

SN-03-Rate Case

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April 17, 2003

**Mr. Stephen J. Wright,
Administrator and Chief Executive Officer
Bonneville Power Administration
P.O. Box 12999
Portland, Oregon 97212**

Re: SN Rate Case

Dear Mr. Wright:

We, Mitsui & Co. (U.S.A.), Inc. together with our parent company Mitsui & Co., Ltd. ("Mitsui Group") are writing this letter based on the suggestion of Mr. Robert Price of DOE to express our concern regarding the possible raise of power rates against Intalco Aluminum Corporation ("Intalco").

Intalco is a joint venture company that owns the Intalco primary aluminum plant near Ferndale, Washington. Mitsui Group owns 32% of Intalco asset through a 100% subsidiary, Mitalco Inc., while Alcoa Inc., who is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the facility including the acquisition of electrical power supplies, owns 61% and remaining 7% by YKK Corporation through its subsidiary.

Our plant, Intalco, relies on electric power purchased from BPA under an October 31, 2000 agreement with Alcoa. Intalco purchases BPA power at the IP-02 Rate, which is subject to change by the SN CRAC currently under consideration.

We urge BPA in the strongest possible terms not to further increase power rates under the SN CRAC. Increasing rates by any amount at this time, or even the expectation that rates may increase in the near future, will have significant impacts on the current and future operations of Intalco, which will result in economic harm to people in the United States as well as Japan and could hurt the development of trade and investment between two countries.

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We first discussed this matter with the Japanese Embassy in Washington, who raised this issue with the United States Department of State pursuant to the U.S.-Japan Economic Partnership For Growth" which was established by the agreement between the President of the United States and Prime Minister of Japan. As a result the Japanese Embassy subsequently obtained response from the DOE through the Department of State, to make this effect.

We understand the financial difficulty that BPA faces, but ask you to work with your customers and other stakeholders to reduce your costs, and to fully utilize all available financial flexibility so that no rate increase is necessary. This will require BPA to take a leadership role, not only in the reduction of costs you directly control, but also in persuading other constituents to reduce their demands on you. We understand this is a difficult task, but one that is absolutely essential, and that only BPA is positioned to accomplish.

Thank you for your renewed efforts.

Sincerely,



Kimiharu Okura
Senior Vice President

cc: **Minister Katsuhiko Umehara**
Embassy of Japan

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Friday, May 16, 2003 3:06 PM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: BPA rates

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

From: Pat Taylor [mailto:pattaylo@WilderConstruction.com]
Sent: Friday, May 16, 2003 3:05 PM
To: 'sjwright@bpa.gov'
Subject: BPA rates

May 16, 2003

Dear Mr. Stephen J. Wright,

I am writing you about my concerns regarding the power situation in our Northwest region. The rising energy costs threaten our families, our communities, our jobs, and the quality of life in the region. We need your help on the power situation if we are going to get through this crisis without extreme hardships and long term economic affects for the entire community.

Please help to make decisions that keep the electricity rates affordable for residents as well as industries. We need to preserve the family wage jobs in the NW that provide our communities plus local and regional economies.

Please encourage the Department of Energy to intervene and take a hard look at the BPA and its policies and practices. DOE must ensure that everything possible is being done to prevent a rate increase and even try to lower rates. We need to meet the growing energy needs of our region for the long term.

We need power rates we can afford for residences as well as our jobs. Please do your part to support our communities and working families in the region.

Sincerely,
Pat Taylor

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Ruark12@aol.com
Sent: Friday, May 16, 2003 7:27 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Electric rate increase

Dear Mr. Wright,

We are members of Umatilla Electric Coop who buys power from BPA.

We are concerned about this rate increase as we are Senior Citizens on fixed income. We do not believe a rate increase is necessary.

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From: Tiffani Mondares [tiffanimondares@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 17, 2003 1:19 PM
To: patrick.wood@ferc.gov; comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Increase in Utility Rates

Dear Sirs,

My name is Tiffani Mondares-Riggs and I am a Snohomish County PUD customer. My husband, Brian, and I live in Everett, WA with our 1 yr old son.

We live on a single income making close to \$30,000 a yr. We have electric heat and don't use our heater much due to the cost of electricity. The many increases that have been passed along to PUD customers makes it very difficult to keep up. It is "normal" for our bill to take multiple payments over the period of 6-8 wks before it's paid off. It seems that right after it's been paid off we get another bill in the mail. Our smallest bill has been for \$358.00 for 2 mos and that's with our conservation efforts. We have done what we can to reduce our usage such as changing out our lightbulbs to the energy efficient bulbs, wearing sweaters and bundling up during the cold days and sleeping with lots of blankets when we go to bed. But sometimes we do have to put the heater on but we don't exceed 68 degrees.

I am not asking that I be given any pity but I do want to make sure that I could voice my concerns and let people in powerful positions realize the hardships that an average family in WA face because of the rate hikes. (ironically enough my mother in law works for Bonneville in Portland, OR). I understand that there is work to be done and that businesses must be ran but at the great expense to families like mine? There are many things that we do without like cell phones and newer cars but electricity is something we can't live without. I hope that maybe by reading my letter it will allow the reader to see from a different perspective what the increases can do.

