUL ACTS OF GREEDY PROFITEERS WHO PREY UPON THE CONSUMER THROUGH THE CORPORATIONS THEY DOMINATE AND CONTROL.

THE PEOPLE, WILL NO LONGER BE HELD FINANCIALLY ACCOUNTABLE FOR BPA'S LACK OF ABILITY TO CONTROL ABUSES OF NORTHWEST POWER BY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS INTENDING TO USE BPA TO GAIN CONTROL OF BPA'S AND OTHER NORTHWEST POWER GENERATORS AND UTILITIES IN ORDER TO CONTROL ALL OF NORTHWEST POWER.

THE PEOPLE, WILL NOT ACCEPT THE FAILED PRIVITIZATION DEREGULATION SCHEME THAT HAS BEEN (PROMOTED),INFLICTED ON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BY SPECIAL INTERESTS WHOSE MOTIVE IS NOT TO SAVE THE CONSUMER MONEY, BUT TO USE IT TO FORM MONOPOLIES OF THE LARGEST AND MOST POWERFUL CORPORATIONS IN THIS COUNTRY WITH NO INTENT OTHER THAN TO EXTRACT AND CONTROL MONEY FROM THE CONSUMER IN AS FAST AND IN AS LARGE A QUANTITY POSSIBLE WITH NO REGARD TO THE OUTCOME, OR HARDSHIP THIS INSIDIOUS SCAM INFLICTS ON THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY.

THE PEOPLE, DEMAND AND EXPECT FAIR AND AFFORDABLE ENERGY PRICES FROM BPA FOR THE POWER THAT WE DEPEND ON AS A NORTHWEST NATURAL RENEWABLE RESOURCE THAT SHOULD NOT BE TREATED AS A SELECT COMMODITY TO ENRICH THE

LIVES OF CORPORATE PROFITEERS WHILE EXTRACTING CONTINUOUSLY HIGHER PRICES FROM THOSE WHO CAN AFFORD IT LEAST, THE CONSUMERS.

THE PEOPLE, DEMAND THE LOWCOST FEDERAL ENERGY POWER FROM BPA, WHICH IS COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY OWNED UTILITIES OF WASHINGTON STATE BY FEDERAL LAW, BEFORE SELLING POWER TO PRIVATE INVESTOR OWNED UTILITIES AT THE LOW COST WE THE CONSUMERS ARE ENTITLED TO.

THE PEOPLE, DEMAND AND ARE ENTITLED TO BE FREE OF DECEPTION BY ANY ORGANIZATION, OF INTENT TO ILLEGALLY REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF LOW-COST POWER TO COMMUNITY-OWNED UTILITIES BEFORE SELLING IT TO PRIVATE INVESTOR-OWNED UTILITIES AND KNOWINGLY SHIFTING THE COST OF MORE EXPENSIVE POWER TO OUR COMMUNITY-OWNED UTILITIES, AND THEREFORE THE PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON STATE.

THE PEOPLE, DEMAND THAT BPA HONOR ALL CONTRACTS WITH COMMUNITY OWNED UTILITIES OF WASHINGTON.

THE PEOPLE, EXPECT BPA TO TAKE WHATEVER STEPS OR PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT THE MANAGEMENT OF BPA IS CO-ORDINATED AND DEDICATED TO THE PURSUIT OF ATTAINING COST CONTAINMENT MEASURES THAT WILL OVERRIDE DECISIONS OR ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES THAT MAY PRESENT ITSELF TO BPA OR AN AFFILIATE. CAUSING OR BRINGING ABOUT HIGHER COSTS TO BPA AND COMMUNITY-OWNED PUBLIC UTILITIES, WHICH DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY RAISES RATES AND COSTS TO COMMUNITY OWNED UTILITIES AND OR TO THE PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON STATE.

THE TANGLED WEB OF HIPOCRACY THAT THE GREEDY HAVE WOVEN THROUGHOUT OUR SOCIETY MUST BE REMOVED, AND REPLACED WITH THE HIGHEST OF PRINCIPLES, MORAL CODES AND DEDICATION TO UPHOLDING THE LAWS OF OUR COUNTRY. LAWS ARE IN PLACE AND MUST BE UPHELD AND ENFORCED TO KEEP AMERICA FREE OF CRIMINAL MINDS WHO PREY ON THOSE WHO STRIVE TO RISE ABOVE THE DECIET. THOSE WHO USE AND ABUSE OUR SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT FOR PERSONAL GAIN AND SELF ENRICHMENT AT THE EXPENSE OF THE AMERICAN CONSUMER MUST BE REMOVED FROM POSITIONS THAT ALLOW THEM TO PERPERTRATE THESE ACTS AGAINST CORPORATIONS AND CONSUMERS AND PROSECUTED FOR THEIR CRIMNIAL ACTS.

THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY, WHO THROUGH HARD WORK, SACRIFICE AND THE LOVE OF THEIR COUNTRY HELPED BUILD CORPORATE AMERICA AND DESERVE THE BEST THAT CORPORATE AMERICA HAS TO OFFER AND TO GIVE BACK TO THE PEOPLE, WHAT THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO AS CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AN AFFORDABLE SHARE OF THE ENERGY RESOURCES THE PEOPLE HELPED CREATE FOR THIS COUNTRY.

