

SN-03-Rate Case

29-Apr-03

Specialist: Gabrielle Foulkes

Program Office: Power

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Rene	Kantack		4/29/2003
Maria	Fulton		4/29/2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: REIVERS DUSTIN [reivers@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2003 8:11 PM
To: comments@bpa.gov
Subject: SN CRAC rate case

Leadership vision brought energy, industry and large scale agriculture to the Northwest. People responded with hard work and good quiet citizenship making this region one of the best in the country to live, work and play. This is coming to an end.

If fundamental economic engines are lost no amount of policy or damage control will help. I have been an engineer in the aluminum business for over 20 years. From my job at an aluminum plant in Oregon I observed the Tennessee Valley Authority lose their relationship with heavy industry and the toll it took. I've watched the N.W. Power Council, the PUD's and the DSI's work with BPA.

The configuration of Utilities and infrastructure is a burden political leaders must manage. Failures that harm the engines of commerce have huge consequences. I do not enjoy writing, marching or being someone else's conscience. It appears that some folks relish the drama, but I'm convinced that most of us enjoy our families, our work and our communities. This letter is important.

Please think twice before permitting rate hikes to the businesses that have been partners with power generation since it was created here. The Northwest is being poorly used in these recent energy developments.

Who am I? I am an officer on the board of directors at my Church, an officer on the board of directors at a 501c charitable organization, a member of the local United Way Funds Distribution Committee, a licensed professional engineer in Oregon and Washington, an Oregon High School grad, a Vietnam vet and the single father of three children. I know what community is, do you?

Reivers Dustin

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From: Gegenhuber, Pete [Pete.Gegenhuber@alcoa.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2003 4:20 AM
To: 'comments@bpa.gov'
Subject: SN CRAC rate case

To Whom It May Concern,

I, as a resident of Whatcom County, Washington, feel the crunch of these economic hard times. As I am sure the rest of the population of this "great" state does. I am very concerned about my familys well being and financial downfall.

In the last few years, my wages have remained the same, while rising costs have taken its toll on my familys ability to keep food on the table and a roof over its head... Prices on everything I buy are going up and up. Taxes have skyrocketed, groceries, phone bills, gasoline, heating oil, insurance, ect... And last but not least by any means is our power bills. We have seen these rates increase in the past couple of years, to a point that has become unbearable, to the avrage wage earner.

I feel with the already rising unemployment in Washington state, now is not the time to raise power rates. Making this move right now would negatively impact not only the struggling private citizens in this state, but the struggling businesses also.

I strongly urge BPA, to try and find an alternative to raising the rates to its already hurting customers. There has to be a better alternative.

Thank You

Pete Gegenhuber
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Ferndale Wa. 98248

<mailto:petegegenhuber@earthlink.net>

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From: WILLKR@JUNO.COM
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2003 8:39 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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RICHARD L. WILLAND

WILLKR@JUNO.COM

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4921 FREMONT

BELLINGHAM WA 98229

I AM AGAINST THE PROPOSED 15% POWER RATE INCREASE. AS A RETIREE OF ALCOA INTALCO I KNOW OF IT'S IMPORTANCE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND TO THE FINANCIAL FUTURE OF WHATCOM COUNTY AND OUR WASHINGTON STATE.

IT IS IMPARATIAVE AT THIS TIME OF ECONOMICAL PROBLEMS THAT YOU DON'T INCREASE THE PROBLEM. PRESIDENT BUSH HAS ALREADY AN UP HILL CLIMB IN TURNING OUR ECONOMY AROUND, SO DON'T INCREASE IT.

PLEASE LOWER THE PROPOSED RATE SO THAT WE CAN KEEP INTALCO HERE AND IT'S EMPLOYEES THAT SPEND THEIR WAGES IN OUR COMMUNITY.

SINCERELY

RICHARD L. WILLAND

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From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2003 11:03 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: Power Rate Increase

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

From: Daulph, Tia [mailto:Tia.Daulph@alcoa.com]
 Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2003 10:37 AM
 To: 'the.secretary@hg.doe.gov'; 'maria@cantwell.senate.gov';
 'vice.president@whitehouse.gov'; 'sjwright@bpa.gov';
 'senator_murray@murray.senate.gov'
 Cc: Hughes, Mellani R.
 Subject: Power Rate Increase

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On July 13th 1998 my son Trystan was born in Bellingham Washington. Two hours after his birth he was diagnosed with Hydrocephalus. A word I did not know how to say let alone spell. Two weeks later a VP shunt was placed in his head by the leading children's neurologist in the country Dr. Roberts himself at Children's Hospital in Seattle WA. Since that warm summer day in July and a few surgeries later I have had plenty of opportunity to be thankful for living in the State of Washington.

1. Children's hospital in Seattle has one of the lowest shunt failure rates in this country.
2. My whole family now resides in Whatcom County and the support for a child with special needs is endless.
3. My Current job of 18 plus years at Intalco Alcoa Works has good health benefits and wages.
4. After growing up on Vashon Island the waters from lower Puget Sound to Alaska have my heart.

Foremost in my mind is how life is ever changing and how important it is to have a viable future. Myself included in the 720 employees @ Intalco Alcoa Works in Ferndale Wa. NEED YOUR SUPPORT. To raise the power rates in the Northwest would only aid in crippling our futures and competitive edge as a viable region to attract business and industry. We continue to send precious jobs out of the country. As global pressures increase, unemployment rates rise and costs increase it is a time to pull together. We need BPA to work with us and ensure our future not just there own. Steve Wright's agenda should be keeping power in the Northwest at a low cost as well as keeping the BPA budget to a minimum. Please take the time to address a very important issue. NO RATE INCREASE FOR BPA!

Thanks Tia Daulph

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From: Fox, Betsy [BFox@nwpic.bellingham.wa.us]
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2003 9:25 AM
To: 'comment@bpa.gov'
Subject: rates/Alcoa

Hello,

I would like to express my opinion that a rate hike at this time would devastate our area financially.

On a personal note, I have a sister that would have to leave the area if she lost her job at Alcoa, which would seriously impact her and our family. She has a disabled son and the help and support of our larger family is essential in caring for him. Her job is one of the better paying jobs in this area, and her son and family depends on her support. If she had to leave town there would be a heavy toll on him and all of us.

I urge and implore you to find other ways to cut costs.

thank you.

Betsy D. Fox
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Bellingham WA 98225

Betsy D. Fox
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From: skamper22@juno.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2003 11:00 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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Stefanie Kamps

skamper22@juno.com

9471 Axlund Rd

Lydnen wa 98264

I believe that it is wrong to make anyone pay a 15% power rate increase. It would be virually impossible for half of our county to even survive with this sort of rate increase, which means the entire economy of whatcom county would fail and the unemployment rate would skyrocket. PLEASE for the sake of our county please take this into consideration. I understand that there has to be some sort of rate increase, but 15% is way too much to ask of us.

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From: marvinbott@allstate.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2003 11:20 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
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marvin bott

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1301 edgewater str

lynden wa 98264

just as i need to cut back in my own bussiness i feel you may need to look at cut backs in the way you do bussiness. a rate increase is going to effect our overall econmy in a very devastating way her in whatcom county, Please again look this over before you gives us a rate increase. Thanks Marvin Bott

From: moniacac@spie.org
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2003 12:16 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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Monica Crabtree

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Lynden WA 98264

"Because BPA markets energy and transmission at cost, rather than at market prices, it has traditionally provided some of the lowest cost electricity in the nation. This low-cost power has been a cornerstone of the Northwest economy, stimulating growth and new jobs." This comment is a direct quote taken from the BPA website.

