

# SN-03-Rate Case

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**From:** DianeKlitz@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, May 02, 2003 12:00 PM  
**To:** comment@bpa.gov  
**Subject:** Re: rates for Snohomish Co. PUD

Dear Sir:

I feel like a beggar, a position I hate to be in. All my life, I have proudly paid for what I have purchased. I felt that if I wanted something, then it was my decision to pay the cost of the item. However, now, it is far different. I am retired and 70 years of age, my wife is 65. We find now that health care costs and especially uncovered expensive medication costs are outstripping our ability to pay them, and yet living on social security, for which we have worked all our lives, plus moderate pensions, we have no ability to continue to pay increasing raising Bonneville Power rates. Of course, we are in that unfortunate position of having earned just enough in our lifetime to earn above the poverty rate, but not enough to afford our increasing costs of medication, utility rates, property taxes, etc.

I believe that there are many in our circumstances, who will soon have to choose being cold, not taking prescribed medications, and cutting down on food intake, in order not to go into irretrievable debt. I urge you! Please seriously consider not raising utility rates for Snohomish County PUD. and if at all possible, please, please reduce them.

Respectfully, V. R. Klitz

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**From:** Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7  
**Sent:** Friday, May 02, 2003 2:16 PM  
**To:** Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7  
**Subject:** FW: HELP!!!!Save our jobs

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

From: Loraine Pegan [mailto:redjack22@earthlink.net]  
Sent: Friday, May 02, 2003 11:09 AM  
To: the.secretary@hq.doe.gov; sjwright@bpa.gov;  
vice.president@whitehouse.gov; president@whitehouse.gov  
Subject: HELP!!!!Save our jobs

I am writing to express my concern that it is time for the Department of Energy to intervene in the BPA process to ensure that everything possible is being done to prevent another rate increase.

This is necessary to prevent the ailing northwest economy from becoming further disabled. If this 15%rate increase is allowed it will cause thousands of family-wage jobs to be lost. Many of these lost jobs will occur in rural and areas that are already economically challenged. Without affordable energy aluminum, aerospace, agriculture, pulp and paper industries are only a few of the areas which will be negatively impacted and cause massive layoffs and closures.

In Whatcom County, Alcoa Aluminum has announced that it will close if this rate increase is allowed. If this happens it will not only affect the 700 families which have family wage jobs through this plant but it will devastate the local economy. Alcoa pumps millions of dollars into the local economy, tax base, and Ferndale school district. For every job lost at Alcoa it is estimated that 6 other local jobs will also be lost.

Please respond to my concerns regarding the proposed BPA rate increase. Thank you for your time and help in this very concerning and critical manner.

Sincerely yours,

Lori, and Jacqueline Pegan

Lee,

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**From:** Elaine A. Harmon [beharmobilecc@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 04, 2003 9:29 PM  
**To:** comment@bpa.gov  
**Cc:** senator\_murray@murray.senate.gov; jay.inslee@mail.house.gov  
**Subject:** BPA Rates

**We are Senior Citizens, living on fixed income, and quite concerned about BPA raising it's rates to Snohomish County PUD yet AGAIN!! We pay very high rates already, and many have had their power turned off because they had to choose between eating, filling their medications or keeping warm. We have to live within our budget...why can't you? I'm sure your administrative budget is far more than it needs to be to do the job-----and there are probably other places where cutbacks could be made to balance your budget. Of course, the EASIEST way is just to raise your rates and continue to spend over your budget and let the your customers carry the burden. It will be interesting to see which road you take...**

Sincerely,  
**Mr. & Mrs. R. L. Harmon**  
**1415 - 84th St. S. E. Sp. 140A**  
**Everett, Wa. 98208-2101**  
**[beharmobilecc@yahoo.com](mailto:beharmobilecc@yahoo.com)**

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**From:** Rose Nipper [rnipper@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 04, 2003 11:19 AM  
**To:** Comment@bpa.gov  
**Subject:** No Rate Increase

May 4, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

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

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

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.

Personally, I am a single parent trying to make ends meet and give my child a decent home to live in. My electrical rates were outrageous last year. Over \$200 a month for a 1400+ square foot home with only two people living in it. What is wrong with this picture? How do others make it with incomes that are lower than mine? I truly do not know and it concerns me that another rate increase is being proposed.