THE BONNEVILLE POWER ASSOCIATION, AFFILIATES, AND (FERC WHOS' REFUSAL TO CAP ENERGY PRICES AND ENDORSEMENT OF DEREGULATION,) HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE NORTHWESTS' INABILITY TO MAINTAIN LOW ENERGY PRICES THAT WERE IN EFFECT UNTIL DEREGULATION BY TAKING A PASSIVE STANCE THAT IS ALLOWING THE NORTHWEST'S ENERGY POWER TO BE CONTROLLED AND MANIPULATED SO THAT IT WILL NO LONGER REMAIN AN AFFORDABLE ASSET TO THE PEOPLE OF THE

NORTHWEST BUT BECOME A COMMODITY TO BE SOLD ON THE OPEN MARKET TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, AND WITH TODAY'S WORLD MARKETING CROSSING ALL BORDERS ALL OVER THE WORLD, WHO OR WHAT WILL PREVENT OUR NATURAL RESOURCES FROM COMING UNDER CONTROL OF FOREIGN CORPORATIONS WHO ARE NOT GOVERNED BY U.S. LAW? BPA, DO YOUR PART TO PREVENT THESE ABUSES OF NORTHWEST POWER.

THE MESSAGE IS CLEAR:

THE PEOPLE, WILL NO LONGER ABSORB THE PRICE OF THIS GREAT AMERICAN HOAX CALLED DEREGULATION AND PRIVITIZATION, IN ORDER THAT OUTSIDE SPECIAL INTERESTS CAN CONTROL OUR NORTHWEST ENERGY AND ABUSE AND USE IT FOR NON-OTHER THAN PERSONAL GAIN AND LIVE IN LUXURY HERE IN THE US OR SOME FOREIGN COUNTRY WHILE THE REST OF AMERICA STAGNATES IN POOLS OF THE QUICKSAND OF CORPORATE MONOPOLY, SURROUNDED BY THE POLLUTION OF MINDS THAT FEED ON THE UNSUSPECTING AND UNINFORMED OF OUR SOCIETY. WE WILL NO LONGER TOLERATE THIS ABUSE OF OUR PEOPLE AND OUR LAND AND OUR RESOURCES.

THE PEOPLE, DEMAND THAT THIS ABUSIVE PRACTICES STOP NOW.

THE PEOPLE, DEMAND THAT BPA RESPECT THE WILL AND THE RIGHTS OF THE CONSUMERS OF WASHINGTON STATE AND RETURN TO US THE AFFORDABLE ENERGY THAT HAS BEEN AVAILABLE TO THE NORTHWEST AS PART OF THE NORTHWEST'S NATURAL RESOURCES FOR CENTURIES AND CAN REMAIN AFFORDABLE WHEN BPA TAKES A STAND WITH THE PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON STATE AGAINST THE TAKEOVER AND ABUSES OF OUR NORTHWEST POWER.

THE PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON STATE WILL STAND TOGETHER AGAINST ANY FURTHER ABUSES OF NORTHWEST ENERGY OR UNFAIR ENERGY COSTS AND RAISES.

SINCERELY,

A CITIZEN AMONG THOUSANDS TAKING A STAND FOR NORTHWEST ENERGY AND THE COMMUNITY OWNED UTILITIES WE NEED, RESPECT AND DESERVES THE SUPPORT OF ALL INCLUDING THE BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION.

ONE OF MANY AND UNITED WE STAND!

SHIRLEY A. COLLINS
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MONTESANO, WA. 98563

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From: mj.mahala@gte.net
Sent: Sunday, April 20, 2003 7:44 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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Marshall J. Mahala

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Mount Vernon WA 98273

SN CRAC rate case

Mr. Wright

I urge you to reconsider your position of a 15% rate increase to the public and businesses of the Northwest.

If this rate increase happens the economy of the Northwest be devastated. Industries will move to new locations outside of the Northwest and so will the high wage earners. Our great region will become a low paying retirement community. No growth, no business opportunities, no tax dollars to aid our already ailing economies.

Again, I urge you to reconsider any increase.

Thank you,

Marshall Mahala
Washington State Citizen

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Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2003 6:45 AM
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Thomas m. Willert

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 To whom it may concern,

Please do not raise the power rates at all. I like going to a job every day and having a paycheck coming in. If you raise the rates, I will be out of a job and no paycheck. Please, do not raise the rates. Thank you, Tom Willert

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Scott101@gte.net
Sent: Sunday, April 20, 2003 8:25 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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Scott Stidham

Scott101@gte.net

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I am opposed to any rate increase by BPA. What is primarily at stake is jobs in the Pacific Northwest. Please work with the private sector as well as the local and federal legislative people to reach a compromise and keep the quality of life in this area.

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: DJones1933@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, April 20, 2003 9:06 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Proposed Rate Hikes

Mr. Steve Wright,

My name is Donald Jones, and I am retired on fixed income. I received my electrical power from a PUD and am concerned about the rate increase proposed by the Bonneville Power Administration. My question is why such an increase is needed. Can not BPA do some belt-tightening as the rest of us are doing in these poor economic conditions.

Such belt-tighting could include reducing the accelerated repayments to the US Treasury, and reducing they monies spent on Fish and Wildlife conservation. Also delays in large capital projects expenditures could be done until economic conditions improve.

I believe that BPA can cut costs to avoid this power rate increase. Surely, a 41% increase in power rates in unnecessary!

Sincerely,
Donald D. Jones

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: TDaulph@AOL.com
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2003 5:41 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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Tia Daulph

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Although we all could use a raise and more income the time has come to STOP. I enjoy my westerly view of the BPA power lines that run through our property. I paid BPA a permit fee to improve a road that was put in on my property years ago. The rate raise would only cripple the Northwest even more in a fight for jobs, global positions in industry and growth. Creativity has to be our friend to find alternatives to make this work..