Thank you for your time,
Respectively,
Tiffani

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: KKaysbaby@aol.com
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2003 7:08 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: rate increase:

I am a senior living on a set income. Please don't raise rates anymore. I don't think I will be able to pay them. Something will have to go, medicine, food , and anything that I need. I am stretched to the limit now.

Regards Kay McClellan

1142 16th. Avenue Longview, Wa. 98632

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No More Rate Increases

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We need your help! My residential electric rates have gone up over 55% in less than two years. My power bill is not the only thing that has increased; my other necessities of life like groceries and clothing have also increased.

My public power utility purchases power from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). BPA recently announced that it is intending to **raise rates by 15%** in October. I cannot cope with another rate increase. Our economy is already in trouble and additional rate increases will just add to the negative impacts we are feeling.

This looming **rate increase is causing hardships** for many people and businesses in this region. The impact of the rate increase to our community and others throughout the Northwest would be disastrous.

BPA must not implement the 15% proposed increase. Thank you for your attention.

Name	Address	Email	Phone #	Signature
Sheila Cerna <i>Sheila Cerna</i>	533 So. Almira Connell		234-3122	<i>Sheila Cerna</i>
Patrick Munyan <i>Patrick Munyan</i>	3841 SR 260 Connell		234-2010	<i>Patrick Munyan</i>
Larry Turner <i>Larry Turner</i>	700 MOSE RD. Connell		234-2345	<i>Larry Turner</i>
Rick A. Rochleau <i>Rick A. Rochleau</i>	470 E. Clark St Connell		234-34-87	<i>Rick A. Rochleau</i>
Chris Turner <i>Chris Turner</i>	3961 SR 260		234-0393	<i>Chris Turner</i>
Mark Boyer <i>Mark Boyer</i>	405 Buehler Road		528-5732	<i>Mark Boyer</i>
Misty Turner <i>Misty Turner</i>	3981 SR 260		234-0393	<i>Misty C. Turner</i>
Lee W. Reed <i>Lee W. Reed</i>	550 E. Edison		234-1834	<i>Lee W. Reed</i>
Dynelle Reed <i>Dynelle Reed</i>	550 E. Edison Connell		234-1834	<i>Dynelle Reed</i>
James K. Dony <i>James K. Dony</i>	3572 W. WERNETT PASCO		545-6126	<i>James K. Dony</i>

Return forms to: Mary Bauman, Franklin PUD, Box 2407, Pasco, WA 99301 before May 14, 2003

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

From: Northwest Employment - Kennewick [mailto:nwels@earthlink.net]

Sent: Monday, May 19, 2003 10:21 AM

To: kaleathley@bpa.gov

Subject: Helping The BPA

May 19, 2003

Dear Kimberly Leathley:

Thank you in advance for taking the time to read this. As you might be aware, in the Tri-City area there is more talk

of increasing rates, I am all for the rate increase, and can help the BPA with the increase, I firmly believe the rates are necessary, times change and we are not living in the dark ages-No pun intended!

I am a local business owner...actually I own three, including a childrens charity.I do have some ideas in which might interest you, please call me (509)366-6573 I would appreciate also if you would pass this on to Steve Wright.

Best Regards

Darrin Peppers
Foundation Director

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Marie Williams [mariew37@nccw.net]
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2003 12:33 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Cc: PUD; Brian Baird; Maria Cantwell; Patty Murray
Subject: BPA increase in wholesale electric rates

Raising power rates is unacceptable. We have already experienced too many rate increases over the past few years.

We have heard too many excuses for rate increases.

We are living on a fixed income and each increase cuts into our way of life. We use as little electricity as possible. We burn wood most of the time but we also have a heat pump. We are doing our part to conserve electricity and save money. Where is all of this going to stop?

Marie Williams
P. O. Box 101
Kalama, WA 98625

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to whom it may concern,
Keep raising our power rates,
and I will have to decide what
to skip this month, my medication
food, or even the electric bills.

My payday never goes up!

Crystal Carter
30572 Le Bleu Rd
Eugene, Or.

97405-9216

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Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2003 10:05 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: Help! Help!!

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

From: PLGOODEILL@aol.com [mailto:PLGOODEILL@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, May 16, 2003 8:52 PM
To: sjwright@bpa.gov
Subject: Help! Help!!

Dear Sir:

Our biggest gripe at the moment over rising electric rates is the money we have spent in buying energy saving appliances, light bulbs, etc. I dry my clothes outside whenever I can. Whenever I read about another energy saving tip, we use it, and still our bills go up. We are in our 70's and it is a big item in our budget.

Thank you
Percy and Leonore Goodeill

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Oakridge, Oregon
May 16, 2003

Steve Wright
BPA Administrator

Dear Sir;

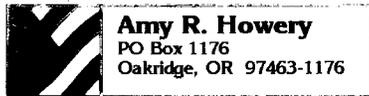
This letter is in regards to the BPA,s intention to increase the electricity rates. Every increase has a very harsh impact on hundreds and hundreds of elderly low income people like myself and also on many, many younger people who are sick or looking for work which is becoming hard to find. It is very hard now to buy medications and pay other living expenses with the past raised rates. Please consider this carefully before you give us another rate increase.

