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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Edward W. Stollery II [ewstollery@execs.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 06, 2003 9:36 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Some ideas for your and my future

My electrical provider is Douglas Electric Coop, Roseberg, Oregon; they resell your electricity.

Note, please, I am 67 years old; on a fixed income; and can barely make my current electric bill -- because, in part, of the successful sales job you and your providers did in selling mobile home manufacturers on all-electric homes (I have one).

1*. With the current research into using electric service lines as Internet connections, etc., this opens a door for BPA to help its coop and other nonprofit power distributors to expand their appeal and services to local audiences.

2*. Some how, in some way, there should be a permanent low rate program for social security recipients whose bank records will prove their income levels. In cases where retirees are living in all electric manufactured homes, local Coops and others should be granted incentives for their customers to keep rates at a reduced level.

On the other hand, if I had a provider who would retrofit me for the same amount I now pay for electricity, I'd carefully consider it!

Other thoughts, suggested by DEC, includes not using questionable assumptions of "future revenues" because this presents an unreal picture of electrical usage practices, and avoid including in wholesale price rates the \$90 million or so debt owed by California ISO and the northwest aluminum companies.

I don't understand how you can qualify debt, owed by companies in business, as "bad debt." BPA was developed in part to support aluminum refiners etc., near Spokane, and how debt can be "bad" -- did the companies go bankrupt? They may have to make payments over a longer time period, but why should I pay for their / your error?

Edward W. Stollery II
3628 State Highway 38, Drain OR 97435
telephone 541-836-2824, 930 am to noon, Pacific
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<http://www.mail.com/?sr=signup>

From: Edward W. Stollery II [ewstollery@execs.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 06, 2003 9:47 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Marketing went too well

I'm age 67, handicapped, with a low fixed income. The housing I can afford to live in is almost without heat -- because you and your providers did such an excellent job of selling manufactured home makers on going all electric.

My provider is Douglas Electric Coop, of Roseberg, Oregon.

I keep my single wide at 65, and put on extra sweaters and coats, but there is a limit to letting this place get cold. Plus, I don't shower in times of cold -- meaning personal cleanliness is also affected.

DEC has a once-a-season program for low incomers. I feel that YOU, as government sponsored, have the mission to keep at least SOME rates low enough for fixed incomers to be able to stay warm.

Your position is simple: You will encourage all your buyers to establish client progams; the clients are disabled, on social security, who reside in all-electric homes. I can bring my back bank statements that demonstrate my income, my expenses and my balances... and believe me, there is not much money for medicines or food after paying electric bills.

My income is \$850, plus \$350 from my step son for their share of the mortttage: I pay the other \$350 from my income. I also have medigap and auto insurance, plus housing insurance; and of course, telephone. I'm actually fairly well off -- as there are others, in worse condition than I.

AT LEAST, DON'T MAKE US PAY FOR ALUMINUM COMPANY BAD DEBTS! -- didn't they resell BPA electricity for higher than they paid? BPA should collect that monies as well.

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From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Tuesday, May 06, 2003 5:35 PM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: RAISING OF BPA RATES

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

From: MUELMTN@aol.com [mailto:MUELMTN@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 06, 2003 5:25 PM
To: SJWright@bpa.gov
Subject: RAISING OF BPA RATES

Dear Mr. Wright:

We have been advised that you are seeking to raise the wholesale power rate which will adversely affect us. We are senior citizens trying to live in a home where we had planned to spend our retirement days. Another rate hike will not help us to stay in our dream home, therefore we request that you look inward to look at cutting administrative and overhead costs prior to raising rates.

It seems unfair to continually raise rates, if there are other avenues that could be followed. Please, please look at other ways to stay within your budget.

Thank you,
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn L. Mueller
e-mail: muelmtn@aol.com
503-543-2049
Scappoose, OR area

cc;Senator Gordon Smith
Senator Ron Wyden
Representative: David Wu

5/7/2003

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SN-CRAC RATES

Telephone comment by Ann Yoakum
5/7/2003

Mrs. Nelson Hooper
361 - 17th Avenue
Longview, WA 98632

Phone: 360-636-0097

This lady went on-and-on -

I took "scritch" notes, but I really don't have the time to compose her comments -

Basically, she was complaining because she's on SSI [Social Security Income ?] of only \$552 per month, & also has assistance from HUD & Cowlitz Co PUD for her housing & energy bills - I think she said she was on Welfare

She made lots of accusatory remarks about BPA, Steve Wright & the executives, etc. [putting additional money made through rates into their own pockets]

I tried to assure her [when I got a chance to speak] that Steve Wright & the BPA Executives were a very thoughtful group, trying to make the best decision possible for entire Northwest, but I'm not sure she heard me [I said it 2-3 times]

She wants Steve Wright to write a letter of apology to her [that's the only reason why she gave me her address, I'm sure]

She suggested that he write to all his customers & explain.