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: jerry.lentz@alcoa.com
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2003 7:08 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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Jerry Lentz

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As you know the hydro system has allowed the Northwest to be the industrial center of this region, We have rallied together both political parties, union and managment of many industries, PUD's and DSI's, to stop a rate increase to support the rebuilding of the economy in our region. We need to get industry and the economy of the Northwest stablized before any further rate increases can be absorbed. If I lose my income as a result of rate hikes I will not be a power consumer or at least I wont be able to pay. The point I wanted to make is that you can see the power of the folks in this area to protect what we need to survive you (the hydro system) are also part of that, work with us to protect our jobs our income and our communities and we will support you if you can not cut operating costs like the industries are doing. If you raise rates and I lose my job I will go back to fishing to survive which means that the upper dams will have to be destroyed to build and support! that industry, or I will have to face relocating again. I know that BPA also is a victim of the power and water situation that created massive debts but do not believe that the answer to that problem is charging the rate payers of this region. PLEASE work with us we will rise to support your industry long before the fall. Thanks Jerry Lentz

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From: jenny.cheney@alcoa.com
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2003 7:38 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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Jenny Cheney

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If Alcoa Intalco Works is forced to shut down due to the power rate increase, it will be devastating to our community. Please do not increase the power rate.

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Jennifer.Loesche@alcoa.com
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2003 7:31 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
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Jennifer Loesche

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Ferndale WA 98248

To BPA;

I am writing in opposition to the SN CRAC rate proposal. As your customer and for many others in Washington State we will not tolerate another rate increase. Current energy prices in the Northwest are already threatening businesses and industries, including aluminum companies. If our economy were to suffer another rate increase it would not only threaten more businesses and residents, but would also jeopardize thousands of family wage jobs. We already live in a state that has one of the highest rates of unemployment. If these family wage jobs are lost, many will be forced to relocate into larger cities and possibly other states for potentially less pay. Washington State customers, both industrial and residential should not be forced to pay for a rate increase that would place power cost with some of the most expensive power in the world. BPA must look internally and find other measures to cut costs other than transferring costs onto their already suffering customers.

NO RATE INCREASE!

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Metcalf [mtskiburns@centurytel.net]
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2003 7:25 AM
To: comments@bpa.gov
Subject: Wholesale Power Rates

Dear Sir or Madam,

I encourage you to do all that you can to avoid raising wholesale power rates. Those on fixed incomes will be hurt by a rate hike.

Sincerely,
Luanne Metcalf
165 Trailridge Road
Kalispell MT

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: jennifer.anderson@philips.com
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2003 2:18 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: PUD RATES*

Our rates have already been raised an exuberant amount. Please LISTEN to the public. We cannot afford for you to continue raising the PUD rates.

Thank you.

Jennifer Anderson

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Lagerwey, Patty [Patty.Lagerwey@alcoa.com]
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2003 10:36 AM
To: 'comments@bpa.gov'
Subject: BPA PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

If the BPA goes ahead with the proposed rate increase hundreds of people will be unemployed. Alcoa's Intalco plant in Ferndale, WA might close. I have worked here 23 years, too young to retire, with medical conditions that I need insurance to help with the cost. What will I do when I lose my job? There is not another company to pick up everyone that becomes unemployed. The whole community will suffer. Do not let the BPA raise power rates that force businesses out of business.
Thank you.

Patty Lagerwey
Stores System Coordinator
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Phone 360-384-7590
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From: Billdude25@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2003 10:49 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
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To whom it may concern

I work at Alcoa Intalco Works in ferndale WA. If your proposed rate hike goes through I will lose my Job. This Job has allowed my wife to stay home with our 2 kids, it's our only income. We dont live an extravegant life style, because of that decision. In fact we are just making it. Please reconsider what you are about to do, Think of all the families like mine that will be affected. My Job is in your hands.

respectfully yours
Bill Sweet

From: Kantack, Chris A. (Intalco) [Chris.Kantack@alcoa.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2003 8:45 AM
To: 'comments@bpa.gov'
Subject: regarding the proposed SN CRAC rate case

Dear Mr. Wright,

I know you are not likely to raise rates 15% this year. However, keep in mind that even a 5% increase is likely to shutdown the aluminum industry in the Northwest. Please find a way to keep rates even (or lower if at all possible). My family of four will be much appreciated.

Thank you for taking time to read my email.

Chris Kantack
Systems Analyst - Alcoa: Intalco Works

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Sent: Monday, April 21, 2003 10:32 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
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Ron Mann

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 As a 35 year employee of Intalco Aluminum I am extreemly concerren about loosing my job because of the proposed 15% increase in electrical power rates. At 56 years old in a state which is already in a down turn the prospects for any kind of a living wage is lpretty slim.

Possibly even more distressing is the prospect for the younger workers. They have young children to raise and hopefully send to college some day. That will not be possible without good paying jobs.

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 While Composing a letter earlier, the letter was sent accidently. I appologize for the abrult ending

Anyway, I hope the 15% increase in Power rates will be reconsidered as it will shut down the remaining running aluminum plants and probably many other industries and and business in the northwest.

Thank you for your time
Ron Mann

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Brown, Ben [Ben.Brown@alcoa.com]
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2003 9:47 AM
To: 'comments@bpa.gov'

To all;

Please do not make Washington working people pay for your mistakes of mismanaging BPA funds. Our economy is in a slump so you must ride it out like the rest of us. Take responsibility and keep Washington workers working and supporting their families and communities.

From: Brown, Ben [Ben.Brown@alcoa.com]
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2003 9:47 AM
To: 'comments@bpa.gov'

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Please do not make Washington working people pay for your mistakes of mismanaging BPA funds. Our economy is in a slump so you must ride it out like the rest of us. Take responsibility and keep Washington workers working and supporting their families and communities.

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: benbrown@alcoa.com
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2003 9:39 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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

Ben Brown

benbrown@alcoa.com

(360) 739-5290

PO box 687

Ferndale Wa. 98248

We the people of Washington can not tollorate any electrical rate increases.
We are in an economic slump and you need to wait it out like the rest of us. Don't make us
pay for your mismanagement of energy monnies. You need to pay for your mistakes, not us.
Don't make Washington working people pay for what you did wrong! Wright!