WOW, what a difference! Now instead of "stimulating growth and new jobs", your organization is stunting growth and killing the jobs that you encouraged to come to the Pacific Northwest.

My husband has worked at the Intalco Aluminum smelter for 13 years. We need to keep businesses like Intalco in the Northwest to help our economy survive.

Have you ever been to or driven through a run-down community where there used to be a thriving economy, but all of the factories and businesses have had to close because of one reason or another? Where there is no money from big business to keep the smaller businesses operating? I don't want this to happen to our community. PLEASE DON'T BE OUR REASON....

From: lvanderpol@bigfoot.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2003 12:45 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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Candie Vanderpol

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360-354-5374

589 E. Badger Rd.

Lynden WA 98264

Alcoa Intalco is a vital part of our community. They have acted responsibly in the past by closing the plant in order to investigate power usage problems. Please, please, don't jeopardize their standing in our community and the many jobs that this company provides by raising the power rate by 15%. If Intalco is forced to close it will be devastating to our community in a time when we don't need any more bad news economically. I trust that you have the best interests of communities such as our at heart and will act accordingly. We all need to be more creative in our use of natural resources and our family is doing our best. Won't you help us?

Dear Mom & Leo D. Robbins Apt. K101
9309 244th St SW Edmonds, WA. 98020

To whomever this concerns, I am sick & tired of you white collar taking all of the blue collar money when you guys are the blame for the shortfall. We have taken it up the ass enough. I am a blue collar worker & making barely enough to pay the bills & have no credit bills. You guys are getting a large sum of my money already. Enough is enough, the economy is down, morale is down, and its guys like you that's doing it. How about you guys give up your million dollar bonuses for one year & suck it up for once in your lives & give the little guy a break. You guys make very large profits ³ three years & then lose profit one year and everything has to go up. Why can't you use the profits from past years for your erect ways for this past year. I'm sick & tired of the way you guys run your business, but you always win don't you. You always get your itty bitty 2, 5, 10, 20% rate hikes & just because you screw things up one or two years we have to pay for it. Well fire gives my 2¢ for whatever that's worth, now a days maybe - it because you will always get your bonus & I won't but what do you care as long as you get that alought dollar from me.

Sincerely & Truly,
Pissed! Dennis

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Clifford J. Appel
P.O. Box 241
Electric City, WA 99123

21 April 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

I have read in the local newspapers that BPA is proposing somewhere between a 16% to 25% rate increase/surcharge on electric power it sells. That will surely have a dramatic effect on the economy here in eastern Washington. Right now, in an effort to save from purchasing BPA power, my PUD is paying farmers NOT to produce. In an effort to keep from using irrigation and growing crops farmers are encouraged to leave fields bare. This is crazy.

Two years ago BPA got blackmailed by Kaiser Aluminum by selling back their energy allotment for an outrageous amount of money. Then last year BPA let Kaiser out of their contract to purchase power. I don't know where BPA gets its marketing education but it sure doesn't do the rate payers any favors.

BPA supports Regional Transmission Organizations, Standard Market Design, and deregulation all goofy experiments that have proven to lead to unstable power delivery and unstable rates. Can't we look south to California to see these expensive experiments don't work? All they do is raise the cost of wholesale power to customers.

Please, reconsider this rate increase. It will cost more than pain measured in dollars.

Yours truly,

Clifford J. Appel

SN-03-W-0928

Mr. Steve Wright
Bonneville Power Administrator
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, OR - 97208-36201

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Hale
492 Logan Dr.
Idaho Falls, Idaho
83401-4401

Dear Mr. Wright,

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

People are being laid off their jobs. Elderly are struggling with their income. Due to bad economy - we suffer from increases everywhere. We cannot afford anymore increases in our power bill. We won't have anything to live on, if we do.

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.

The answer to these 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,

Ralph & Lois Hale

SN-03-W-0929

APR 23 2003

21 April 2003
Douglas Berry
P . O . Box 412
Electric City, WA 99123

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

Dear Steve,

It has come to my attention that BPA is accepting public comment on a proposed rate increase for 2003.

As a citizen of Grant County (Washington state) fortunate to have generating facilities, I cannot comment on BPA's need to address financial problems in the past. However, it does seem fair to point out that continual rate increases on this basic commodity will eventually have an adverse effect on the economy of the pacific northwest.

Therefore, please take a moment to reflect on a alternate methodology to see if it would be possible to solve this problem differently.

No more BPA rate increases would help everyone on the west coast of our great nation.

Sincerely,


Douglas Berry

CC: files &
Grant County PUD
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Ephrata, WA 98823

Attn: Jerri Mickle

SN-03-W-0936

April 21, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright,

Our Grant County Public Utility District has informed all of their customers of the Bonneville Power Administration considering a plan to raise the cost of power to residents of Grant County and other areas throughout the Northwest.

We hope that this plan can be reconsidered. Raising the power rates will have an horrendous impact on the Columbia Basin farming segment, the industries that must have power to produce food products from the fine crops of the Basin and other industries that produce products for manufacturing. Then we must consider the cost increase to private homes, not everyone will be able to budget an increase in their electrical billing. Some are jobless, some work for minimum wages, some are on fixed incomes and when a Utility Bill increases the services in the community they have to increase their prices to the consumers.

So the many that are trying hard to pay their bills, to be independent, to be able to give a helping hand to some one in worse straits than they are will be added to the list of people who just cannot stretch their budget to finance your proposed increase.

We believe that the board of commissioners for our Grant County Public Utility District do a fine job of trying to keep their rates at a reasonable figure, and they consider all facets of this large country. Towns here in the North east end of the county have an increasing number of people in the Senior Citizen age group. The young people who graduate from the Lake Roosevelt High School leave for further education or the search for jobs.

Sincerely,

Grady and Edith Lael
508 Center Street,
Grand Coulee, WA. 99133

Edith L. Lael
Grady E. Lael

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April 20, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

My husband and myself are concerned about the rising electric costs in our area. We are customers of Grant County PUD and have noticed a significant increase in our electric costs over the last few years.

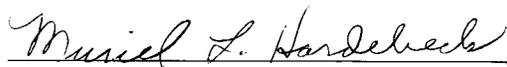
My husband has a progressive muscle disorder and is on Social Security. I am also looking toward retirement in the next few years. We are worried we may have too large utility bills to allow us to stay in our current home when we are on a "fixed" income. Besides electric we have had other increases to necessary utilities also. Another significant increase in our electrical bills may be too much.

We appreciate your taking the time to allow us to put in comments on the proposed surcharge taking effect in October of this year. Please reconsider imposing this surcharge and do as much as humanly possible to keep our rates at their present level.

Sincerely,



Lee E. Hardebeck
434 - 5th Ave SE
Ephrata, WA 98823
(509) 754-6286



Muriel L. Hardebeck
434 - 5th Ave SE
Ephrata, WA 98823

Cc: NW delegation
Grant County PUD

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Pilon, Gene [Gene.Pilon@alcoa.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2003 1:41 PM
To: 'comments@bpa.gov'
Subject: Rate Increase!

We need to save jobs in this state..Please dont raise rates.....

gene

From: Keller, Rick [Rick.Keller@alcoa.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2003 1:48 PM
To: 'comment@bpa.gov'
Subject: Rate increases

Dear Steven Wright:

I see by your annual report that you have continued in quest to lie to the citizens of the State of Washington as a cover up for your poor management of a public asset. Your rate increases over the past two years have put thousands of family wage earners out of work. You are continuing on your reckless and self serving mission of ruining our state economy with another proposed 15% increase. This would be and excellent time for you to resign your position of public trust. This increase should not only be reconsidered but a portion of the 40% increase that was put into effect last year should be rolled back. Please do the citizens of the States of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and California a real service by turning in your resignation.