Respectfully yours,

Amy Howery

I am also sending a copy of this letter to the following,

Senator Gordon Smith
Senator Ron Wyden
U S Representative: Peter DeFazio



SN-03-W-1247

Copy

May 8, 2003

Dear Mr. Steven Wright,

Mrs. Dena V. Koop
214 2nd St. #3
Lynden, WA 98264-1430

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We are writing about the proposed rate increase of the B.P.A. and how it will affect Whatcom county, Washington. It will not only close the Intalco Aluminum company, but it will affect every business, school & church here in Whatcom county. Why not give a wholesale rate to companies that employ a great number of people? If Intalco aluminum closes - then that will be another industry that goes to Africa, S.A or Asia. What about the American people? Do they not need jobs? Do they not need food and clothing and health care and the necessities of life?

Isn't the economy bad enough already without this disaster happening?

You are being "Penny wise and pound foolish" if you let this happen. Think of all the millions that will have to be spent on unemployment, job training & welfare if Intalco closes. Think of all the people who will lose their homes, cars, etc. if Intalco has to shut down.

Lets be patriotic and save jobs for America. May God help you to make the right decisions.

Sincerely,

- 1 Dena V Koop 214 Second St # 3 Lynden, WA. 98264
- 2 ~~Robert Lenhart~~ 904 E. Front St. Lynden, WA. 98264
- 3 B. Wily Apt #6 214 2nd Lynden WA
- 4 Margery Benedict 1301 E St. Lynden, WA. 98264
- 5 ~~Robert Lenhart~~ 4000 Flynn #61 B. Wily
- 6 Nita Lenhart 4000 Flynn Sp. 61
- 7 Shirley Hogue 2319 Moor St. Bellingham WA 98221
- 8 Wilbur Strickesma 849-19th St. Lynden, WA. 98264
- 9 Annette Strickesma 849-19th Lynden wa. 98264

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- 42 John Swedberg SAME AS ABOVE
- 43 Jan Simpson Jan Simpson 500 19th St Lynden, WA 98264
- 44 Randy Simpson Randy Simpson 500 19th St LYNDEN, WA. 98264
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- 47 Laura Mellema Laura Mellema 6972 Hamnegan Rd Lynden, WA 98264
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- 49 Mary Roebuck Mary Roebuck 308 Edgewater Lane Lynden, WA 98264
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THE FISCHER FAMILY

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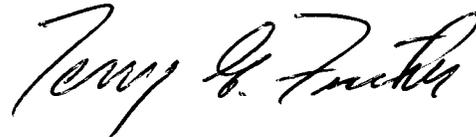
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Steven Wright
BPA Administrator
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, Or. 97208

Dear Administrator Wright:

I am a Millwright at Intalco, Alcoa Works in Ferndale WA. and am pleading for your help in our current situation. Many of my friends and co-workers have already been laid off. Alcoa says there are more layoffs to come and a likely plant closure as you are well aware. My concern is that at this point, the farther we continue down this path, the less likely that our plant will be viable to operate in the future, even without your proposed rate increase. Without the Snow pack concern and the Enron contract that largely contributed to your rate increase proposal it could be assumed that the need for an increase has been drastically reduced. If this is true please get something out publicly so that we don't lose our jobs prematurely. We've written many letters to our administration about the severe results your rate increase will likely have on our Northwest Economy and hope that this will help provide other options to you.

Sincerely,



Terry Fischer
Millwright, Intalco Alcoa Works

May 16, 2003

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Steve Wright
BPA Administrator
P.O. Box 362I
Portland, Oregon 97208-362I

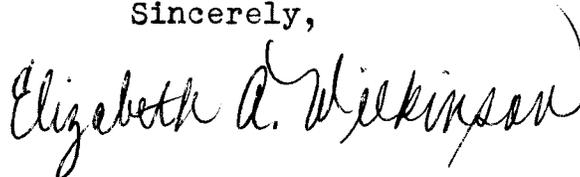
Dear Mr. Wright,

This letter is in reference to the proposed rate increase which is to take effect this fall. In a nutshell, I oppose the increase whole-heartedly, but understand in doing so, I am not only thinking of myself, but of the many senior citizens who can barely make it right now, let alone paying more. If it wasn't for my own father living with me, he would have already been sitting in a cold house, using no heat because he couldn't afford it. This is one reason why he lives with me now. However, many seniors aren't so lucky, so instead they will be left to sit in the cold.

I am employed full time and get a little overtime, but I BARELY MAKE ENDS MEET. I am one of many who cannot survive another rate increase. The state of the economy should be the example...can we really afford yet another rate increase? I think not, and I speak for many who are in the same situation. I implore you to cut administrative and overhead costs before the raising of rates. Poverty is a sign of the times....and enough is enough.

Elizabeth A. Wilkinson
P.O. Box 35
Vida, Oregon 97488

Sincerely,



Elizabeth A. Wilkinson

SN-03-W-1250

May 6, 2003

To Steve Wright, B.P.A. Administrator:

Dear Sir:

My family has really tried to cut down on our electrical use but we can still barely manage to keep up with the rate increases. Now we understand there will be another one this fall.