MAY 08 2003

April 29, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am a customer of Lewis County PUD that buys nearly all of its power from Bonneyville Power Administration. I am worried about my electric bill. BPA power costs have increased dramatically since October 2001.

The Pacific Northwest is reeling from a bad economy and loss of jobs - we suffer some of the highest unemployment rates in the nation. I work in the airline industry, and fear for my financial future every day. My family cannot afford another increase in our power bill.

BPA has dramatically exceeded its own budget the past two years, and as I understand it, it will take another three years in high rates plus the proposed large price increase before costs are under control. Customers like me need relief now. BPA must take responsibility for the part its played in this regions dismal economy. BPA must solve its budget crisis - passing these costs on to my neighbors and me is not the answer.

I urge BPA to do as others in this region have - cut costs, cut spending, but DON'T let your agency force the Northwest into total economic collapse.

Sincerely,

Daniele Emtman

Daniele Emtman

D. Emtman
711 N. Locust Ln.
Tacoma WA 98406

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MAY 08 2003

David and Lenora D'Arcy

54 F street S. E.

Ephrata, Wa. 98823

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

We are writing to you in regard to the rate increase you are proposing that will affect the Grant County PUD.

Fifty years ago my husband and I moved to Grant County. It was in the infancy of the reclamation of the desert in Central Washington. My husband worked for the State Department of Highways and helped build the highways needed for the development and expansion of this area. Many times he and his crew would come across abandoned farmsteads of people who had been driven out by drought fifty years previously. We are concerned that this same scenario could happen again, only this time by cost of operation not lack of water.

We would heartily endorse your efforts to go through and eliminate excess costs in your operating budget first before any consideration of a rate increase would occur. Every industry, business and resident will be severely affected by this increase, some more than others.

Sincerely,

David D'Arcy
Lenora D'Arcy

cc. Senator Patty Murray
202-224-0238Fax
cc. Senator Maria Cantwell
202-228-0514Fax

SN-03-W-1143

MAY 08 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2003 8:20 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: rate increases

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

From: Johnhuffmanusmc@aol.com [mailto:Johnhuffmanusmc@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 06, 2003 6:03 PM
To: sjwright@bpa.gov
Subject: rate increases

Dear Sir:

Just wanted to let you know that the rate increase that the BPA has put on us is taking about \$25 to \$32 dollars out of my pocket each month. Might not sound like much to you, but as a senior citizen on a fixed income like myself it hurts. Could use the money for a little bit more food and could use it to go fishing a little bit more often.

Thanks for listining. JohnHuffman

5-5-03

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

Dear Sir:

My S.S. income is \$571⁰⁰ a month.
If electric power rates go up any
more - I'll need to either
starve to death or freeze to death.

Please hold the line - we
low income are struggling to
make ends meet.

Thank you
Bee Rader
2511 3rd St.
Tillamook, Or. 97141

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May 3, 03

Stephen J. Wright
Bonneville Power Administration

Sir,

As a retired senior on a fixed income (read small) I want to add my voice to the growing number who are against the proposed 15% increase in Oct. 2003.

Thank You.

John B. Moody



John Moody
414 H St
Hoquiam, WA 98550-2515

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MAY 08 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2003 8:28 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: BPA rate increasw

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

From: Bill Byars [mailto:billb@open.org]
Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2003 8:15 PM
To: sjwright@bpa.gov
Subject: BPA rate increasw

Dear Mr. Wright,

I writing to ask your help in minimizing the proposed fall electric rate increase. Our power rates have been rising much faster than expected in normal circumstances these past few years. This brings about a tremendous inflation pressure on all types of goods and services and creates hardship on many of us retired couples.