Sincerely

Rick Keller

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: AnonymousComment@somewhere.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2003 2:15 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal
View open comment periods on <http://webit2/corporate/kc/home/comment.cfm>

Jon Littlefield

No E-mail Address Submitted

Blaine WA 98230

The proposed power increase in the Pacific Northwest would not only shut down my place of employment but also cause my family to loose our house, and move out of the area. This is something that I would rather not have to try and explain to my two sons, how we lost our house and why we have to move. Not only that but the stress it would cause on the marriage. I feel no increase would be a very humane thing to do. Unemployment would go through the roof in Washington state, and like I said allot of people moving out of the area.

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: AnonymousComment@somewhere.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2003 2:24 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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LORI Wassenaar

No E-mail Address Submitted

360-303-0281

5205 W 35th

Ferndale Wa 98248

 Please do not increase our power rates. I'm a rate payer and also my job depends on this rate increase. I think there are a lot of people in Washington and Oregon that need the rates not to increase. One reason would be that they can keep jobs, two would be so they can pay the power bill's every month. Time's are tough all over. Let's not make them tougher

Thank you Lori Wassenaar

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2003 2:43 PM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: For Comment Log

Call from private citizen:

Mrs. Thelma Lewis
1917 VanDyk Road
Everson WA 98247

Husband just laid off from Intalco. Alcoa just announced layoffs/plant close Sept 30 is rates don't go down. Asking Administrator to do everything possible to not raise rates.

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2003 4:27 PM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: BPA Proposed Rate Increase

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

From: Shipley, Tammi [mailto:Tammi.Shipley@alcoa.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2003 4:13 PM
To: 'sjwright@bpa.gov'
Subject: BPA Proposed Rate Increase

Dear Mr. Stephen Wright,

I have not written any letters as of yet on the BPA proposed rate increase, but that has ended now. I just came from a meeting with Representative Rick Larsen here at Alcoa Intalco Works. I wish there was a way to get our point across to the right people that we NEED our jobs here in Ferndale. My dad retired from Intalco after 37 years of employment. He helped start the potlines and held a supervisory position for years. My mom never had to work when me and my two brothers were growing up because of his job out here. We all turned into successful, contributing citizens of Whatcom County probably because of our home life - which was possible because of my dad's job. I never thought I would end up working out here too, but here I am - along with my husband who is a machinist in our main shop. I have worked here for almost 10 years and my husband almost 9. Tell me we won't be affected by Intalco closing down with this next rate increase. I got to see the last of the good years out here when I first started.....now we wonder every day whether we will have a job or not. The one thing that can make the biggest difference is the power prices staying down. Our plant is constantly watching costs - right down to the post-it notes - trying to stay viable. We only have the amount of people it takes to barely make it and stay running. Where is the accountability for BPA's costs? Is it right that you (BPA) can not only make or break my job, but also the cost of my household power bill even if I lose my job? I have lived in Whatcom County my whole life and would like to stay, my 5 year old son and 6 year old daughter have just gotten started in our local public school and love it. This town and my family depends on Intalco's wages to be able to stay in Whatcom County, please help make it possible for more generations to come.

Tammi Shipley
Maintenance Administrator
Alcoa Intalco Works
P.O. Box 937
Ferndale, WA 98248
360-384-7552 phone
360-384-6412 fax

Tammi.Shipley@alcoa.com

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: TEASANDDEAS@YAHOO.COM
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2003 4:08 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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SN CRAC Rate Proposal
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DEAN PEDERSON

TEASANDDEAS@YAHOO.COM

8410BLAINE RD

BLAINE WA 98230

DEAR SIR, AS A FATHER OF TWO BOYS 14 AND 11 I WANT THEM TO HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO GO TO COLLEGE OR SOME OTHER FORM OF FURTHER EDUCATION. WITH MYSELF BEING EMPLOYED AT ALCOLA/INTALCO I FEEL PRETTY GOOD ABOUT THEM HAVING THAT CHANCE. IF I DO NOT HAVE A JOB THE CHANCES ARE NOT SO GOOD. NOT ONLY WILL I NOT HAVE A GOOD PAYING JOB TO SUPPORT THEM IN EVERY DAY LIFE I SEE THEIR FUTHER EDUCATIONS DWINDLING. PEOPLE NEED GOOD PAYING JOBS TO SUPPORT THEIR OWN LIVES PUT ALSO THE COMMUNITIES THEY LIVE IN. PLEASE DO NOT INCREASE THE POWER RATES, KEEP JOBS AND MONEY IN OUR AREA. THANKYOU FOR YOUR TIME AND I KNOW YOU WILL DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND GOOD FOR ALL.

DEAN PEDERSON

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Terence_E@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2003 5:07 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

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Terry Easterwood

Terence_E@yahoo.com

(360) 752-5752

1490 Birchwood Ave. #103

Bellingham WA 98225

The number and magnitude of rate increases filed in the past years should have been sufficient for BPA's needs. The history of rate increases from the BPA suggests that there is a great need for internal review. The rate increase should be postponed until review is conducted that demonstrates high internal efficiencies and that stringent cost controls are in place.

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From: Vincent, Grant - PL-6 [gwvincent@bpa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2003 5:31 PM
To: 'comment@bpa.gov'
Cc: Normandeau, Mike - PSP-5; Viskov, Jim - PGGB-6
Subject: FW: Power Business Site Comments Form

This person (Patricia Smith) submitted the comments below via the Power Business Site comment form. The comments are related to the SN-03 Power Rate Case.

Grant Vincent
External Power Business Web Site Manager

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

From: Patricia Smith [mailto:tksmith123@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2003 4:44 PM
To: gwvincent@bpa.gov; jsviskov@bpa.gov
Subject: Power Business Site Comments Form

firstname: Patricia
lastname: Smith
e-mail: tksmith123@aol.com
telephone: 360-733-1242
org: Alcoa Intalco Aluminum
comment: NO POWER RATE INCREASE!!! Please keep our family from being unemployed!!! Dad works at Alcoa Intalco Aluminum, and we despirately need his job!!! 2 children who need to go to college!!!
(and eat & have a roof over their heads!) Please do not drive companies like Alcoa Intalco Aluminum from the Pacific Northwest by raising the power rates!!! Whatcom county will be devastated!!! We need the jobs!!! There must be another way!!! NO POWER RATE INCREASE!!!

The following information is from the web server:

1. Logon: IUSR GRANITE
2. Remote Host: cache-ntc-ah12.proxy.aol.com
3. Remote IP Address: 198.81.26.241
4. Form URL: <http://www.bpa.gov/Power/PGG/comment.shtml>
5. Browser Client: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 5.5; AOL 6.0; Windows 95)

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From: Roger D Engler [rogerilene@juno.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2003 9:21 PM
To: comments@bpa.gov

To BPA

I work at Alcoa ,If you raise the power rates by 15% it will be devastating to our company let alone to the Ferndale school district ,and many bussiness in the area. If possable we would like you to find another wayto make up your differances, I know times are tough for you but think about the familys that have no other means of income.

Thank you

A concerned

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Marywmcn@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2003 9:45 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Rate Increase

Steve Wright, Administrator
Bonneville Power Administration

It has been called to our attention that you are threatening an additional 15% price increase to Grays Harbor PUD, due to your previous mismanagement of power, for which we are already paying a premium. We strongly object to further rate increases, and believe you should cut costs rather than seek additional rate increases.