Now about Bonneville trying some cutting down this time! Surely there must be some overhead costs that can be trimmed.

We support the efforts of the Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association to deal with this growing problem before it gets completely hopeless.

Helen Wagner
78623 Pat C. Rd.
Cottage Grove, Or
97424-9421

Our Senators:

Sen. Gordon Smith 404 Russell Bldg. WDC 20510

Sen. Ron Wyden 576 Hart Bldg. WDC 20510

and

Rep. Peter DeFazio 2134 Rayburn Bldg. WDC 20510

MAY 21 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Robert Frederickson [RobertFrederickson@msn.com]

Sent: Monday, May 19, 2003 8:10 PM

To: comment@bpa.gov

Cc: senator_murray

Subject: rate increase

I think you should try to cut inhouse costs before increasing the general publics rates,not to mention the cost to business.Please for the sake of the state of washington.

5/20/2003

SN-03-W- 1252

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2003 8:47 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: Rate Increase

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

From: eaw [mailto:eaw@mycidco.com]
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2003 5:33 PM
To: Sjwright@bpa.gov
Subject: Rate Increase

As a citizen of Whatcom County, Wa., I'm writing to implore you not to increase the power rates by 15%. I'm sure you are already aware of the fact that we will lose over 700 jobs if Alcoa Intalco Aluminum is forced to close because of the increase. The economy is shaky at best, and the loss of all those jobs would be disastrous to the county. Also, we as individuals will find ourselves hard pressed to pay the extra fees. Please try to avert the increase. A concerned citizen, Elsie Wood

We sure need
your help.

May 19th

Dear Sir:

I'm glad to be able
to put my 2 cents in on the
big raise in the air on our
P.U.D.

I'm a 80 year old widow
living on Soc Sec. Every bill
has been creeping up 2 or 3
dollars at a time - when I
moved in duplex when my husband
passed away. Total living
here came to \$60.00 a month -
Today every thing comes



MAY 21 2003

to 899. That doesnt include
groceries misc. I get \$1090.00
a mo. So that leaves me
\$191.00 for groceries misc necessities.
I dont have a car so I have
to get someone to take me
around. I put in on gas now
and then.

I have my own teeth and
they are acting up. Last dental
bill was \$725.00. I meant that
paid for yet.

of a big raise comes on. P.U.N.
and others keep going up. I will have
no where to go - I had hoped to
live here until my time to go - we
need a large Soc Sec raise - that
would be a miracle with Bush + his war.
Thank you. General J. Bundy
1728 10th
LONGVIEW WA 98632

STEVE WRIGHT,

5-18-03

MAY 21 2003

I'M WRITING TO TELL YOU THAT A RATE INCREASE FROM BPA IS NOT ONLY UNACCEPTABLE, BUT WILL BE FINANCIALLY DEVASTATING TO MY FAMILY. I'VE READ ALL THE ENERGY SAVING PAMPHLETS. I PUT ALL THAT ADVICE TO USE AND I HAVE SEEN THE KWHLOWATT HOURS GO DOWN WITH EVERY BILL. BUT WHEN THE RATES KEEP GOING UP AND MY PAYCHECKS DON'T I CAN'T KEEP UP.

I'M WORKING TWO JOBS, MY WIFE IS DISABLED AND CAN'T WORK. ALL THE OTHER UTILITY RATES ARE GOING UP ALSO. (I ALSO WRITE THEM LETTERS).

THIS WHOLESAL POWER INCREASE WHICH SHALL LEAD TO A COWLITZ PUD^{RATE} INCREASE IS "UNACCEPTABLE" PLEASE DON'T DO IT

THANK YOU,

GARY & DENISE OLDROYD

502 17TH AV.

LONGVIEW WA. 98632

(360) 425-2238 SN-03-W-1255

May 17, 03

BPA Admid,

Our Pwd bills have been RAISED 88% so far, since ENRON.

Unemployment is above 7%. We keep hearing, if there is enough rain fall, there will be NO increase. Then they say that's not what we meant! We need sufficient snow fall.

Well Guess what! There is plenty of Both. As of Fri. 5/16 the rain was well above the average of 21.34" @ 27 inches +.

There was NO Elec. Shortage to begin with. NO INCREASE.

If anyone stops paying (CANT PAY) Elec Bills then what? CC FILE Admin: Stoddard

I want your Wage
Then you can Increase
(Casain) my Electric Bills!



MAY 21 2003

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

May 12, 2003

RE: Utility Increase

Mr. Wright,

Our income from our businesses have been decreasing for the past 3 years and another rate increase is stressful on our business. We have had to survive on less money and you have had one rate increase and now asking for another. We feel this is not sound economics. We have not had pay increases in over 5 years. Would your office staff be willing to submit documentation which will show NO pay increases in the past 5 years? If the Bonneville Power Administration was run like a normal business, you would not be able to make increases every time your staff wanted a raise or you feel a DESIRE to increase. YOUR business would be on a restricted budget like the rest of the community and businesses which are making do with less funds.