April 17, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am a customer of Tillamook PUD which buys power from Bonneville Power. It is my understanding that another rate increase of 2590 is being scheduled for October of this year. Why? I am a widow in my 80's trying to live within my monthly income which comes from my deceased husband's Social Security and another increase in power charges is going to really hurt my limited income. Why can't Bonneville cut some of the "fat" from their budget instead of imposing an increase of 2590 on rate payers? as you surely know- employment in all businesses is hurting as well as our "hurting" schools. Please reconsider this increase of 2590 to our power bills and scrap it. We simply can't afford it.

cc: Gordon Smith, Senator
 Ron Wyden, Senator

Sincerely,
 Ursula M. Hirt
 26325 Geneva Ave.
 Rockaway, O.R. 97136

APR 21 2003

Aberdeen, Wa
April 15, 2003

Steve Wright:

This is to inform you that we the ratepayers can NOT afford another raise in our rates. We resent the fact that you sold low cost power to private utilities instead of to community owned utilities like our Grays Harbor P.U.D. We have had it with Bonneville, our rates have gone up so much - we can't stand a bigger bill. You need to use some common sense and stop being so greedy.

I wish you had to live on social security. Enough is enough.

Betty Pinckney
419 Bland St.



Mrs. Betty Pinckney
419 Bland St.
Aberdeen, WA 98520

SN-03-W-0841

APR 21 2003

April 17, 2003

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

RE: BPA Proposed Rate Increase

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am an employee of Basic American Foods, a potato processor in Grant County, Washington and as a homeowner, a direct customer of Grant County Public Utility District. I am opposed to the 25% Safety Net CRAC proposed by BPA for October 2003.

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 for the farmer to grow 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).

I urge the Bonneville Power Administration to reduce expenses at BPA rather than seek additional revenue from ratepayers. The economy of the Northwest in general, the Columbia Basin in particular and people like myself, cannot absorb another power rate increase without damaging an already depressed economy.

Sincerely,

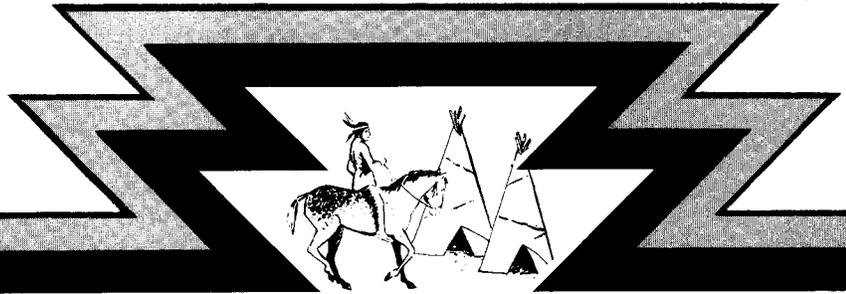
Jim Craghead
Phone: (509) 765-7963
E-mail: janshair@moseslake-wa.com

Cc: NW Congressional Delegation
Grant PUD

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ELECTRIC**
CO-OP, INC.

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www.nvec.org

April 16, 2003

Mr. Steven Wright
BPA Administrator
P. O. Box 12999
Portland, Oregon 97212

Re: SN CRAC potential rate increase.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Steve

BPA raised NVEC's wholesale power rates 50% last Oct. 1, 2001. This has created a real burden on many retired members as well as those on fixed incomes and those unemployed. I ask you to please not to have BPA implement another rate increase for whatever reason at this time. Increasing rates generally causes a decrease in power usage, weather conditions remaining constant. If BPA increases rates again, you should cease your conservation expenditures for as long as the rate increase is effective, as price sends a real signal to reduce usage. There is no greater conservation measure that BPA can support!

Please consider:

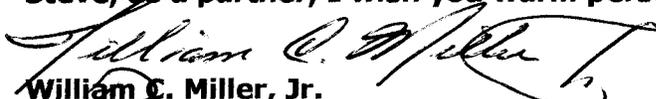
- **The economy of our region is in the "dumpster". Jobs that are being eliminated will never return. These people with specific skills will become "useless". Everything purchased in the stores comes from China. Nothing is being manufactured in the good old USA.**
- **The products produced in our area are costing more to produce while our orchardists, cattlemen, foresters, and farmers are getting less for their work. More and more are cutting back and even getting out of business. Where do they go from here?**
- **Unemployment in Okanogan County, Washington is 11.5% as reported in the "Washington Labor Market" January 2003 issue. This has nothing to do with Colville Confederated Tribes unemployment rate which is considerably higher. CCT members make up approx. 45% of our customers while CCT accounts amount to 18% of our annual total revenue.**

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- **Making BPA once again a single agency, not separate Power Business and Transmission Line agencies. This separation was done in spite of most businesses consolidating units to become more efficient. BPA's operations have become jeopardized from insulation and isolation of information and another layer of supervision. Get an efficiency study done on each of your departments within the agencies of BPA to make management and operations changes that will decrease costs and increase efficiency. Get an unbiased report done by a certified, independent management audit agency.**
- **The Investor Owned Utilities in this region should be "weaned" from the public trough. IOUs seem to get an increasing amount of assistance from the Federal Government via BPA while they continually promote their "entrepreneur" image. If they continue to demand more from BPA, then they should lower their rates proportionally. In the case of Portland General Electric, I am certain you are aware of the charges that they collected taxes but paid only \$10 to the Federal government and nothing to the State of Oregon. Check the other IOUs like Puget Energy, Pacific Power, and Avista in our region for their actual payment of taxes. Perhaps the Federal government can get this payment back through BPA which would get a cut for doing this?**
- **DSI's like Kaiser should be prosecuted to the hilt for not honoring their contract. And power marketers like Enron, who have been proven to have broken the law, should have their contracts invalidated and payments due BPA collected.**
- **Sure, there is small opportunity to market BPAs excess power now, but don't use the "drought" excuse for the financial predicament. The area precipitation should be close to normal for this year.**
- **BPA is non-FERC jurisdictional. Keep it that way. We don't need the likes of Mr. Wood calling the shots from WDC and running the power system in the Pacific Northwest. He is an alien at best, a "stooge" at worst.**
- **And all utilities are being assaulted and attacked as sources of revenue to debt-ridden governments. NVEC rates are subject to increase from the BPA problem, the Olympia problem (Washington State \$2.9 billion deficit), and the local cities and county governments desire to add taxes on the utility bills to help them survive. All of these are "drowning" the members who use electricity and struggle to pay their monthly utility bill. It's their choice between keeping warm, feeding their families, paying for their prescriptions, and getting gas to drive to the doctor or the store.**