Robert and Mary McNamee
Grays Harbor PUD ratepayers

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

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From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 8:30 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: Please Stop The Power Rate Increase

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

From: Jmcrgc@aol.com [mailto:Jmcrgc@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2003 5:49 PM
To: sjwright@bpa.gov
Subject: Please Stop The Power Rate Increase

I find it very sad that during a time of very serious fiscal instability in the Northwest that the BPA would consider levying higher and higher power rates on individuals and businesses alike that are already suffering from high rates of unemployment in the area, much of which has been pushed along by power issues.

Our area will not survive many more set backs. There are no other family wage jobs here for those who loose their jobs to find. We have lost logging, fishing, and the pulp mill is going as well. If you raise the rates the aluminum plants will also be gone along with the stability they have provided their communities as a tax base, employer and good volunteer.

Please consider the people whose livelihoods will be negatively impacted by the decisions you are making.

Vote for families, jobs, and school funding not against it.

Thank you,

Janet Chapman

Lifetime resident of Whatcom County, State of Washington.

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

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From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 8:31 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: Save Aluminum Industry

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

From: TBurke6273@aol.com [mailto:TBurke6273@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2003 7:56 PM
To: sjwright@bpa.gov
Subject: Save Aluminum Industry

Mr. Wright,

The proposed rate increase will be a deathblow to Alcoa Intalco Works and to many businesses in this region. Please reconsider the BPA rate increase.

Thank you,

Tom Burke

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From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 8:31 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: Alcoa Intalco at Ferndale, WA

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

From: Cheryl Fischer [mailto:cfischer@ci.blaine.wa.us]
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 8:15 AM
To: president@whitehouse.gov
Cc: sjwright@bpa.gov; the.secretary@hq.doe.gov
Subject: Alcoa Intalco at Ferndale, WA

My name is Cheryl Fischer. My husband is Joseph who works out at the Alcoa Intalco plant in Ferndale, WA. I don't know if you have ever been to this area but it is a very nice area in which to live. Because of the two major cities, Seattle and Vancouver, B.C. we get a lot of traffic but life has a pretty good pace here.

My concern is the fact that BPA is going to raise prices and could eventually close this plant. That would be devastating to this area and of course, to the people who would lose their jobs. Our area is hard hit economically, anyway. This would be the final blow. There is also that 'trickle down' effect. We all know that if there is no money to spend businesses are going to close. That would be devastating for our small towns. It has been happening enough already.

I don't know how to solve any problems regarding this. That is why we have elected officials. But I am asking that you look into this situation and see what can be done. Lives and futures are at stake in this area.

Thank you for taking a moment to look into this serious matter.

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 9:23 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: Alcoa Intalco Works, Ferndale Washington

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

From: Boyer, David S [mailto:David.Boyer@alcoa.com]
 Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 9:14 AM
 To: 'sjwright@bpa.gov'; 'the.secretary@hq.doe.gov'
 Subject: FW: Alcoa Intalco Works, Ferndale Washington

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

> From: Boyer, David S
 > Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 9:04 AM
 > To: 'president@whitehouse.gov'
 > Subject: Alcoa Intalco Works, Ferndale Washington

> Dear Mr. President,

> I am writing to you as a consumer, and as a very concerned employee, not
 > in my capacity as Operations Manager, to inform you of a very serious
 > situation which could close Alcoa's Intalco Works Aluminum Smelter, here
 > in Ferndale, Washington and to request your intervention to prevent this
 > possible circumstance.

> Yesterday, It was my responsibility as Operations Manager to announce to
 > this workforce of over 700 people that we would curtail the facility if a
 > Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) proposed 15% power rate increase
 > takes effect October 01, this year. I also told them that we would begin
 > immediate workforce reductions of approximately 125 employees, in
 > preparation for this possibility. As you can imagine the emotional impact
 > of this announcement was substantial on each of us.

> It is my assertion that BPA's proposed rate increase is unnecessary, that
 > there are several viable options available to avert the rate increase, and
 > in fact BPA should be concentrating their efforts on reducing power rates.
 > In fact this assertion is supported by Washington Public Utilities,
 > Investor Owned Utilities, the Association of Washington Businesses (AWB)
 > and a coalition of Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU), as
 > well as many other individual businesses and consumers.
 > I am also very proud of our Washington State Legislature for unanimously
 > passing a Joint Memorial in support of no power rate increase. Governor
 > Locke has also
 > provided his support.

> BPA's leadership is not listening and continues to pursue the rate
 > increase. If BPA Administrator Steven Wright was accountable to a local,
 > County, State or regional Authority the proposed increase would be stopped
 > by now. Mr. Wright however is accountable to the Department of Energy,
 > and finally he is accountable to you Mr. President. Please intervene to
 > stop Bonneville Power Administration's proposed 15% power rate increase.
 > Otherwise, 700 employees, including me, may be out of work in a state with
 > one of the highest unemployment rates in the country. Many other jobs in
 > this area will also be threatened by plant closures, and of course
 > consumers will see increased costs of electricity provided to their homes.

> Mr. President, I have a wife and two boys, one 7 the other 13, it is my

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> responsibility as a husband and father to provide and care for them and I
> have. My ability to continue is threatened and I need your support. Don't
> let this ill conceived rate increase occur instruct the Department of
> Energy to stop BPA immediately!
> Thank you for your attention and keep up the Good Work!

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> David S. Boyer
> 714 Linden Road
> Bellingham, Washington 98229

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XC: The Honourable Spencer Abraham, Secretary of Energy
 Steven Wright, BPA

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From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 9:53 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: ALCOA INTALCO PLANT IN FERNDALE, WA

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

From: Mary Cazabon [mailto:MCazabon@ci.blaine.wa.us]
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 9:42 AM
To: maria@cantwell.senate.gov; Armstron_mi@leg.wa.gov;
brandlanda@leg.wa.gov; Condotta_ca@leg.wa.gov; ericksen_da@leg.wa.gov;
Kristian_da@leg.wa.gov; Linville_ke@leg.wa.gov; Mcmorris_ca@leg.wa.gov;
morris_je@leg.wa.gov; parlette_li@leg.wa.gov; pearson_ki@leg.wa.gov;
quall_da@leg.wa.gov; spanel_ha@leg.wa.gov; stevens_ca@leg.wa.gov;
adam.smith@mail.house.gov; Brian.baird@mail.house.gov;
dunnwa08@mail.house.gov; george.hethercutt-pub@mail.house.gov;
Jay.inslee@mail.house.gov; senator.murray@murray.senate.gov;
vice.president@whitehouse.gov
Cc: Sjwright@bpa.gov; The.secretary@hq.doe.gov
Subject: ALCOA INTALCO PLANT IN FERNDALE, WA

PLEASE TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY -

Once again letters are being written in support of keeping this plant open. I have friends and family who work there and it would be devastating to them if this plant closes. It would also be devastating to an already depressed area if this happens since people will not have extra money to spend. Then we lose local businesses. We have already seen that our economy is not recovering as fast as the rest of the nation.

I hope that you can reach a solution with BPA to resolve this matter. There has to be a long-term solution so that other industries will not be forced to leave this area. Eliminating more industry must be the last resort. THESE JOBS MUST BE SAVED. Please find options that keep BPA power prices low enough to keep industry in our State.

I am sincerely hoping you are able to resolve this in the best interests of Whatcom County and Washington State as a whole.

Mary Cazabon
Blaine area resident
Friend and neighbor to many Intalco employees
Court Clerk for Blaine Municipal Court

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 9:53 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: BPA Increase

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

From: DJGLEB@aol.com [mailto:DJGLEB@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 9:43 AM
To: sjwright@bpa.gov
Cc: senator_murray@murray.senate.gov
Subject: BPA Increase

April 24, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright,

I am a customer of a consumer owned electric utility that buys power from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA.) I am on a fixed income and am worried about my electric bill. BPA power costs have increased dramatically since October 2001, now BPA's proposing another increase of 25% Safety Net CRAC this October.