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,

Rose M. Nipper

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**From:** Bratbailey42@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 03, 2003 5:10 PM  
**To:** comment@bpa.gov  
**Subject:** (no subject)

In regards to another possible pud rate increase:

I don't feel the last rate increase was justified let alone a possible rate increase!!  
Our Pud rates are too high as is and the majority in this area feel legistration needs to get involved and audits etc. need to be done becuase frankly I'm not the only one who feels something here is not on the level as far as what a fair rate is. I'm a single disabled mother and the last rate increase has caused it to not make ends meet. With that said others are having trouble making their payments and the are a both working family household.

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**From:** cmhardisty@att.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 03, 2003 6:34 PM  
**To:** comment@bpa.gov  
**Subject:** attn. stephen wright., financial shortfall

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P.U.D.,

This letter is in regard to the \$900 million financial shortfall. I am curious how a company as large as BPA could allow themselves to have a \$900 million mistake? It seems to me that there should be a restructure in the management rather than increasing wholesale power rates. Please inform this confused consumer regarding the \$900 million financial shortfall.

Sincerely,  
Chris H.

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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:** Monday, May 05, 2003 8:15 AM  
**To:** Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7  
**Subject:** FW: Save Washington State Jobs

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

**From:** Ellen Johnston [mailto:lifeofeaz@nas.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 04, 2003 10:13 AM  
**To:** Mr.Stephen J.Wright  
**Subject:** Save Washington State Jobs

Dear Mr. Wright,

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

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

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

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

Ellen Johnston  
lifeofeaz@nas.com

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**From:** Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7  
**Sent:** Monday, May 05, 2003 8:14 AM  
**To:** Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7  
**Subject:** FW: Save Washington State jobs

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

From: Ellen Johnston [mailto:lifeofeaz@nas.com]  
Sent: Sunday, May 04, 2003 10:09 AM  
To: Vice President Richard B.Cheney  
Cc: the.secretary@hg.doe.gov; sjwright@bpa.gov  
Subject: Save Washington State jobs

Dear Vice President Cheney,

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Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

Ellen Johnston  
lifeofeaz@nas.com

cc: Honorable Spencer Abraham  
Mr. Stephen J. Wright

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**From:** Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7  
**Sent:** Monday, May 05, 2003 3:24 PM  
**To:** Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7  
**Subject:** FW: Rate Increases

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

**From:** Christine Olson [mailto:tc1welldrilling@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 05, 2003 2:52 PM  
**To:** sjwright@bpa.gov  
**Cc:** oreca@oreca.org; greg.walden@mail.house.gov  
**Subject:** Rate Increases

Dear Steve Wright,

Power rate increases have severely cramped our budget as well as that of our elderly parents. We are also self-employed and will have to slow down our company's growth due to these increases. Please consider cutting other costs, such as administrative and overhead, before you allow rates to be raised again.

Thanks you,  
Sam & Christine Olson  
La Pine, OR

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**From:** Jim Mankin [jmanakin@olynet.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 05, 2003 9:58 PM  
**To:** comment@bpa.gov  
**Subject:** TO: STEVEN WRIGHT

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am a home owner in Westport, Washington. The other day, I received a letter from my local PUD with *FINAL NOTICE* stamped across in red. I was mortified. I immediately called them to inquire about the problem. I was told that I was \$38.50 behind. I told them when my next pay check is due, I would immediately pay it. In all the years (around 30) that I have had PUD in my name, I have never received a *FINAL NOTICE*. I explained to them that the rates are increasing so high, I have to make payments. I don't know what else to do. Now I read that you are going to raise rates again. I can't conserve anymore. I use the rinse water twice while doing dishes. I only use cold water in my washer and wait until a full load. I recently bought the most energy efficient dryer from Sears they had but to no avail. I don't heat my bedroom. What's next? Please take our current crisis into consideration. Thank you for your time. Jim Mankin. 161 Veterans Ave. Westport, Wa. 98595

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**From:** Jim Welsheimer [jimmy999james@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 06, 2003 12:08 AM  
**To:** comment@bpa.gov  
**Subject:** BPA Rate increase

The main problem here is? Question? is the increase really justified and necessary? We all know that when big Government is involved its usually a Screw job for the poor American Citizen. And gov. always finds some deceiving lie to tell ignorant people to make it sound good. So lets tell the American Public about WPS and their Communist Party niggering of the public Utilitys.

Can we tell the truth? Or are we indangered by the Big RED Pig. The Bill Clinton Communist Party said it best!

If you don't Let us get WPS up and running well Breach your Damns. Even if Nucluler power is the number one polutant of planet Earth- We have more power than You. And BESides that we can destroy you. I wonder if a rate increase is Really necessary? Thanks So Much for your time. James Welsheimer an American Citizen and Veteran of Foreign Wars. UECA Customer.