Please give this a little more consideration before your only option is to raise our rates. I appreciate what you are up against as far as being responsible for BPAs financial well-being and ability to serve the public. We are trying to serve people also.

Steve, as a partner, I wish you warm personal regards.


William C. Miller, Jr.
Electric Bill

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APR 21 2003

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

Re: Proposed BPA Rate Increase

Dear Mr. Wright:

The economy of the State of Washington is in trouble, as is the economy in Cowlitz County. The unemployment figures for Cowlitz County do not tell an accurate story as people who need jobs have moved or are commuting. There was an article in The Daily News about the increase in the number of property foreclosures. Pretty scary numbers.

No one wants a rate increase. And I'm sure you don't want to do it. However, there are two situations in Cowlitz County that seriously concern me. WE DON'T WANT TO PAY FOR OTHER PEOPLES PROBLEMS.

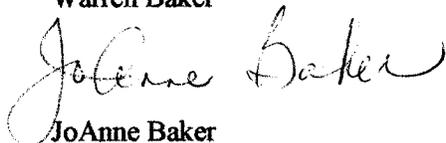
- What Michael Lynch and his partners have done with Longview Aluminum verges on criminal. Closing the aluminum plant and laying off hundreds of workers has been a major factor in our area. Plus, they owe BPA *millions* of dollars. Please, please *don't pass that debt on to the citizens of Cowlitz County!*
- BPA made some bad contracts with Enron (and sub-companies of Enron) and the California deregulation mess. *We don't want to pay for California's deregulatory problems and poor contracts that BPA entered!*
- Are you sure that BPA has done all the 'belt tightening' it can? How many new employees have been added in the past year?

Please, please – DO NOT INCREASE THE ELECTRICAL RATES!

Sincerely,



Warren Baker



JoAnne Baker
3545 Fairway Lane
Longview, WA 98632
360-636-5968

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APR 21 2003



Mary Holcomb

58198 N. Morse Road • Warren, Oregon 97053 • 503-397-5124

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

Dear Mr. Wright,

I'm a customer of Columbia River PUD.
We've been threatened with another rate increase,
this time up to 41%!

I've changed the light bulbs + turned off
everything possible. I can't afford another
increase. I'm a widow, living alone. I get
social security - their COLA is not 41%
any time! I don't know what I'm going to
do anyway - groceries + medicine + gas
keep going up -

Please don't do this.

Sincerely,
Mary Holcomb

SN-03-W-0851

APR 21 2003

Charles McGibbon
7803 Enterprise Road
Ferndale, Wa., 98248

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

Dear Sirs:

I oppose the Bonneville Power Administration's proposal to increase power rates by fifteen percent. Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles McGibbon".

Charles McGibbon

SN-03-W-0852

Date 03-30-03

APR 21 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

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

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

I am an 88 year old lady. My only source of income is Social Security which gives me a monthly income of \$ 806.00. I own my own home, have several serious health problems. My husband was deceased many years ago. I pay \$121.00 per month now to PUD. My budget would break on a 25% increase. The increase must not happen.

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,

Ms. Helen R. Preisz



Helen Preisz
P.O. Box 345
Packwood, WA 98361

cc: Representative Brian Baird
Senator Patty Murray
Senator Maria Cantwell

SN-03-W-0853

APR 21 2003

Please No More Rate Increases

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

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Sincerely,

Vern & Cheryl Cray



Vern & Cheryl Cray
3119 W 7th Ave.
Kennewick, WA 99336

cc: NW delegation and Benton PUD

P.S.

We are retired & get less than \$800.00 a month on SS.

Please dont let this happen again! What you get for FREE should not cost us a fortune.!

SN-03-W-0854



GRANT COUNTY

APR 21 2003

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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EPHRATA, WASHINGTON 98823

(509) 754-2011

April 15, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

The Grant County Board of County Commissioners is writing to you on behalf of our 76,000 constituents. They are worried about the cost of electricity for homes, businesses, farming, and industries. A significant rate increase from BPA this year would be devastating to Grant County.

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

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

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

We urge you to find ways to solve the BPA budget crisis that will spare our customers from additional rate hikes at this critical juncture.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Deborah Moore, Chair

LeRoy Allison

Tim Snead

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DISTRICT 3

LEROY ALLISON
DISTRICT 2



GRANT COUNTY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
Foreign Trade Zone #203

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15 April 2003

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

RE: PROPOSED 10/01/03 SN CRAC RATE ADJUSTMENT

Dear Mr. Wright:

There have been a lot of general comments about the adverse economic impact of the proposed 10/01/03 rate adjustment on the Northwest economy. My comments will be more specific.