Regards,



Emmett D. Bailey
Emmett Bailey Trucking
P O Box 406
Odell, Or. 97044

cc: Sen. Gordon Smith
Sen. Ron Wyden
US Rep. Greg Walden
ORECA

SN-03-W-1257

MAY 21 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Jpbody98626@wmconnect.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2003 12:20 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov; maria@cantwell.senate.gov; brian.baird@mail.house.gov;
senator_murry@murry.senate.gov
Subject: NO TO PRICE HIKES

WE ARE LIVING IN A COMMUNITY THAT HAS A DEPRESSED INCOME, HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT WITH ONLY MINIMUM WAGE JOBS AVAILABLE, AND NOW YOU WANT TO BLEED US AGAIN !!!!!!! PLEASE, IS THERE NO END TO WHAT YOU MONEY GRABBING FAT CATS ARE NOT WILLING TO GO TO TO PAD YOUR POCKETS. EACH YEAR YOUR SALRIES GO UP, I'M SURE YOU ARE ALL ARE PULLING IN OVER \$100,000 A YEAR AND RISING. 75% OF THE FOLKS THAT LIVE IN THIS STATE MAKE AN AVERAGE OF \$40 TO 50 THOUSAND WITH NO COST OF LIVING WAGE INCREASE. STRUGGLING TO PAY THE BILLS AND FEED THE FAMILY IS OUR WAY OF LIFE. A VACATION TO THE MAJORITY OF US IS A WEEKEND AT LONGBEACH,SEASIDE OR CANNON BEACH. WHERE DO YOU GO? I KNOW A WHOLE LOT OF PEPOLE WHO WOULD BE WILLIG TO GIVE YOU SOME SUGGESTION !!

5/20/2003

SN-03-W-1258

MAY 21 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Jgreelman@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2003 11:31 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Cc: customercomments@cowlitzpud.org
Subject: Attn: Steve Wright, BPA Administrator

May 20, 2003

To Whom it may concern: (if it does)

I have just read in the Daily News that once again there is a BPA proposal to increase electric costs. I have been receiving my payment coupons in the mail saying help a neighbor. What about help me. I can't think about anyone else as I am in dire straights. We have an in-home business, a salon. We have halogen lighting for better color visibility, we shampoo, use blow dryers, heat the salon, wash and dry towels daily, not to mention two children to raise. I have made a 5-minute shower rule, not always enforced, and it makes me feel like an Army sergeant yelling for them to GET OUT!!!

We have desperately tried to decrease the amount of electricity we use. Short of burning candles, we are out of options. With every department raising their rates like property taxes, house/medical/car/dental/business insurance, and the rapid decline of clients available to spend disposable money on their hair, we are faced with the realization we may not be able to afford our home any longer. This is our livelihood. If we are to move to a salon, our income will be cut in half with commission, or we'll be forced to pay rent when their might not be enough income generated. If we are to move to another location and build a salon of our own, or rent, we again are faced with the same dilemma of electricity. What do you expect us to do as middle class citizens? We are selling our personal items on ebay and garage sales, we have downsized our vehicles, we have eliminated a vehicle, we have elongated our hours and we have taken on extra side jobs to make ends meet.

Now, if we are having this much difficulty what about our neighbors. How can you possibly think any of us can survive one more increase, when we are all already suffering to the point of foreclosure being a "catch word" in the community?

I was so appalled to hear about the PUD commissioner taking a raise after all the protesting outside of the building. The nerve to send "help your neighbor" with our payment coupons. Why won't the commissioner give the portion of his raise toward the community and his neighbors? Even if it is true his salary was not that of other commissioners, he was living on it before. None of us are getting raises, as a matter of fact, most of us are excited if we get to have a job at all.

If you force people to lose their homes due to more increases, this means more problems that will compound. All of these empty homes, mean no income for electricity. You will cause a major ripple effect. Isn't something better than nothing? I believe it is your responsibility to find out where you can make budget cuts in your administration. I believe anyone making more than I am, as an "average" class should have their wages cut during these hard times. Don't make everyone else suffer and continually have to pay. The Action Alert in the Daily News says to tell the BPA that increases are unacceptable. I am not telling you it is unacceptable, I am telling you it is inconceivable. If you don't have the money, you just plain don't have it. All of these highly educated politicians, and commissioners should brainstorm and come up with other solutions for the betterment of our entire society. Isn't that why a college diploma makes them receive a higher wage than the worker bees? It's been a common denominator forever, the middle class pays for everything until they are poor and the rich get richer, reaping on others "forced sales". How have there been 3 classes of society for this long? I'll save the idea of socialization for another discussion. I have just two very important questions for myself, and probably a lot of others out there... Where are we to go? What are we to do?

Joelle Ouellette

5/21/2003

SN-03-W- 1259

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: mitchj [mitchj@mymailstation.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2003 12:57 PM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Raise Rates:

PUD has another concern regards to Federal Energy Regulator Commission (FERC) wants to take control of the high voltage transmission lines which belong to BPA and other energy providers. We request BPA please do not let FERC to take the control as we do not trust the Federal agency. They are thoughtless and without concerns of states' economical difficulty. Thank you lot.

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

Janet Mitchell

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

MAY 21 2003

From: mbaker622@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2003 4:02 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Electricity Rate Increases!!!!

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN!