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April 29, 2003

Stephen Wright, Administrator  
Bonneville Power Administration  
905 NE 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Portland, OR 97232

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am a Vietnam Veteran and we are dairy farmers in the State of Washington. We depend upon electricity to get our cows milked twice a day 365 days a year to provide an income for our family and 3 other employees. We depend upon electricity to keep our home warm and comfortable every day of the year.

Family farms are struggling with the price of milk, increasing costs for hauling, gasoline and diesel, bedding, grain, hay, real estate taxes, personal property taxes, state industrial taxes, employment security taxes, federal taxes, insurance, and medical. Not to mention the salmon recovery efforts, environmental regulations, and endless inspections that cost us in time and effort and all the paperwork all these things involve with no reimbursement to us for this.

We are not able to pass our extra costs onto anyone else so we must take the burden. We are just barely making it now with the low price of milk. It is the lowest it has been in 30 years. Family farms are going out of business every day. In the early 1900 there were 400 farms in Snohomish County now there are only 40. If the family farm is to continue, we will need to have some breaks and reducing our electricity prices would be a great help.

Most farmers contribute back to their community by being involved with community boards and our children are active in 4-H and various activities of the community. So our children are learning good values and morals and that benefits the community greatly. We are voters and very involved in our church. We donate to good causes like Housing Hope and local food banks and nursing homes and domestic violence shelters. We attend flood district meetings. We do the best job we know how with the cows and calves that we have and that takes a lot of time and effort every day of the year. We enjoy helping feeding this country with wonderful, delicious milk. Without the government payments this last year we would not be in business so we are grateful for this help.

Please do not increase the price of electricity. We cannot afford it. You will be hurting many families and farms if this increase comes about.

Sincerely,



Ted E. Oien, 7221 Norman Rd., Stanwood, WA 98292 360-939-0510  
Cc: President Bush, Governor Locke, Representative Rick Larsen

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April 28 2003

BPA Administrator  
Steve Wright

We are apposed to the BPA rate increase. Times are hard. We have no way of passing the increase on to others. Most of us are on fixed incomes, Social Security, no one is going to pay us more because our energy bill goes up.

Farmers are having a hard time making ends meet. A few people set the price they will pay for hay, grain, potatoes, corn and cattle. Farmers can't wait until next year to see if maybe they can get more. If you don't pay your bills you are shut off.

Four and five generation farmers and ranchers are and will be losing their farms or selling to the rich who don't farm or ranch, they mostly set them up for wildlife and birds.

If rates keep going up, we feel that the United States will have to go with an alternate type of energy to help feed the world.

Are we going back to gas lights, pumping water by hand, washing cloths on the board and horse and buggy. Lost River Electric and Bonnaville power has done so much to make this valley what it is today. Please help keep rates down.

Thank you

*Mrs & Mrs. Dell Clark*

*3886 W. 3700 N.*

*Probie, Id. 83255-*

*208-588-2705*

4-29-03

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

Dear Mr. Knight,

I am a customer of a consumer-owned electric utility that buys power from BPA. I'm very worried about what another rate increase would do, not only to individuals and families, but to our already ailing Northwest economy. Electricity is so basic to our lives we absolutely cannot recover, if we are forced to suffer another rate increase!

Federal investigation is proceeding into BPA's questionable financial problems. Such problems do not happen over-night. Serious changes need to be made. I hope you are looking at:

- Cutting not-purchased power costs.
- Reduced payments to third parties.
- Treating a portion of up-coming bond refinancing as a reserve to deal with financial problems.
- Budget to cut costs in general... not just pass increases on to us consumers.
- Address financial problems on a year-by-year basis.

We live on a very tight budget. Our local electric utility operates on a tight, no-fills budget. So must BPA!

Sincerely,

Marilyn H. Sherrod  
(MARILYN H. SHERROD)  
8312-176<sup>th</sup> Ave. CT KPS  
Longbranch, WA 98351

cc: Senator Patty Murray, Senator Maria Cantwell,  
Representative Norm Dicks,  
Re-light Ambassador Program

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May 1, 2003

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

PHONE (509) 547-5551  
FAX (509) 547-8085

KEVIN R. WILLIAMS, LUTCF



515 WEST CLARK STREET  
P.O. BOX 2545  
PASCO, WA 99302-2545

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am a resident of the City of Pasco, Franklin County and also a local business owner here in Pasco.