We have three manufacturing companies here whose power costs comprise up to half of their total production costs. These companies balance out our agricultural base and are a key to the health of our local economy. All three of these companies are multi-national firms with production facilities elsewhere in the U.S. or abroad. Their loads are from more than 20 MW to more than 50 MW. Their contracts with our local utility provide for a straight pass-through of BPA rate increases. Primarily because of CRAC increases already adopted by BPA, their costs have gone up 67% in the past year.

We are at serious risk of losing one of these key industries who is looking at the option of consolidating their production into other facilities in the U.S. or abroad. We have been working very hard with the other two industries, one on expansion and the other on expansion/vertical integration. They are both looking at alternative locations overseas for their expansion projects because of the increasing cost of BPA power. Since electricity is such a major component of their production costs, any further BPA rate increase seriously jeopardizes our chance of convincing them to expand here.

With the current state of our Northwest economy and unemployment rate, we can ill afford to lose opportunities such as these for solid, well-managed companies to stay healthy and expand here in the Northwest.

"Your Partner For Progress"

Executive Manager: **DAVID G. SENNE**

Commissioners: **DELONE D. KRUEGER – DAVID "KENT" JONES – LARRY D. PETERSON**

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APR 21 2003

Mr. Steve Wright, Administrator
BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION
15 April 2003
Page 2

There have been specific recommendations made to you by knowledgeable utilities and industries regarding alternative measures that are available to you to avoid the currently proposed 10/01/03 increase. Please, for the sake of the health of our Northwest economy, make the hard and painful decisions that need to be made.

Please include this letter in the record on the proposed SN CRAC Rate Adjustment.

Sincerely yours,

PORT OF MOSES LAKE

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry D. Peterson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "L".

Larry D. Peterson
Commissioner

LDP:gnh

SN-03-W-0856

From: mecalbarger@integrity.com
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2003 11:42 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

Comment on
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Monty Ecalbarger

mecalbarger@integrity.com

(360)318-8517

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Lynden Wa 98264

Concerning the SN CRAC Rate Proposal,

First of all I would like to thank BPA for working with the Aluminum Industry approximately 2 years ago when the rates virtually put us out of business. I am an Aluminum worker (Alcoa Intalco Works) and have been working at this location for 23 years. The deal worked out a couple of years ago has given us some time to evaluate our condition and survival. You didn't have to work out a deal, but did anyway and for that I am thankful.

You have recently heard a lot of testimony and have received numerous emails, I'm sure, concerning the proposed additional rate increase. I do not pretend to know the business dealings of your organization, but I am questioning at the current economic condition of the Northwest why anyone would want to put additional companies at risk of closure or substantial additional layoffs. At some point the economics do not add up, that if people are not working or businesses move out of the State, you lose revenue due to people not being able to pay electric bills (out of work) and major businesses gone, how are you going to pay your bills? Another increase?

BPA is a Federal Government body that has the sole purpose of finding ways to provide inexpensive power to the Northwest. The water is provided at no cost and there should be a way to keep the cost of manipulating that water into power down, so that the Northwest economy will not turn into as retirement service economy. I really do feel that the Government's responsibility to help provide infrastructure is partly yours and you need to find a way to not have any more increases what-so-ever.

Thank You,

...Monty Ecalbarger

April 12, 2003

Mr. Steve Wright
Bonnerville 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 BPA. I'm worried about my electric bill. BPA power costs have increased a whole lot since Oct. 2001. Now BPA threatens a 25% increase in Oct.

We cannot afford another increase in our electric bill. The economy is in the toilet now, with more expenses it will only get worse.

Sincerely,

Phone # 509-7656185 Doris J. Howe
1435 Fern Dr.
Moses Lake, WA 98837

APR 22 2003

April 12, 2003

BPA
P.O. Box 12999
Portland, OR 97221

ATTENTION: Cynthia Jones

Dear Ms. Jones:

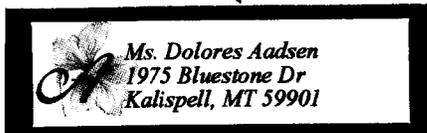
This is a request that you not increase wholesale power rates in October of this year.

I know there are a lot of members of Flathead Electric Cooperative who are trying to live on "fixed" incomes; it is not easy to "make ends meet" when everything seems to be increasing so much.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


DOLORES M. AADSEN



SN-03-W- 0859

Bonnerville Power Company.

Please do what you can
do keep wholesale power

rates from increasing.

It would be especially
helpful for people on
fixed incomes not

to have any more
immediate electricity
price increases.

Thanks for listening.

The Haugstuen



Mr. Joe R. Haugstuen
335 O. Haire Blvd.
Shelby, MT 59474

BUTTERFLY WINGS



©CURRENT, INC., COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80941

SN-03-W-0860

4-14-03

Dear Sirs

Our electric company
states Bonneville power
may raise their rates
to Coop.

I sure don't want any
more raises. I have a
low income and trying
to make it on my own
so far I'm holding
in there.

Here's hoping there
won't be any raise

Sincerely

Zella Chase

Flathead Electric Coop.
member

Zella Chase #7
821 7th St W #7
Columbia Falls, MT
59912

APR 22 2003

BPA
SM-03
P.O. Box 12999
Portland, Oregon 97212

Dan Burns
P.O. Box 286
Libby, Montana 59923

15 April 03

Dear Sir:

This letter is in response to info. taken from Flathead Electrics Co-op Inc's news letter, April 2003, vol. 15, issue 4.

On page one, Board pres. Karl Schrade reported the Co-op had a successful year in 2002, ending the year with \$9.4 million in margins and building needed equity and reserves, the Co-op continued to grow with nearly 1,300 new services.

Then on page two, Dick Heitman alerts the reader to the possibility that the BPA, in October of this year may raise the wholesale rates it charges the Co-op. Such action could mean a corresponding increase in the retail rates we charge our members.