What don't you guys understand about people already being so far in debt they are losing their homes right and left, don't have jobs, and are leaving Cowlitz Co. because of it!!!! But I'm sure raising the rates AGAIN, will probably help the economy in Washington and the rest of the Northwest considerably!!!

**QUIT BEING SOOOOOO GREEDY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
DON'T RAISE IT AGAIN!!!!!! NO ONE CAN AFFORD IT
NOW!!!!!!!!!!**

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

MAY 21 2003

From: Lennypursey@wmconnect.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2003 1:00 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Cc: senator_murry@murry.senate.gov; maria@cantwell.senate.gov
Subject: NO TO PRICE HIKE

I AM LEONARD PERSINGER AND I LIVE ON A FIXED DISABILITY INCOME THAT HARDLY MEETS NEEDS NOW. I WAS DOING OK UNTIL MY UTILITY BILL MOR THAN DOUBLED, IF IT GETS RAISED AGAIN, I'M AFRAID I WON'T BE ABLE TO MEET MY NEEDS. WHY IS IT THAT WE LIVE IN A COUNTRY WHERE MANY OF OUR PEOPLE HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION PAYING THE LIGHTS AND WATER BILLS OR HAVE ENOUGH FOOD TO FEED THEMSELVES, YET THE PEOPLE THAT RUN THE COUNTRY (NOT WE WHO VOTE AND HAVE THAT VOTE COUNT) ARE SO WILLING TO SEND **BILLIONS OF DOLLARS** TO OTHER COUNTRIES THAT **HATE US** AND TRY TO **KILL US** BUT DO NOT HAVE TO PAY ANY PORTION BACK OF THE MONEY BACK. **NOT GOOD, NOT GOOD AT ALL, SHAME ON YOU!**

5/21/2003

SN-03-W- 1262

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

MAY 21 2003

From: Jpbody98626@wmconnect.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2003 12:42 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Cc: maria@cantwell.senate.gov; senator_murray@murry.senate.gov
Subject: NO TO PRICE HIKE

We are living in a community that has a depressed income, high unemployment with minimum wage jobs available. AND NOW you want to bleed us again!!! PLEASE is their no end to what you money grabbing fat cats are willing to do to pad your pockets? Each year your salaries go up, I'm sure all of you are pulling in over \$100,000 a year and rising. 75% of the people that live in this state make an average of \$30 to \$40 thousand with no cost of living wage increase, struggling to pay the bills and feed the family is our way of life. A vacation to the majority of us is a weekend at Longbeach, Seaside or Cannon Beach. Where do you go? I know a whole lot of people who would be willing to give you some suggestion.

5/21/2003

SN-03-W- 1262

MAY 21 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2003 2:59 PM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: BPA Rate Increases

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

From: Spare Account [mailto:TheKochs@direcway.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2003 2:52 PM
To: sjwright@bpa.gov
Cc: oreca@oreca.org
Subject: BPA Rate Increases

Dear BPA Administrator Wright:

We understand that the BPA is proposing another rate increase to take effect this fall.

We are members of the Blachly-Lane Electric Co-op.

As a member we have seen our rates steadily go up. As a rural residential customer with resistive electric heat these rate increases place a burden on our household. We have no other affordable source of heating.

As a result, we did install an electric heat pump last month to lessen our burden on the electric system.

Now we'd like you to share the burden and look at cutting administrative costs and overhead costs before raising rates again to Northwest utility customers.

Sincerely,

Brian & Karen Koch

5/21/2003

SN-03-W- 1264

MAY 21 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: Page Jones [pjones@kalama.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2003 7:34 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Cc: maria@cantwell.senate.gov; brian.baird@mail.house.gov;
senator_murray@murray.senate.gov; customercomments@cowlitzpud.org
Subject: wholesale electric rates

Dear Mr. Wright,

Our local newspaper reported this week that the BPA is considering raising wholesale electricity rates 15-30% this fall. They asked us to write to you protesting the rate increase as the local PUD thinks the increase is not necessary.

I certainly hope this is not necessary. I live in the northwest by choice, inexpensive power is one of the drawing cards for me. I am also a retired school psychologist, widowed, and am on a fixed income. A rate increase would be disastrous to my monthly budget. I have talked to many other retired school personnel and they say the same thing... that a rate increase would be hard on their budgets as well.

Please do what you can to make an increase not happen. Thank you for your time.

Page Jones
2717 Glen More Street
Kelso, WA 98626

MAY 21 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: terry [davidterry.hansen@verizon.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2003 11:49 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Don't raise rates!!

All I can say is I am the sole support for a family of four. I can not pay any more rate increases for both power and gas. Like all ways it seems the big guys win and get richer while I get poorer supporting them. Enough is enough!!!

Terry Hansen

5/21/2003

SN-03-W- 1266

ELDON L. HALE
78763 Rat Creek Rd.
Cottage Grove, Oregon
97424
Ph. (541) 942-2688
18 May 2003

MAY 21 2003

Steve Wright,

I do not appreciate even a threat of increase in electric rates. There must be some way for an organization such as BPA to help all us little guys fight inflation. Inflation only helps those who already have more than they know what to do with.