I am concerned about the future of our business community and the negative effect increased power costs can have on each and every one of us.

In all local businesses our profit margins are being squeezed. In my particular business I have no way to recoup the increased cost of power. My product prices are fixed.

I am confident that your organization can find ways to cut costs. Any organization can and it is imperative that we all, BPA, local PUD's, businesses and individual families find a way to mitigate future rate increases.

Please work hard to hold the line on future rate increases.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin R. Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "K".  
Kevin R. Williams

Kevin R. Williams P.O. Box 2545 Pasco WA 99302 ifcinsur@3-cities.com

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## WHATCOM CHIROPRACTIC CENTER

Dr. Gary D. Hodge  
7000 Guide Meridian  
Lynden, Washington 98264  
Phone: (360) 398-1988 • Fax: (360) 398-9618

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Steve Wright  
BPA  
PO Box 3621  
Portland OR 97208-3621

Dear Steve:

I am writing to you with concerns in relation to the proposed rate hike for the BPA and its effects on the Northwest region's economic stability.

With all the economic issues and problems that the US is facing it would seem that the BPA would do all it could to help local economies stay afloat. The negative impact the rate increase would have on the Northwest region economy will be staggering.

There must be other ways to help with financial situations, than a rate increase that will put many families out of work and cause a big ripple effect in the economy of the Northwest region.

Thank you for your time and please reconsider.

Sincerely

Gary D. Hodge D.C.



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7000 Guide Meridian, Lynden, WA 98264  
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**From:** Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 06, 2003 8:21 AM  
**To:** Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7  
**Subject:** FW: rate increase-bpa

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

**From:** Mombo4fun@aol.com [mailto:Mombo4fun@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 05, 2003 7:36 PM  
**To:** sjwright@bpa.gov  
**Subject:** rate increase-bpa

Here we go again, you want another rate increase, I assume it's so "you and your administration will continue to get pay increases" and who foots the bill, the consumer.

My solution, take a pay cut or eliminate some your of your overhead.

Joretta

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## Memorandum

**Date:** March 27, 2003  
**Subject:** Re: BPA Rate increase

**From:** Alice Bainbridge

503-397-5591

**To:** Mr. Steve Wright  
BPA Administrator

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am a customer of CRPUD, one of the many residential utilities that buys power from BPA. I'm worried about my electric bill.

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. 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.

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 NW into total economic collapse.

Sincerely,

  
Alice Bainbridge

2545 Columbia Blvd. #24  
St. Helens, OR 97051

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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.

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

*Do you realize I pay \$190 a month to PUD Please help!*  
Sincerely,

*Rose Smigel*

cc: NW delegation and Benton PUD

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**SECRETARY  
of STATE**  
Sam Reed



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April 30, 2003

Mr. Steven Wright, Administrator  
Bonneville Power Administration  
905 NE 11<sup>TH</sup> Ave.  
Portland, OR 97232

Dear Mr. Wright:

I herewith respectfully transmit for your attention a copy of House Joint Memorial No.4021, which was recently adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Washington.

Your Memorialists respectfully communicate their request for the Bonneville Power Administration to refrain from adopting rate increases at this time, unless absolutely necessary to preserve its bond rating, and to use other tools at its disposal to manage costs until economic recovery is in sight.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

SAM REED  
Secretary of State

SR:sg



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CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 4021

58th Legislature  
2003 Regular Session

Passed by the House April 27, 2003  
Yeas 98 Nays 0

Frank Chopp  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate April 16, 2003  
Yeas 46 Nays 0

Paul Quinn  
President of the Senate  
Approved

CERTIFICATE

I, Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 4021 as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Cynthia Zehnder  
Chief Clerk

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By Representatives Wallace, Crouse, Morris, Condotta, Lovick, Kessler, Darneille, Berkey, Hatfield, Hudgins, Moeller and Blake

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1            TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE W. BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,  
2 AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
3 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO STEVEN WRIGHT,  
5 ADMINISTRATOR OF THE BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION, AND TO SPENCER  
6 ABRAHAM, SECRETARY OF ENERGY, AND TO TOM RIDGE, SECRETARY OF HOMELAND  
7 SECURITY:

8            We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of  
9 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully  
10 represent and petition as follows:

11            WHEREAS, The State of Washington's economy is constructed on  
12 affordable and reliable electricity; and

13            WHEREAS, Energy prices in the Northwest are threatening businesses  
14 and industries, including aluminum companies; and

15            WHEREAS, The Bonneville Power Administration is proposing yet  
16 another rate increase to go into effect on October 1, 2003; and