My personal rates have already been doubled abruptly from basically the amount I'd been accustomed to paying for the last 30 plus years. I am now retired and living on considerably less money than I received while working. I'm also aware of many Americans trying to continue existing on incomes of \$500 per mo. and in some instances less. I know my own financial status and how I cope with the economy. I can only imagine their situations.

The direction the leaders of the USA are taking us disturbs me. Hearing of and seeing their actions, such as, Clinton in our white house, ENRON, our activities in S. America, Iraq, England, Africa etc., studying the Bush family history, our election process, Tony Blairs history, the staged black outs in California.

My first conclusions were that these actions smelled of insanity. But upon really researching the root causes of all of them, my conclusion changed. The axis of this country is nothing more than greed. The compassion for fellow human beings is no longer there.

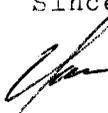
Eventually, when we can no longer pay, we, instead of progressing, will be driven backward. Anyway those of us who aren't part of the excessively wealthy club will be.

According to the prophecies found in Daniel, Isaiah and Revelations. The end result of this greed is very evident and explained clearly.

Unlike Clintons arrogant assumption that we masses of americans fit the mold of 6-pack Bob's or trailer park trash. He couldn't be more wrong. There are a whole lot of us that are not fooled by any of it.

So, this is a plea to treat we payers fairly and not force us out of your ballpark. I appreciate electricity just as does everyone but we have to be able to afford it to keep it.

Sincerely,



SN-03-W-0862

APR 2 2006

To: BPA Portland Ore. 4-11-03

SN 03

Dear BPA My name is Fred Huso,

I worked 35 years - Building & operating
Hungry Horse Dam: Have been there
since the 1st one.

We used to generate approx 1 billion kWh
depending on the snow melt.

I would like your consideration in
~~Maintaining~~ ^{Maintaining} the present power
rates to the Flat, Flat Coop & Kullapet
Plant. I believe the Flathead Valley
should receive consideration

since the dam utilizes natural
resources in the Flathead County

Yours truly

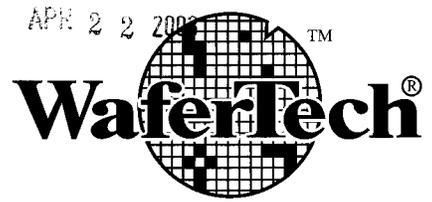
Fred J Huso

3249 Columbia Falls Stage

Columbia Falls MT 59902

Fred J Huso
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Columbia Falls MT 59912

SN-03-W-0863



April 16, 2003

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

**RE: WaferTech opposition to proposed 41 percent Safety Net Cost Recovery
Adjustment Clause (SN CRAC) rate increase**

Dear Mr. Wright:

At WaferTech, a semiconductor manufacturer in Camas, Washington, electricity is a critical component of our operations. Within our fabrication facility, we are working 24 hours a day, seven days a week to manufacture integrated circuits, or chips, for customers throughout the world. WaferTech competes in a highly competitive global market.

The worldwide semiconductor market has been in a drastic downturn for more than two years, the longest and most severe downturn in the history of the industry. Like many other semiconductor companies in the nation, WaferTech has had to enact strict cost-cutting measures to see us through these difficult economic times. At the same time, our manufacturing process continues to require a large amount of electrical power, a substantial portion of which comes from BPA. Increases in energy costs, such as those experienced in the Pacific Northwest during the past year and being proposed now, further harm WaferTech's ability to compete in this highly turbulent market.

This alarming proposed 41 percent rate increase is unacceptable. We in private industry trying to compete in a highly competitive market cannot simply raise our prices to cover these increased costs. We have to either make less or even lose money. We don't think BPA should be any different and should not be passing these costs on to its customers. We urge you to re-evaluate this proposal in light of its negative effects on the Pacific Northwest businesses, the economic engines of this region, and in view of the improved outlook for water flowing down the Columbia River

Regards,



Gene Toler
Director

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City Administrator
Bill Verwolf

April 16, 2003

Mr. Stephan J. Wright, Administrator
Bonneville Power Association
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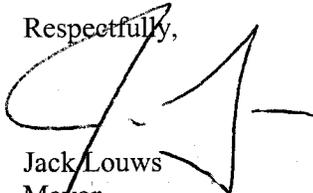
RE: BPA Proposed Rate Increase

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am writing in opposition to your proposal to increase your rates. Over the last few years, you have increased your rates more than 50% and as a result many businesses and industries have suffered. To increase them again, by an additional 15%, can only prove detrimental to the economy in Washington State, particularly here in Whatcom County. Many industries, including aluminum, pulp and paper, aerospace, and agriculture, moved to Washington to take advantage of low cost hydropower. This includes Alcoa Primary Metals, an aluminum plant operating in Whatcom County. These industries are the core of many of our communities and provide the foundation for numerous secondary employment opportunities, as well as substantial tax revenues. Future employment levels depend on the ability to economically produce products in Washington, and to do so is largely dependent on the cost of power. Without affordable energy, these industries will be lost and, along with them, many jobs.

As I am sure you are aware, Washington is experiencing critical economic times. It is time for all of us, both the private and public sectors, to make some necessarily difficult decisions in the administration of our budgets. I strongly encourage you to re-evaluate your rate proposal and urge you to keep such rates as low as possible for the industries in this region.

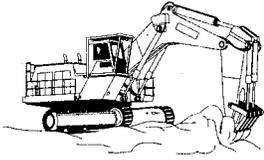
Respectfully,



Jack Louws
Mayor

c: Representative Rick Larsen
Senator Maria Cantwell
Senator Patty Murray

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Chris' Excavation, Inc.

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April 17, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

Chris' Excavation Inc is a customer of Grant County PUD. We have recently been informed of the pending rate increases with respect to SN CRAC. We feel that any increase from the current rates would be a hardship for our community.