Our incomes have dropped sharply with lower interest income and other reduced pension investment returns. In my own situation I have checked former living costs over the past several years and estimate an average annual 10 percent increase in our personal moderate "cost of living". Please consider cutting BPA administrative costs, and other research support costs for ecology and synthetic power, or green power to save rate increases this fall. Thank You

Sincerely,
William Byars

5/8/2003

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MAY 08 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2003 8:29 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: High Rates for Power

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

From: Rain78401@aol.com [mailto:Rain78401@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2003 4:22 AM
To: sjwright@bpa.gov
Cc: oreca@oreca.org
Subject: High Rates for Power

Dear Sir:

We seniors in Oregon have seen enough cuts with the Oregon budget and find it almost impossible to comprehend that a rate increase is in the future from the BPA. Since we depend so much on rates we can afford to stay warm and healthy, I urge you to cut administrative and overhead costs before putting more burden on Oregon.

Thank you.

Carol A. Kelly
78401 Bigelow Way
Cottage Grove, OR 97424

MAY 08 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Hage, Bonnie - D-7
Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2003 9:57 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: Call from Snohomish PUD Customer

Importance: High

I received a call from Heather Barnhart -- a Snohomish PUD customer -- who is upset about BPA raising rates and she read an article in the paper that she had questions about. She would appreciate a call back. Her phone number is 360-658-3340.

May 5, 2003

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

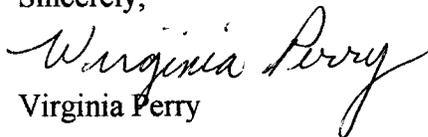
Dear Mr. Wright:

As a customer of Grays Harbor PUD, I'm increasingly concerned about the rise in Electricity rates throughout our region. My rates have increased nearly 60 percent during the past two years. These increases have had a devastating effect on my family and other residents. Many of us are seniors and working families struggling just to keep our light on.

Bonneville Power Administration is proposing to raise rates again to make up for their mistake.

I also support the PUD in it's apposition to a recent proposal by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to implement a standard market design. They would not only shift advantages to power marketers and force hundred of millions in increased cost to consumers. BPA needs to take a stand against these FERC proposals. BPA needs to show leadership that will serve its customers and maintain the legacy of the power system.

Sincerely,


Virginia Perry

*Virginia e' Mars Hall Perry
2550 S.E. Brookside Ct.
Port Orchard, WA. 98367*

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5-5-03

Dear Mr. Steve Wright
BPA Administrator.

It has come to
our attention that the BPA
is proposing another rate
increase this fall.

My husband & I
live on a fixed income, and
enough is enough! I called
our Power Company (Blackly
Law) and asked them how
many KWH other families
of our age & house size
used, they said around 2500 -
3000 KWH per month. We
use between 800 to 900 KWH

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We use the new energy
light bulbs. We really try
to save, yet we cannot afford
to go on a vacation.

Please No Increases

Sincerely

Patty Oakland Nash
25106 Coe Oaks Rd
Junction City, Oregon
97448

Our US Representative:

Mr. Peter V. Vukobratovich
Senator:

Ron Wyden

Senator:

Gordon Smith

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7
Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2003 10:33 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: Comment

Phone call from private citizen:

Mary Lou Harper
21027 Ricci Road
Monroe, WA 98272

Senior on fixed income. Power bill has thripled in last 3 years. Please don't raise rates.

MAY 08 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2003 1:57 PM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: rate increases

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

From: Joy Hall [mailto:mikejoyhall@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2003 11:51 AM
To: sjwright@bpa.gov
Subject: rate increases

Hi,

We are landlords of low income rentals. In the past year as our rates for electricity have increased, we have found that our costs have increased, and we have not passed that cost on to our tenants. We pay electricity in most of our units, and in those the tenant must pay their own, they can't pay the rent and the electricity.

This has put the low income on the losing end, because if we raise our rent, they can't get in the units, but if we keep the rent at the current level, we will get into financial difficulties. This is 55 units that will be taken off the market for the low income if rates continue to climb.

Thank you for your time,
Micheal and Joy Hall

--- Joy Hall
--- mikejoyhall@earthlink.net
--- EarthLink: The #1 provider of the Real Internet.

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2003 1:57 PM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: BPA Rate Change

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

From: Lynn [mailto:lynfogus@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2003 11:22 AM
To: sjwright@bpa.gov
Cc: oreca@oreca.org
Subject: BPA Rate Change

Dear Mr. Wright:

Instead of raising rates this fall, I'd like to request that you pare down operating costs. With the increases in electric rates, my family is having a difficult time keeping up with our basic bills. As you have probably read, the recession has hit Oregon particularly hard and work has been spotty for us.