The Northwest is still hurting from a bad economy and loss of jobs. We have some of the highest unemployment rates in the nation. Many businesses have closed and basic public services, schools and our very future are threatened. The economy in the region must start to recover before we have another increase in electric rates.

BPA has exceeded its own budget the past two years. It seems to me that BPA should live within its budget, just like we, the customer and our electric companies do.

BPA should solve its own budget crisis by making cuts, not passing those costs onto my neighbors and me through higher electric rates.

I urge you and your agency to do as others have in the region----making serious cost cutting measures and deferring other expenses until the region has recovered. BPA must find ways to cut cost.

Sincerely,

M.E. Gleb
2404 Point View PL N.W.
Gig Harbor, WA 98335

Cc: Senator Patty Murray
Senator Maria Cantwell
Representative Norm Dicks

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: james.larson@alcoa.com
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 9:22 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on SN CRAC Rate Proposal

Comment on
SN CRAC Rate Proposal
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James S. Larson

james.larson@alcoa.com

360-384-8801

6157 Unrein Drive

Ferndale Wa. 98248

 I am a aluminum worker at the Intalco Works Smelter in Ferndale Wa. I have been employed here for 33 years. It is a provider for family wage jobs and even at its curtailed rate is the 6th biggest employer in the county. When in full operation it was the largest. The economic hit the county will take is huge, not to mention all of our employees. I am a second generation worker at this site and my son is third generation employee. It is very bad idea to impose this rate increase because family wage jobs are disappearing at an alarming rate both in the state of Wash. and the nation. It is time to realize this country cannot exist economically if everyone makes 7.00\$ a hr. Please ,stop this increase and save jobs, Thanks Jim Larson

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 8:51 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: Alcoa Intalco Plant in Ferndale, WA

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

From: Cheryl Fischer [mailto:cfischer@ci.blaine.wa.us]
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 8:37 AM
To: maria@cantwell.senate.gov; armstron_mi@leg.wa.gov;
brandlanda@leg.wa.gov; Condotta_ca@leg.wa.gov; ericksen_do@leg.wa.gov;
kristian_da@leg.wa.gov; linville_ke@leg.wa.gov; mcmorris_ca@leg.wa.gov;
morris_je@leg.wa.gov; Parlette_li@leg.wa.gov; Pearson_ki@leg.wa.gov;
quall_da@leg.wa.gov; spanel_ha@leg.wa.gov; Stevens_va@leg.wa.gov;
adam.smith@mail.house.gov; Brian.Baird@mail.house.gov;
dunnwa08@mail.house.gov; George.hethercutt-pub@mail.house.gov;
Jay.inslee@mail.house.gov; senator.murray@murray.senate.gov;
vice.president@whitehouse.gov
Cc: sjwright@bpa.gov; the.secretary@hq.doe.gov
Subject: Alcoa Intalco Plant in Ferndale, WA

Once again letters are being written in support of keeping this plant open. I have friends and family who work there and it would be devastating to them if this plant closes. It would also be devastating to an already depressed area if this happens since people will not have extra money to spend. Then we lose local businesses. We have already seen that our economy is not recovering as fast as the rest of the nation.

I hope that you can reach a solution with BPA to resolve this matter. There has to be a long-term solution so that other industries will not be forced to leave this area. Eliminating more industry must be the last resort. THESE JOBS MUST BE SAVED. Please find options that keep BPA power prices low enough to keep industry in our State.

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

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From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 8:51 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: My job, my life

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

From: Marty Mitchell [mailto:pamarmit@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 8:43 AM
To: the.secretary@hq.doe.gov
Subject: My job, my life

To my elected official:

I know that you have been bombarded with comments concerning the proposed BPA rate increase. I am one of the many who will be affected by loosing my job should a rate increase take affect. I work for Intalco Aluminum in Ferndale Washington. There is much to loose if Intalco can't afford to make aluminum any more. For one thing, \$1.6 million to our local community for schools, fire, and nonprofit organizations will be gone. \$60 million in wages which go out into the community will cease. The fifth largest employer in the community will be gone, but what is also important to Washington and the region is that many of the areas large businesses will fail right along with us. Many eastern Washington farms and irrigation co-ops will collapse. The result of a rate increase for everyone is bleak. We will be doomed to search for new jobs and most likely a new area to live in.

I am asking that you do what you can to convince the BPA to find other means to make up for their shortfalls. If they raise rates, I will be out of work on October 1st.

Thank you for your time.

Marty Mitchell
Alcoa Intalco Works

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

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From: FlaminN51@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 11:06 AM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Subject: "Rate Increases"

To Whom It May Concern:

I am totally amazed that the people in charge of BPA have the gall to even think that they should impose another rate increase at this time. You show absolutely no concern for your customers who are already hurting financially. Why should I, with a family of five have to pay for your BAD business decisions. If I ran my household like you people run your company; I'd be bankrupt by now I'm sure. I have already contacted my congressman and my senator on this issue and I'm following this subject very close in the papers and the news. I think maybe you and your people need to curtail your spending and watch who you sell to and for how much. It's our water that powers your dams not California's or Enron's. If you people in charge at BPA got us in this mess then you need to get yourselves out of it. Don't try to make your customers pay for your screw-ups. Maybe it's time for some of your executives to step aside and let somebody else run your outfit. I think the people of this state are not going to allow this to happen again. It is time for accountability for all responsible for these increases. Please feel free to respond if you feel that I'm missing something or you'd like to explain yourselves. I doubt you will.

Sincerely,

Ronald C. Barnes
34301 Flagstone Dr.
Benton City, Wa.99320

4/24/2003

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Quincy, Washington
April 23, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Knight

Regarding your rate increase.
These farmers in Grant Co. are just
barely hanging on. your rate increase
could put them over the edge.

There are the people raising your
food. They also are trying to send
kids to college I know I have
two son in laws. who are farmers

Now lets go to the home. These
are a lot of elderly people in Grant Co.
who are living on social security.
My husband & myself are 82+80 yrs.
old. It would be another hardship
for this rate increase.

Please rethink your decision

Sincerely
Doris M. Wells
James E. Wells
Wells
712. Exp St. SW
Quincy, Wa. 98848

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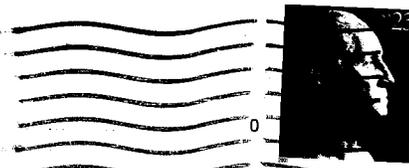
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MILDRED FUNDENBERGER, GRI

COLDWELL BANKER
OCEAN SHORES
837 Pt. Brown Ave. N.W.
Washington

Specialties in the Washington Seacoast, a complete resort city with golfing, sport salmon fishing, clamming, dozens of motels, many private homes, six miles of sandy beach. The Ocean Shores shopping mall (center) is adjacent to the Ocean Shores Convention Center which attracts conventions and meetings from the entire Pacific Northwest.

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Steve Wright:

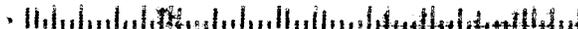
I am protesting any rate increase for us. You sold our power, figure out how to get it back! You did not take good care of your customers here.

Mildred Fundenberger

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

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4-23-03

Dear Mr. Wright

I am a customer of Lewis Co. PUD. that
buys nearly all of its power from B.P.A.
BPA power costs have already increased
and I can't afford more increases
Because I am on a fixed income,
further increases would have a
significant impact on my personal finances
Your agency needs to find ways
to cut costs, just as I have had to do.

thank you.