17            WHEREAS, The proposed increase is 15% more than the current rates,  
18 which are already extremely high due to the more than 50% increase that  
19 has already occurred in the last couple of years; and

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1       WHEREAS, This increase will cost the state's economy one billion  
2 dollars over the next three years; and

3       WHEREAS, Many industries moved to Washington to take advantage of  
4 low-cost hydroelectric power. They are now paying more for power in  
5 Washington than in most of their other locations in the nation; and

6       WHEREAS, Without affordable energy for these industries (aluminum,  
7 pulp and paper, aerospace, agriculture, etc.), thousands of family-wage  
8 jobs will be lost; and

9       WHEREAS, Many of these jobs are in rural and economically  
10 challenged areas. These industries are at the core of many Northwest  
11 communities and provide the foundation for numerous secondary  
12 employment opportunities and also provide substantial tax revenues; and

13       WHEREAS, The proposed rate increase will do more than jeopardize  
14 high paying jobs. The nation is suffering a severe recession and the  
15 Pacific Northwest is already the hardest hit region in the country; and

16       WHEREAS, Any increase in Bonneville Power Administration rates will  
17 only slow or prevent economic recovery as well as exacerbate the  
18 state's budget crisis; and

19       WHEREAS, The Bonneville Power Administration has the tools  
20 available to meet all of its legal obligations, including protecting  
21 fish and wildlife, without raising rates; and

22       WHEREAS, As a result of its \$500 million in prepayments to Treasury  
23 to avoid a rate increase, the Bonneville Power Administration can cut  
24 costs (not just slow its rate of growth) and utilize its newly acquired  
25 additional borrowing authority and the flexibility it has garnered; and

26       WHEREAS, This region simply cannot support an additional billion  
27 dollar hit to its economy over the next three years;

28       NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully communicate their  
29 request for the Bonneville Power Administration to refrain from  
30 adopting rate increases at this time, unless absolutely necessary to  
31 preserve its bond rating, and to use other tools at its disposal to  
32 manage costs until economic recovery is in sight.

33       BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
34 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United  
35 States, Steven Wright, Administrator of the Bonneville Power  
36 Administration, Spencer Abraham, Secretary of Energy, Tom Ridge,  
37 Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, the President of the

**HOUSE**

**SENATE**

**CONCURRENCE**

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**CONFERENCE**

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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,

cc: NW delegation and Benton PUD

*To whom it may concern  
As a very conservative person with a limited income I would ask for some help to survive. There are a lot of large companies with a lot of electric usage that can pay more, but I cannot. I'm trying to conserve by burning wood and (over)*

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wearing sweaters all the time.  
Please consider the working  
class and retired working class.



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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:** Tuesday, May 06, 2003 9:51 AM  
**To:** Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7  
**Subject:** FW: BPA Rate Increase Proposed

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

From: SmilinRock@cs.com [mailto:SmilinRock@cs.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, May 06, 2003 9:34 AM  
To: sjwright@bpa.gov  
Cc: oreca@oreca.org; greg.walden@mail.house.gov  
Subject: BPA Rate Increase Proposed

Please do not raise our rates again. I am on Social Security and our measley increase from the Fed. Gov. will not even pay the higher fees. The economy is in the ditch and and we have no way of increasing our income. We cannot afford any increase at this time. When more people cannot afford these increases who will pay, then the Gov. will have to suck it up or go bankrupt. I would appreciate you hold back the increase like we in the private sector have to do to survive.

Thank you  
Gil Sprauer

PS I tried to e-mail this to Senators Smith and Wyden but the e-mail addresses that were furnished were not accurate.

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Pearl Johnson  
2221 Mousebird Ave. NW  
Salem, OR 97304-1919

MAY 4, 2003

STEVE WRIGHT, BPA ADMINISTRATOR  
P.O. BOX 3621  
PORTLAND OR 97208-3621

RE: RATE INCREASE

Dear Mr. Wright:

It seems that every time I turn around SOMEONE (!!)  
wants to raise the rates, be it the water/sewer, post-  
age, side-walk tax, or electrical rates.

Five years ago I retired BUT I find that for the past  
four years I have had to go back to work seasonally to  
pay for my property taxes - which continually go UP!

My Social Security does NOT go up, nor do we even get  
a fair COST OF LIVING increase.

PLEASE!!! take this into consideration and do NOT raise  
our rates.

See if you can't cut administrative and overhead costs  
before raising rates again to Northwest customers.

Thank you for listening.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pearl Johnson". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and somewhat slanted.