When compared to communities where there are higher rates, the wages in Oregon are much much lower for working class people. That situation is worsening in Oregon instead of getting better. We are living on about one half the income we made two years ago due to layoffs and wage reductions.

In addition, my mother-in-law, who lives in her own home near us, has an income of less than \$1,000 per month. What may look like a small increase to people of comfortable means is momentous for her budget.

Electricity is essential to those of us in the country. Without it, our well pump doesn't work and we have no water, our furnace doesn't work, and we have no way to cook or store food.

As a family, we have gone to great lengths to reduce our electricity use and conserve resources. We are very careful with our expenses and will be tremendously impacted by further rate increases.

Thank you for your attention my request.

Sincerely,
Lynn Fogus
87545 Biggs Rd.
Veneta, OR 97487
lynfogus@msn.com

MAY 09 2003

Berni Nyberg
PO Box 246
Deming, Washington 98244
(360) 303-4736
April 23, 2003

Bonneville Power Administration
PO Box 12999
Portland, Oregon 97212

Dear Folks,

Raising the power rates is going to have a far-reaching effect on our Pacific Northwest economy. Things are tough out here. I am afraid a rate increase in the long run will be more harmful.

Thank-you.

Sincerely,


Bernice E. Nyberg

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MAY 08 2003

Berni Nyberg
PO Box 246
Deming, Washington 98244
(360) 303-4736
April 23, 2003

Bonneville Power Administration
PO Box 12999
Portland, Oregon 97212

Dear Folks,

I am a relatively recently-hired employee at Alcoa Intalco Works. Alcoa has taken me off the list of "homeless" and "displaced homemaker". Please, please do not raise the power rates. I like being on the "employed" list...
Thank-you.

Sincerely,
Bernice E. Nyberg
Bernice E. Nyberg

April 23, 2003
116 Ardell Dr.
Kalispell, MT 59901

BPA
PO BOX 12999
PORTLAND OR 97221

Dear Sir:

The people here in the Flathead Valley and surrounding areas have received word of a possible hike in wholesale power pricing in the future. In my opinion, I cannot figure out how this can be justified. I retired from Columbia Falls Aluminum Company in 1999. Between that time and now the plant was idled because of power issues, then started up half production and is now down to one (1) potline. They have given up loads of power, plus all of the other aluminum plants are shut down at this time. Where has all this power gone and why do you have to increase wholesale power?! We do not need anymore increases here at the Flathead Electric Co-Op and I would suggest you find other alternatives in the Bonneville Power Administration. It's mind boggling when all of our power gluts are shut down and Bonneville needs more money. It sounds to me like corporate greed entered the picture somewhere along the way. This type of greed has made life pretty miserable for some people, especially when you retire and hope for a few good years. Thank you for your time to read this note.

Sincerely,

Dale E. Darsow

SN-03-W-1157

MAY 09 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Dennis [kellde@adelphia.net]
Sent: Friday, May 09, 2003 12:05 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov; maria@cantwell.senate.gov; senator_murray@murray.senate.gov;
 brian.baird@mail.house.gov
Subject: Cut the FAT!!!!!!!

Something is going to give at the ballot box and every other place if these rates keep going up!!

Our former legislators took care of the northwest ratepayers!

Let's get off the stick and cut some FAT OFF THE TOP FOR A CHANGE!!!

Everyone is losing money and jobs - the BPA needs to take its lumps also.

DO SOMETHING!!!

SOMETHING IS ROTTEN IN DENMARK IF THIS CAN'T BE RESOLVED WITHOUT AN INCREASE IN OUR POWER RATES!!

Tax Payer, Citizen and Voter,

Dennis Kell
Longview, WA

MAY 08 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2003 4:20 PM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: BPA Rates

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

From: Vern Blumhagen [mailto:vblumhagen@clipper.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2003 3:35 PM
To: sjwright@bpa.gov
Cc: oreca@oreca.org
Subject: BPA Rates

Dear Mr. Wright,

I am a retired aerospace worker living in a cabin in the woods. The total energy used at my home comes from the power company whose energy is supplied by BLM. Electric heat was the preferred choice at the time my home was built, so all automatic heating, as well as water pumping, water heating, lights, etc., are dependent on electricity.

The rise in the costs of electricity has forced me to resort to wood-burning to relieve the heating costs. While that is somewhat less costly, it does cause pollution due to the smoke. It does nothing to relieve the other sources of electricity costs, however.