James D. Romine

3145 JACKSON HWY S.

CHENALIS WA 98532

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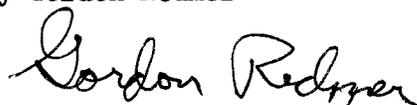
MOSES LAKE, WA. 98837

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

Please help stop BPAs proposed price increase. It will hurt everybody here in Grant County. Farming is the biggest industry and the farmers have been depressed due to low prices and a price increase will put some of them out of business. There are several large buildings empty here in Moses Lake and with a rate increase now, there will be more buildings empty.

Sincerely Gordon Redmer

cc: Grant County PUD



Gordon Redmer
576 Easy St. NE.
Moses Lake, WA. 98837

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CITY HALL -- 107 SIXTH ST. (P.O. BOX 708) -- GARIBALDI, OREGON 97118
PHONE 503/322-3327 -- FAX 503/322-3737 -- E-MAIL garibaldi.city@tillanet.com

23 April 2003

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

Re: PROPOSED INCREASE IN BPA'S WHOLESALE ELECTRIC RATE

Dear Mr. Wright:

The City of Garibaldi, Oregon is a customer of the Tillamook People's Utility District, an electric utility that purchases all its power from the Bonneville Power Administration. Electricity prices have increased dramatically since October 2001, driven by wholesale price increases from BPA. Electricity is one of the fastest-rising costs in the City budget. Now we understand BPA has threatened another 25% increase—a "Safety Net CRAC"—effective in October 2003.

The Pacific Northwest, and Tillamook County in particular, is suffering from the bad economy; the Pacific Northwest has some of the highest unemployment rates in the nation right now, and Tillamook County's jobless rate exceeds the statewide average. Folks here have a hard time paying the bills they have. We will postpone, and perhaps jeopardize altogether, the area's chance for an economic recovery by further increasing a cost that most folks have no choice but to pay.

We have been told that BPA has exceeded its own budget the past two years, and wants another three years of the current high wholesale rates plus the proposed price increase to balance its budget. We would submit that BPA needs to recognize the part BPA's own high rates have played in perpetuating and exacerbating the economic downturn, and urge you to make BPA balance its budget without passing these costs on to the City and its constituents.

Thanks very much for your help in this important effort.

Sincerely,

Everett Brown
Mayor

SN-03-W-0958

APR 28 2003

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

M.L., Apr 21, '03

Dear Mr. Wright:

I understand that the BPA is planning to raise the power rate substantially (25%).

Such increase would reflect down to my power bill, which is already high compared to my income, slim Social Security, \$519./month.

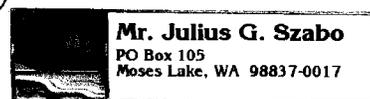
Please do not raise the power rate, I already have much difficulty making do on \$519.- Social Security/mo. Also, a rate increase would effect everybody in the Pacific Northwest, increasing costs, and the prices, impacting me that way, also.

So please, do not raise the power rate!

Sincerely,

Julius G. Szabo
P O Box 105
Moses Lake,
WA 98837

Copies to:
Sen. Patty Murray
Sen. Maria Cantwell
Rep. Doc Hastings



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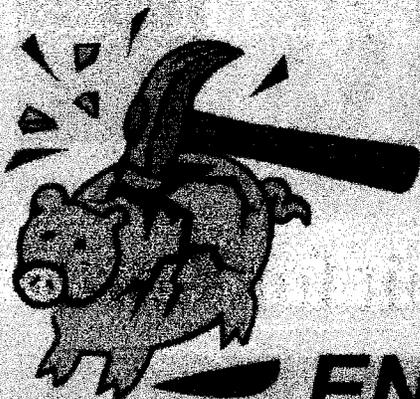
ARE YOU TIRED OF

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HIGH ELECTRICITY COSTS?

SO ARE WE!

The **Bonneville Power Administration**,
our main supplier of electricity, is planning to
raise our rates again!!



ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

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

BPA has sold this low-cost power to private utilities,
shifting the cost of more expensive power to you!

THIS HAS TO STOP!!!

Steve Wright, April 24, 2003
Your Grays Harbor PUD **Bonneville Power Administration** convince BPA that
P. O. Box 3621,
You can find **Portland, OR 97232-3621** Wright

Tell them **Having been involved at the onset of the necessary electric power reform during the great depression, 1929-1937, we felt at that time we had the legal solution to any adverse use of our electric power. Prior to then the consumer had been abused by the likes of holding companies such as the Samuel Insuls of that period and now Enron and their ilk. I am 91 and am quite concerned that the principles of our cherished public power system is being perverted.**

Steve Wright - Adm.
Bonneville Power A
PO Box 36
Portland, OR 972
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Email: comment@t

US Senator Maria C.
717 Hart Senate Office
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US Representative Norm Dicks
2467 Rayburn House Office Bldg
Washington DC 20510
(202) 225-5916
Fax (202) 228-1176

Email: www.house.gov/writerep/



A handwritten signature in cursive that reads 'W. P. White'.

W. P. White

Box 238,

Pacific Beach, WA 98571

(202) 225-3536

Fax (202) 225-3478

Email: brian.baird@mail.house.gov

copies to: Governor Locke; US Senators Cantwell and Murray;

US Representatives Dicks and Baird; and Grays Harbor PUD

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April 25, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

I hear Bonneville Power Administration is talking of implementing a 25% Safety Net CRAC in October. Our electric utility purchases power from BPA, and we are extremely concerned about this proposed increase.

Unfortunately, electricity is not the only utility or service that keeps raising prices, and so many people are out of work or on fixed incomes. In fact, with the poor economy, many who are working are not getting cost-of-living increases in wages, either.

There must be a way to pare down your budget and wages to be more in line with the average citizen and help us all have a livable existence. Some elderly in poor health live in houses too cold for their health in winter and too hot in the summer. During the WPPSS fiasco in the 1980's, my father chose medicine and food over a warm house -- he got the electric bill as low as he could; an \$11.00 minimum if I remember right. So his electric company said he was not using enough electricity (if you can imagine) and slapped a \$22.00 surcharge on his bill. It was terribly cruel. He had been a good customer all his life, and the sense of betrayal he felt worsened his health as well as his finances. Unless we get out of our own social element and mix with people of all financial situations, we have no idea what others are facing. My husband works at a very small hospital, and it is really struggling, too. We need our hospital. Please help us all!! Everyone needs to tighten their belts during these economic downturns.

Thank you for listening!

Sincerely,

Linda O'Keefe

434 C St. N.E.
Ephrata, WA 98823

P.S. If you could encourage California to build a few power plants of their own, it would probably help the whole nation.

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

SN-03-W-0961

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4416 Rd. Q NE
Moses Lake, Wa 98837
April 24, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

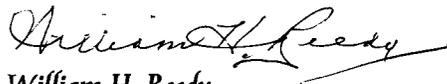
I am a resident user of electricity from Grant County PUD. I understand that BPA threatens a Safety Net CRAC in October. I am concerned about this increase in my power bill.

I am sure you are aware of the economic slowdown in the Pacific Northwest. Recovery is needed, but that recovery cannot begin if the agricultural and manufacturing industries of the area suffer another increase in our power bills.

Is it true that BPA has exceeded dramatically its own budget the past two years? If I take the liberty to exceed my budget, I am in deep trouble. This is one reason our country is in economic straits--too many individuals and companies are exceeding their budgets. It doesn't take a financial expert to figure out the result. BPA must solve its budget crisis in other ways than by passing its over-budget costs on to the users of Grant County PUD electricity.