Thank you
E. L. Hale

Represented by:

Rep. Peter DeFazio
2134 Rayburn Bldg.
WDC 20515

Sen. Gordon Smith
404 Russell Bldg.
WDC 20510

Sen. Ron Wyden
516 Hart Bldg
WDC 20510

SN-03-W-1267

MAY 22 2003

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: matt fletcher [fletchman1973@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2003 3:36 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: PUD Bill

I am a PUD customer and I have a complaint. Are not our PUD bills high enough now, without another increase by BPA? I think the people of COW LITZ CO. have suffered enough!!! There are people out there now that are having to choose between rent, food or their PUD bills. What are the people supposed to do. If they do get their electricity shut off then they have to come up with a huge deposit. to have it turned back on. There are a lot of people here that are out of work or just working at a minimum paying job trying to live and to take care of their families, then we keep getting these electric rate increases. I ask you what are we supposed to do?

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5/22/2003

SN-03-W-1268

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MAY 2 2 2003

Secretary, The

From: old farts [gg4both144@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2003 5:24 PM
To: Secretary, The
Subject: power increase

MAY 20 10:49

It has been brought to my attention that Bonneville Power Administration is planning a 15% increase in electrical rates this fall.

I feel this is really poor timing as the unemployment rate in Washington State is already among the highest in the nation. I understand the aluminum plants in the region will be closing down if this rate increase occurs. There will be well over 700 good-paying jobs lost in the Bellingham area—not to mention the trickle-down effect.

When we have forced our companies to go off-shore, just who will be left to buy any goods we still produce?

I know a number of senior citizens who cannot afford this increase. Even now it is sometimes a choice between heat and food.

Please, can you help?

Respectively,

Vickey L. Brown
144 Schwarz Way
Chehalis, Wa.
98532

4/30/2003

SN-03-W-1269

Secretary, The

005749

From: obn2o@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2003 12:29 PM
To: Secretary, The
Subject: Energy Production

FROM: obn2o@aol.com
 NAME: Rick Keller
 SUBJECT: Energy Production
 ZIP: 98248
 CITY: Ferndale
 PARM.1: TO:the.secretary@hq.doe.gov
 STATE: WA
 TOPIC: BPA
 SUBMIT: Send Comments
 CONTACT: email
 COUNTRY: USA

2003 APR 24 A 9:36

DEPT OF ENERGY

MESSAGE: Dear Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham: I have some grave concerns about the management and manager of the Bonnaville Power Administration. This federal agency has been so mismanaged by Steven Wright that what was once the lowest cost power source in America has now become the most expensive power source. It is unimaginable for me to try and figure out how coal generated power on the East Coast could be generated cheaper than hydro power on the West Coast. What is about to take place with an additional 15% increase in wholesale power pricing following a 40% increase in wholesale power pricing last year while devastate an already poor economy in the Northwest. Presently the States of Oregon and Washington are numbers 1 and 2 in unemployeement statistics. Steven Wright is on the verge of putting many family wage earners out of work. Steven Wright over the past two years has made many poor business decissions regarding power purchases and administration of the BPA. I urge you to take immediate action in removing Mr. Wright and not only forgoing this proposed increase but even concider rolling prices back. Mr Wright does not have the right to mismanage a public asset and in turn put thousands of Washington wage earners out of family wage jobs. Mr. Wright and the BPA needs to be finacially audited and held accountable for the poor job he done as BPA director. Please take action on this mater before any more jobs are lost and families put into ruin. Sincerily Rick Keller Consumer/Voter/PAC Member
 MAILADDR: 717 W. Pole Rd.

MAY 22 2003

DOES
NOW
EXIST

Dear Vice President Richard Cheney,

For more then two years now my family plans have been put on hold due to the increased rates in power. With BPA talking about an additional rise of 15%, the families that work at Alcoa Intalco in Ferndale and the community and businesses that we support feel defeated. The young people working here and in well paying support jobs who dream of sending their children to collage as I did, are just trying to survive. Older employees who dream of retirement and time to work in the community, will be looking for anything to keep from going to Welfare for health care.

Given the business down turn of Boeing, Georgia Pacific, Boise Cascade, Weyerhaeuser, and so many others in the Pacific Northwest I cannot fathom that another solution cannot be found. A short-term problem is about to become catastrophic. Please ask the Department of Energy to intervene in the BPA process and ask them to do everything possible to prevent another rate hike. BPA's ability to make the right choice in a timely manor will go a long way towards keeping family wage jobs and a good tax base in the Pacific Northwest.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Tim Randell

Tim Randell
7212 Dahlberg rd.
Ferndale, Wa. 98248
360-484-1940

SN-03-W-1271

Secretary, The

005737

From: Boyer, George [George.Boyer1@alcoa.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 4:14 PM
To: Secretary, The
Subject: BPA POWER RATES

2003 APR 25 A 9:03

Honorable Spencer Abraham

DEPT. OF ENERGY

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 important. 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 that keep BPA power prices low enough to keep industry in our state.

Sincerely,

MAY 22 2003

005683

Secretary, The

From: TBurke6273@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2003 10:39 PM
To: Secretary, The
Subject: BPA Rate Increase is a Bad Idea!