We have seen some highly visible rip-offs in the administration of other businesses. These include some elements of top-heavy, highly paid administration functions. I suggest that the proposed rate increases can very likely be canceled and offset with streamlining of the administration function and overhead costs at BLM. I recognize that this assertion may cause some negative reaction; no manager wants to be told he could do as good a job with fewer people and lower costs. On the other hand, look at your administration function and truthfully declare that decisions haven't been made that are simply easier to go along with than to make a hard decision to hold the line on costs.

My retirement income is fixed, except for the minimal COL adjustments of Social Security (which are given back as Part B premiums). I cannot simply ask for more when income doesn't cover all my wants. I have to cut back some things that I have become accustomed to, such as entertainment, transportation, and other costs. I am simply asking BLM to do the same and save me some grief.

Thank you for your consideration

Vern Blumhagen
47185 Goodpasture Rd
Vida, OR 97488

MAY 09 2003

5-5-03

Mr. Wright,

If half of what I hear on my local radio station is true, you and BPA have broken the law for not selling low cost power to the PUD's thus forcing us to pay more for it. If so, you should be fired and I will ask my members of Congress to expedite that. If not, please explain.

Ralph Downes

Dr. Ralph N. Downes
PO Box 611
Ocean Shores, WA 98569

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

MAY 09 2003

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Friday, May 09, 2003 1:14 PM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: Alcoa - Washington

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

From: Rod Jackson [mailto:rj@indsup.com]
Sent: Friday, May 09, 2003 11:33 AM
To: SJWRIGHT@bpa.gov
Subject: Alcoa - Washington

Dear Mr. Wright,

I hope that you and Alcoa can find a way to keep the doors opens here in Whatcom County. I'm a branch manager for an Industrial Supply house that relies on Alcoa's business greatly. We have been a preferred vendor of there's for 32 years and to see this come a halt would devastated our business. We definitely would have layoffs here. It's amazing to think how much revenue Alcoa generates in this community.

Rod Jackson
5936 LOngdin Rd
Ferndale, wa 98248

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From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Friday, May 09, 2003 1:14 PM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: bpa rates

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

From: VTI1999@aol.com [mailto:VTI1999@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, May 09, 2003 12:52 PM
To: sjwright@bpa.gov
Cc: oreca@oreca.org
Subject: bpa rates

Dear Mr. Wright,
Before BPA considers raising rates again, it should exhaust all legal avenues for recovering the millions of dollars stolen by fraud from Northwest ratepayers by Enron, Williams Energy, El Paso Gas, Reliant Energy and any others found to be involved in this fraud. The corporations, the political action committees, and any employees of these organizations that have profited from these fraudulent activities should be aggressively pursued, prosecuted and made to return these illegal gains to Bonneville and its customers.

sincerely,
Stephen Kujawa

cc:ORECA,Peter DeFazio, Ron Wyden, Gordon Smith

MAY 09 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Linda A. Wingfield [lindawing@flyingacres.com]
Sent: Friday, May 09, 2003 2:08 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov; maria@cantwell.senate.gov; senator_murray@murray.senate.gov;
norm.dicks@mail.house.gov; brian.baird@mail.house.gov; governorlocke@governor.wa.gov
Subject: Bonneville Power Administration

We have just been informed by the Grays Harbor P.U.D. (Aberdeen, WA) that our electric rates could be increased yet again. We here in the Harbor have been hit harder than nearly any other area in the country, already, by unemployment and the highest cost of living anyone's seen in a long time.

I have lost my job, and we are existing on my husband's salary, which is barely enough to meet our subsistence needs. We are in the middle of filing bankruptcy, since I've been out of work for six months, now, and the bill collectors have been doing what they do best.

At this time, our electric bill is current, with nothing overdue. Because it has been colder than usual this spring, and since we're out of firewood, our electric bill actually went UP this last month, making it even harder for us to stay current on the bills we CAN pay. If the rates increase, we are going to be in even worse trouble.

Many of the people living on the Harbor are retired, on very small, fixed incomes. My mother is one of those. She keeps her heat WAY too low for her health, because she can't afford the high rates. She is, and we are, just a few of the people affected similarly in this area.

PLEASE do something about this. We simply can't afford another electrical rate increase!

As our P.U.D. administration people say, "ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!" We are totally in agreement!

Thank you for your time.

David and Linda Wingfield (registered WA State voters)