Your agency has control of electricity prices, and I urge you to find other ways of cutting costs and increase our rates.

Sincerely,



William H. Reedy

cc: NW delegation
Grant County PUD

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Please No More Rate Increases

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

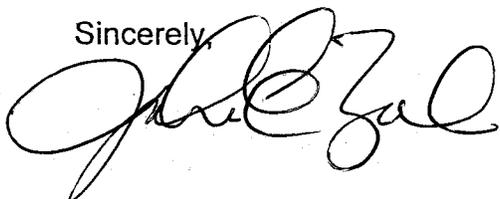
I am a customer of a consumer-owned electric utility that buys power from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). I'm worried about my electric bill. BPA power costs have increased dramatically since October 2001. Now BPA threatens a 25% Safety Net CRAC in October.

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

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

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

Sincerely,



John E. Zohn
6711 Victoria W.
Kennewick, WA 98338

cc: NW delegation and Benton PUD

NOTE: IMAGINE YOURSELF OUT OF WORK, ^{FOR A YEAR} WITH A MORTGAGE 600.00,
\$200.00 PER MONTH IN PRESCRIPTIONS, AND TRYING TO PAY A
\$300.00 UTILITY BILL! STOP FEATHERING THE BPA EMARE!!
YOU ASSES SUPPORTED THE ELIMINATION OF WNP-1 (A NUKER)
ONLY TO BLEED THE PUBLIC DRY!!!

SN-03-W-0963

4-26-03

Steve Wright, Admn.
 Bessville Power Administration
 P.O. Box 3621
 Portland, Or. 97208

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed power rate increase. Since we in Grant County receive part of our power from BPA, an increase would affect us greatly.

We live in a (largely) retirement community, living on fixed incomes and feel this increase, along with all the other cost increases, would create an undue hardship on many of us.

Please give consideration to this comment. Any consideration you can give this request would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
 Shirley Pedersen
 702 West Olive Ave
 Mattawa Wa 99349

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V Mr. & Mrs. Fritz Von Allmen
34870 Millard Rd
Warren, OR 97053-9318

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

Dear Mr. Wright;



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

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

BPA has dramatically exceeded its own budget the past two years, and we read that it will take another three years of the current high rates, plus the proposed large increase, before costs are under control. Customers like me need relief now. BPA must recognize the part it has played in damaging our regional economy and solve its own budget crisis without burdening my neighbors and me with even higher costs.

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

Sincerely *Fritz, Dottie Von Allmen -*
We are just 2 of the older people who keep paying + paying & now our bank accounts are getting low. + our medicines are getting higher + every one wants more from us - we have to really cut + adjust our income to stay afloat.
cc. Senators Smith and Wyden, Representative Wu
Why. Cant you do the same. you know one day. the (us) older people cant pay these higher prices all the time, there is a

Breaking point. + it is here now. Our whole community is in dead trouble + every one wants more - Cant you people try cutting back like you are making us do? We can do it + have to - you can too. If you really want to help us, you are in control so try to clean house + help us

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03-03-03

Steve Wright

Bonneville Power Administration
Box 3621

Mrs. Donald A. Corbett
4121 Cove West Drive
Moses Lake, WA 98837

Portland, Or.

Dear Sir:

I live in Grant County and in the
City of Moses Lake.

I am greatly disturbed by any potential rise of BPA'S rate increase

for this region. We are primarily an agricultural area. Presently we are in
a depressed area economically. Our local businesses are doing poorly. The
recent closure of a Big K store has led to more than 100 job losses.

The BPA must learn to even more tightly decrease their expenditure?
We have just had an increase of 4% in our electrical Grant County PUD
Rates.

The PUD has successfully kept us from increased ^{rates rates for} ~~for~~ 2-3 years by tightening
Their belts.

I am concerned about a statement attributed by you—getting through the “Safety
Net Cost Recovery Adjustment Clause”, which you say is necessary for the power
Administration to maintain its bond rating with the U.S.Treasury. For many
years I worked as a Bond Research Officer for a major bank in Seattle. While
I realize I analyzed municipal bond issues, I had occasion to have knowledge
About federal issues At No time was a federal bond issue ^{ever} considered anything
but AAA or AA by any rating agencies I worked with. How can the BPA lose
its bond rating when it doesn't even have a bond rating?. I cannot foresee the
BPA not meeting its debt repayment schedule

Are you trying to punish the public power agencies because they are “public”and NOT
private providers of power.

Many thanks for reading this letter and responding to me.

My name is Myrna Corbett, 4121Cove West Drive, Moses Lake, WA. 98837.

*Please forgive the errors. It has been
my first attempt on the computer!*

Myrna Corbett SN-03-W-0966

21 April 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

We are asking BPA to make the same sacrifices we are making. When our expenses go up, we have to make major adjustments.

We, personally, are senior citizens who have only had small income increases since 1987. Our small investments are not doing great either. Our cutting back goes on and on.

We were young children during the depression (1929) and can still remember the hardships of our parents. We learned how to conserve and have practiced these ways ever since.

Two of our sons are farming in this area and they have been taught conservation practices. However, we wonder how they can continue to farm and still make a profit because of the rising price of everything, including rate increases in electricity, which they need to run their irrigation pumps, etc. Businesses in town are trying to survive also.

This letter could go on and on, but I'm sure you have the message. We really appreciate your position and know that you will do your very best to try to please all your customers.

Gratefully yours,

Lyman B. Salisbury
Margaret R. Salisbury

Lyman B. Salisbury
Margaret R. Salisbury



Mr. Lyman B. Salisbury
7631 Road 170
Mesa, WA 99343

SN-03-W-0967

April 21, 2003

My Dear Mr. Wright:

I'm writing this in response to the BPA's SN CRAC rate case proposal. It would be nice to think that all finances could be protected from future problems by implementing such safety measures as your proposed rate increase. If our Northwest area Businesses and Industries could also demand such a guarantee by their customers, they would probably be delighted to comply with your "Safety Net Increases".

The truth is that nobody has any guarantees in these fragile economic times. I know that my family's financial welfare has been in question since the beginning of this Northwest Power situation and my job as an Aluminum worker seems to have no future security. My family has a big cloud over head, which is forcing us to delay or eliminate many purchases.

It seems that we are getting more support from State and Federal officials on this matter than the BPA itself. With all that the administration is doing to try to improve the economy, I believe that extending a relatively small, "possible" future debt by the BPA would be a welcome measure in improving our Northwest economy. Especially when compared to the billions being spent to stabilize other industries.

Please save our jobs in the Northwest. Please find a way to prevent any rate increase and stabilize future rates. Keep our jobs here!

Thank You, Terry & Susan Fischer
915 Sudden Valley
Bellingham, WA. 98229

Terry & Susan Fischer
Susan D. Fischer
Amanda J. Fischer (daughter)
Trevor Fischer (son)

APR 28 2003



Angel C. Estrada, Jr.
1904 Riverview Dr.
Pasco, WA 99301

Dear Steve Wright

I am writing to you in my own behalf as a rate payer on a fixed income although I feel that ^{there} must be the same feelings as most in the same situation.

Over the past (2) year the electrical rate has increase by 55% putting a rather hardship on most in the same situation I am in.

I have myself in order to save on my electric bill have cut back for example during the winter months my thermostat is set at 60° and turn off when the sun is up and when I leave in the summer it is set at 86° and use basically during the heat of the day, I used low wattage light bulbs in order to cut my monthly bill I also shut-off my water heater so as not to have a constant re-covery in maintaining a set degree at the water heater itself.