The economy of the Pacific Northwest has already taken a hit from the timber and fishing industries and another one from the BPA could be devastating. Between the trees and the salmon, many of our neighbors have lost jobs. Just making ends meet these days can be a struggle.

Please revisit your current proposal and try to make budget adjustments in areas other than rate increases.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Chris Jacobson
President, Chris' Excavation Inc
Mayor, Ephrata, WA

Over 25 Years Construction Experience



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April 16, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright,

I am very concerned regarding the new rate increase the Bonneville Power Administration is proposing. No matter what name is attached it still bodes ill will to the ratepayers. We all have to tighten our belts in this weak economy and the BPA needs to do the same.

Grant County has been doing all it can to reduce costs yet still protect fish and provide irrigation water to our farmers but with increased costs as the BPA is proposing, will curtail all these activities.

I am a small ratepayer and retired. Any increases at this time are just not acceptable. We work hard to make financial ends meet only to find an organization as large as the BPA cannot or will not pull in it's reins for the good of all.

Please consider ways to solve your budget crisis, as we have to do.

Sincerely,
Marilyn & Bill Neavill
Marilyn & Bill Neavill
409 "I" Street, S.E.
Quincy, WA 98848

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21121 Road 19, N.E.
Marlin, Washington
98832

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

Mr. Steve Wright:

It is devastating, this sudden increase in the cost of electricity. Hard work and an economical management of resources have made this country what it is.

Fifty years ago, I came here from the home of my youth back east. Grand Coulee Dam had recently been completed. With the introduction of irrigation, farming began to prosper. From the use of hand move sprinklers, to electrically powered equipment, agriculture received another boost.

With the rise in the price of electricity, farmers may not be able to continue. What a loss we would suffer. If farmers fail, various industries dependent on agriculture will go with go with them. Let us hope this does not happen.

Sincerely,
Inez James

Mrs. Inez James
Marlin, Washington

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Gesa CREDIT UNION
 P. O. Box 500, Richland, WA 99352-0500

(509) 946-1611

BARBARA O FOUTS
 3303 S GARFIELD ST
 KENNEWICK WA 99337-8204

age 77

220

lived here 48 years.

FLAT-TOP FIFTIES: GESA BEGINS
 THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY
 IN WEST RICHLAND, MARCH 18-
 22. READ THE NEWSLINE!

ONLY SIX! FEDERAL REGULATIONS
 LIMIT NON-SIGNATURE TRANSFERS
 BETWEEN ACCOUNTS. READ THE
 NEWSLINE FOR MORE INFO.

MEMBERS FINANCIAL SERVICES
 WORKSHOPS: MARCH 18,
 KENNEWICK AND MARCH 20,
 RICHLAND. HELD AT 6:30.
 HOSTED BY GESA AND LARRY
 OLIVEIRA. NO-COST, NO OBLIGA-
 TION, REGISTER TODAY

*All share accounts are non-transferable
 except on the books of the Credit Union. 15*

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		<i>widow</i>		

SUFFIX:00 PRIME SHARE ACCOUNT 5.11

REPORTING SSN:SSN ON FILE Y-T-D DIVIDENDS: .03

SUFFIX:80 SHARE DRAFT ACCOUNT

BEGINNING BALANCE	542.31	YOUR CURRENT AVERAGE	
DEPOSITS	1173.07	DAILY BALANCE WAS	964.84
DRAFTS	1053.09		
MISC DEBITS	100.00		
MAINT/SERVICE CHGS	.00	TOTAL NUMBER DRAFTS CLEARED	25
ENDING BALANCE	562.29		

DEPOSITS

020303US TREASURY 312
 020303ROCKWELL HANFORD

TOTAL: 986.00 1528.31
 187.07 1715.38
 1173.07

DRAFTS

NO.	EFF DATE	AMOUNT	NO.	EFF DATE	AMOUNT	NO.	EFF DATE	AMOUNT
6500	02-04	30.45	6513	02-12	21.54	6523	02-19	73.91
*6502	02-10	12.00	6514	02-20	174.00	6524	02-20	15.41
*6505	02-05	42.38	*6516	02-10	17.28	6525	02-26	25.59
*6507	02-04	63.90	*6518	02-11	21.00	*6527	02-24	14.38
6508	02-06	39.42	6519	02-11	9.93	6528	02-26	20.72
6509	02-04	91.23	6520	02-14	100.00	*6530	02-25	12.36
6510	02-07	50.00	6521	02-11	23.57	6531	02-28	17.95
6511	02-12	42.62	6522	02-11	11.71	6532	02-27	21.66
6512	02-06	100.00				TOTAL:		1053.09

my income monthly

MISCELLANEOUS DEBITS

021303SHARE WITHDRAWAL

-100.00 1038.27
 TOTAL: 100.00

Dear BPA, Please do not increase our bill!

REPORTING SSN:SSN ON FILE Y-T-D DIVIDENDS: 1.55

*Please cut your costs. ~~the~~ Washington State
 is a land of plenty. Do you have to
 sock it to us? yours, Barbara Fouts*

NOTICE: SEE REVERSE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION. SEND ALL INQUIRIES TO THE CREDIT UNION AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN ABOVE.

RETAIN THIS FOR YOUR FILES

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APR 22 2003

Pastor Clint Theline
1395 Lake Blaine Road
Kalispell, Montana 59901
406-755-3626



For with God, nothing shall be impossible.

Luke 1:37

April 11, 2003

BPA
P. O. Box 12999
Portland, Oregon 97212

Concerning SN -03

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of our church family we're writing concerning many folks, older and younger alike, who would be negatively affected by a rate increase because of a fixed income. We would appreciate your consideration in not increasing our electric rates and putting further hardship on our folks.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Clint Theline".

Pastor Theline and Members of Faith Baptist Church

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