PEARL JOHNSON

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April 28 2003

BPA Administrator  
Steve Wright

We are apposed to the BPA rate increase. Times are hard. We have no way of passing the increase on to others. Most of us are on fixed incomes, Social Security, no one is going to pay us more because our energy bill goes up.

Farmers are having a hard time making ends meet. A few people set the price they will pay for hay, grain, potatoes, corn and cattle. Farmers can't wait until next year to see if maybe they can get more. If you don't pay your bills you are shut off.

Four and five generation farmers and ranchers are and will be losing their farms or selling to the rich who don't farm or ranch, they mostly set them up for wildlife and birds.

If rates keep going up, we feel that the United States will have to go with an alternate type of energy to help feed the world.

Are we going back to gas lights, pumping water by hand, washing cloths on the board and horse and buggy. Lost River Electric and Bonnaville power has done so much to make this valley what it is today. Please help keep rates down.

Thank you



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Moore Id  
83255

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*Connie Hamline*

*Box 601*

*Moore Ida  
83255*

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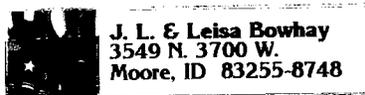
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3549 N. 3700 W

Moore, Idaho 83255



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**Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7**

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**From:** Terry Roberts [trroberts@eoni.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 05, 2003 11:24 PM  
**To:** comment@bpa.gov  
**Subject:** unfair increases

**Good Morning:**

Thank You for taking the time to read this. My name is Terry Roberts and I would like to express my disapproval of the October 2003 rate increase expected by the BPA. I feel this is unnecessary and comes at a time when the country is tightening it's budgets to pay for the war with Irac and to help our president bring work and stability back to our country. We as citizens are trying to keep afloat and above board with our finances, then here comes the BPA slapping a unfair increase on us call the safety net CRAC. This was designed to pay only for the payment to the treasury to payback the building of our Dams.

One way to cut your costs are to stop allowing employees to have a vehicle supplied by the BPA to take home, I have even seen family members driving them to and from the store. Also any Memberships to clubs that are paid for by the BPA ( Health, Golf, etc. )are unnecessary. There are many ways to cut your costs and not increase ours. Please tighten your belt, because you've asked us to do it to much lately.

Thank You Terry Roberts.

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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:** Tuesday, May 06, 2003 11:23 AM  
**To:** Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7  
**Subject:** FW: (no subject)

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

**From:** MjoanMyers@aol.com [mailto:MjoanMyers@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 06, 2003 11:14 AM  
**To:** sjwright@bpa.gov  
**Cc:** Ooreca@oreca.org  
**Subject:** (no subject)

Dear Mr. Wright; Do all that you can to cut overhead and administrative costs so that you need not raise rates again. I am a widow and my house was built when electric power was inexpensive, 30 years ago. I not pay \$260.00 a month for 12 months. I cannot do anymore to my house to make it less expensive to heat. Please do not raise the rates again. Marilyn Myers

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**Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7**

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**From:** mitchj [mitchj@mymailstation.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 06, 2003 8:08 AM  
**To:** Comment@bpa.gov  
**Subject:** Raise Rates:

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

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

Also, I understand that U.S. Congressman, Rick Larson, had a consultation with BPA concerning high rate can be negative effect to most industrial business because they can't afford high rate. That can lead to high unemployment in Wash. State. One aluminium plant named Intaco in Ferndale would close the business if the electricity rate increased 15 percent. To protect the jobs and keep economic stability, please don't increase the rate too much. Thank you lot.

May I hear from you, please and thank you lot.

Janet Mitchell

5/4/03 MAY 06 2003

Dear Stephen Wright (BPA Administrator),

We are not in favor of the Safety Net Cost Recovery Adjustment Surcharge on wholesale electric rates that you plan to put into place Oct 1<sup>ST</sup>

This would cause our utility (Cowity PUD) to raise their rates by 15-20%.

There was already a rate increase earlier this year by BPA April 1 2003.

As an alternative to BPA raising its rates, Cowity PUD has helped develop a plan with a Northwest coalition of public utilities which identifies \$900 million in cost savings recommendations & other alternatives that BPA can utilize to address its financial challenge.

My husband & I plus our whole community are convinced that better options exist for BPA, other than raising wholesale rates even further.

We are retired and we have to cut back our budget. BPA can do the same!!

Sincerely,  
Lynn & Darlene Johnson  
2444 Archwood Dr.  
Longview, WA. 98632

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