I truly trust that you & staff can find an alternative, with^{out} creating another rate increase

Respectfully Yours

Angel C. Estrada Jr

rate payer ID 15794-00

Franklin PUD Pasco-Wa. 99301

April 21, 2003

SN-03-W-0969

April 22, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

My wife and I are customers of Lewis County P.U.D. that buys all its power from Bonneville Power. We are senior citizens and low income customers and are now worrying about the power bills going up ---again.

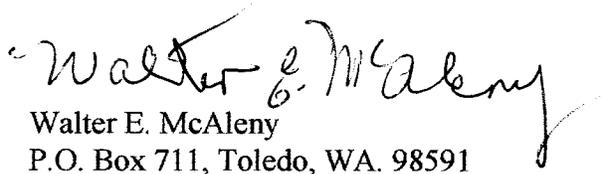
We have always supported the power company and let them build numerous dams on the Cowlitz River. We understood this would keep our power bills cheaper because they were using our local resources. Now they want another 25% and they just got a 30% raise recently.

We are senior citizens and we got a 2.5% raise to help with cost of living raise. Ha!! Now isn't that a joke. In the years of my younger days, I spent all my winters catching steel head and spring chinook to help with feeding our family. There are so many dams on our river now, the fish would have to have wings to get up the river. We were also promised fish ladders on the dams so fish could get up the river to migrate and as you well know that seems to be the thing that goes amiss on all these big agreements.

This is where Lewis County citizens are now!! They are not getting our fish back. B.P.A. wants more money. Where did all the trust go that was promised to the local citizens? We are not in favor of a raise in power prices. Let California and whoever else getting our power, pay for their own mistakes and please show us that you are now going follow through with all your promises.

I hope this letter doesn't go in your file 13. A suggestion to help our community, hire some of the senior citizens that were raised in Lewis County to help you straighten up the river and fish population. I was born on Layton Prairie east of Toledo, on what used to be "The Henry McAleny Road". This road is now St. Rt. 505.

Sincerely,


Walter E. McAleny
P.O. Box 711, Toledo, WA. 98591

SN-03-W-0970

APR 28 2003

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

BPA currently has a base price of 2.2 cents/kWh, and two surcharges. BPA intends to implement the Safety Net CRAC, the last available surcharge, on October 1, 2003.

- BPA raised the price of wholesale electricity by 46% in 2001 – after threatening as much as a 250% increase. This surcharge is called the Load Based CRAC (LB CRAC), and can be adjusted quarterly. BPA establishes a new LB CRAC effective each six months, with quarterly true-ups.
- In 2002 BPA added another surcharge, a Financial Based CRAC (FB CRAC) resulting in an 11% increase, the maximum assessable under the contract. The FB CRAC runs for 12 months at a time, and is expected to run through the remaining rate period – September 30, 2006.
- BPA now wishes to impose another surcharge – a Safety Net CRAC that would increase the base BPA rate by another 25%. The SN CRAC is scheduled to take effect October 1, 2003 and may continue through September 30, 2006.

Resources

BPA's website: www.bpa.gov/power/psp/rates/RateCases/sn03/index.shtml
Congressional delegates listing: www.npwwr.org, click "Congressional Handbook"
Public Power Council: www.ppcpx.org, click "Monthly Briefing"
North West Public Power Association: www.nwppa.org, click "Government Relations Committee"

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

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

With the above evidence,

I agree any additional price increase is unnecessary.

Sincerely,

Andrew Smith

A. W. Smith
311 4th Ave SE
Ephrata, WA 98823-2231

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Mr. Steve Wright
Bonneville Power Administration
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, OR 97208-3621
April 22, 2003

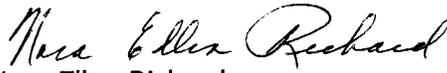
Dear Mr. Wright,

As budget administrator and executive director for the Olympic College Shelton campus (a satellite of Olympic College Bremerton), I have grave concerns for the implications of the proposed electricity rates for our institution. Currently, the college is doing all it can to continue offering quality education to an increasing number of students in spite of very real cutbacks in our own budget. It is essential that our overhead costs be monitored very carefully. We have no cushion to absorb increased utility costs. An increase in PUD rates could result in fewer services for students.

I urge Bonneville Power Administration to work with Pacific Northwest Utilities in good faith efforts to avoid the implementation of the "Safety Net Cost Recovery Adjustment Clause" on October 1. There are options that can be explored before serious consideration of a rate increase. PUD 3 has put forth seven options that have to do with cutting costs and changing strategies. Just as Olympic College is busily engaged in proactive examination of several options to a significantly high increase in tuition and/or decrease in services, I would ask Bonneville Power Administration to do likewise.

Though these are difficult economic times, they are the kinds that challenge leaders to focus on creative problem solving. Just as Olympic College is facing its seemingly pessimistic situation as an opportunity for needed changes, I ask other public entities to do the same.

Sincerely,


Nora Ellen Richard
Executive Director

APR 28 2003

Fode Farms

Telephone: 509-765-4834
FAX: 509-766-7510

4943 Rd "N" NE
Moses Lake, WA 98837-9504

April 14, 2003

Steve Wright, Administrator
Bonneville Power Administration
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 you agency force the Northwest into total economic collapse.

Sincerely,



Robin Fode, Owner

cc: NW delegation
Grant County PUD

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April 14, 2003

Steve Wright, Administrator
Bonneville Power Administration
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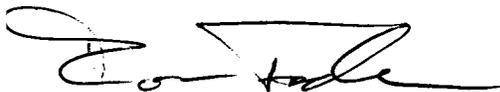
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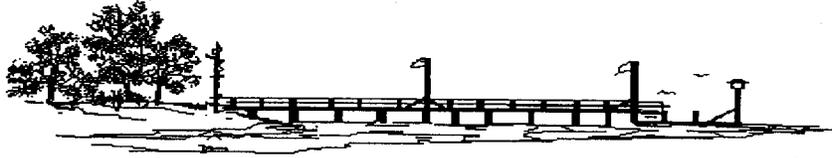


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April 21, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

The Port of Allyn represents customers of Mason County PUD No. 3, a publicly-owned electric utility that buys power from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA).

We are concerned about BPA power costs that have increased dramatically since October 2001. In addition, we are especially concerned about what has been publicly announced as a possible increase of up to 41% in wholesale costs that are proposed in the Safety Net Cost Recovery Adjustment Clause in October.

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

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BPA must consider all options for cutting costs, including the following:

- Address financial problems on a year-by-year basis. BPA could save \$400 million by not building up excessive financial reserves;
- BPA offered some utilities in the Northwest goodwill money in order to encourage others not to pursue a lawsuit. We urge BPA to take all actions necessary to reduce payments to third parties, including this \$200 million lawsuit bonus;

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- Cut non-purchased power costs and payments to related agencies back to at least 2001 levels in order to save \$100 million;
- Treat a portion of your upcoming bond refinancing as a reserve to deal with financial problems;
- Delay an accelerated repayment schedule for debt to the US Treasury, seek credit for prepayments, and then stay with your regularly scheduled payments;
- Evaluate whether the large amount of money being spent on fish and wildlife is giving us the expected results; and,
- Delay large capital projects to a time when revenue from generation (a question mark in this drought year) can be expected to support them.

Our region needs relief from rate increases now. BPA must realize the part it has played in building our regional economy, and the impacts that higher electricity rates will have on us. BPA must solve its budget crisis – passing these costs on to residents and businesses in our Port district is not the answer.

The answer to these high electricity prices is within your agency's control. we urge you to do as others have in the region: find ways to cut costs. Use the advice of your customers and develop a region wide solution to our electricity supply issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Scott". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Judy Scott
Commission Chair, Port of Allyn

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