2003 APR 24 A 8:11

UNITED STATES ENERGY

Dear Honorable Spencer Abraham,

I am writing out of concern for my job and that of my co-workers at Alcoa Intalco Works in Ferndale Washington. The proposed BPA power rate increase is a deathblow to Intalco. Today we were told that 125 jobs will be cut by June 30th and that the plant will be curtailed on Sept. 30, 2003 if the rate increase is allowed.

The loss of this plant will raise havoc with this community. Intalco is a major tax base for Whatcom County. The State of Washington already has one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation.

This rate increase will affect everyone in the region. Homeowner's power cost will increase on average of \$25.00 a month and other businesses will fail due to higher power costs. We need your support in not only stopping the rate increase, but also rolling it back.

Thank you for your help,

Tom Burke

4/24/2003

SN-03-W-1273

005735

Secretary, The

From: Eshuis, John [John.Eshuis@alcoa.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 5:20 PM
To: Secretary, The
Subject: POWER RATES

2003 APR 25 A 9:06

DEPT. OF ENERGY

Dear Mr. Abraham

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.

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Sincerely, John Eshuis and family

Secretary, The

005842

From: Collins, Andrew [Andrew.Collins@alcoa.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2003 11:11 AM
To: Secretary, The
Subject: Northwest Power Increase

MAY 1
 2003 APR 31 A 8:42

>
 > Honorable Spencer Abraham,
 >
 > I wish you could walk a mile in
 > my shoes. I wish you could visit the place I call Home. I wish you
 > could see and talk to my Family and Friends. As of today I could be
 > considered one of the American success stories. My Family moved from
 > England in 1966 in search of a better life style and found that place
 > called Ferndale Washington.
 > The Great Pacific Northwest is how life should be lived. However
 > the above paragraph may be just a wonderful memory if we can not
 > control the High Power Cost that B.P.A. are considering. I Am a Proud
 > American Citizen, I Believe in My Government, I work to provide for My
 > Family and Help out with Our Community Projects. I won't to be part of
 > the solution not the problem.
 > I work at Alcoa Intalco Works in the Aluminum Industry 21 years as
 > of this letter. This Ferndale Plant has been Bench Marked many times
 > for the forward progress it makes. I not only write to you for myself
 > but as I do for my Communities, County and the State of Washington.
 > The loss of this Plant would be very harmful not only as a great Tax
 > base for Ferndale Schools, Fire department and Roads but the service
 > industries that these 750 Jobs help support.
 > I ask you Sir Please take the course of action to Help the Great
 > Pacific Northwest keep the name it so Proudly has worked for. The name
 > the Poor Pacific Northwest with High unemployment with High power
 > costs is not the place I invision for my children, will I have to move my Family?
 > This is America the best Place on the Plant Earth what can I do to
 > Help ?
 >
 >
 > Andy Collins
 >
 > 3737 Sinclair Drive
 >
 > Ferndale, Washington, U.S.A.
 >
 > 98248

006333 MAY 22 2003

Secretary, The

From: Gillespie, Steve A. [Steve.Gillespie@alcoa.com]
Sent: Friday, May 09, 2003 1:17 AM
To: Secretary, The
Subject: Northwest

Honorable Spencer Abraham:

2003 MAY -9 A 8:48

I normally don't write letters and such, but I believe that I needed to say a few things, so here goes.

I have been working for the last 40 years or so and would like to continue to do so. I appreciate the fact that you are trying to stimulate the economy with tax breaks, but I for one, would just as soon as pay taxes and continue working.

The everyday working person is the ones that keep this country running, but you already know that. The present uproar about the BPA energy rates in the northwest going up have most people in a real bind. Consumers of that power say that they cannot afford to continue operating at a higher rate and those on lower incomes can't afford to pay it.

Everyone has had to do some cutting back in the last few years and run a little leaner to make ends meet. I believe that also should include the BPA operations. Should the rate increases take effect as expected, it will be a devastating blow to the northwest's working class.

I've read about a lot of different things that the government has done to help in time of need, this is one of those times. If the management of BPA needs changed to facilitate a more efficient operation, so be it. Everyone needs to be accountable for those things that they do, especially those upon whom so many rely to make sound judgment decisions.

I appreciate your time. I hope this makes at least a little sense. Anything that can be done to keep the northwest working will be appreciated.

Sincerely
Steven Gillespie
5697 Bass Road
Ferndale, Washington 98248

Secretary, The

005852

From: GladsHotRods@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2003 12:14 PM
To: Secretary, The
Cc: sjwright@bpa.com
Subject: All Industries Will Suffer if BPA Rates Are Raised

MAY 1
2003 8:42 AM

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Dear Mr. Energy Secretary

I am sending you this to let you know that my job in the Northwest Aluminum Industry is in grave danger if BPA power rates rise. Please use your wisdom to intervene and take a hard look at BPA and its policy and practices to save Northwest job.

Sincerely,
David Glad

5/1/2003

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Message

MAY 22 2003

005999

Secretary, The

From: Lyle E. Isbell [Isbells@ncplus.net]
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2003 9:08 PM
To: president@whitehouse.gov
Cc: Secretary, The
Subject: Costs up wages and benefits down?

2003 APR 29 A 9:02

DEPT. OF ENERGY

Dear President Bush,

The price of gas is going up, property taxes are going up, the price of power has gone up 46% in the last two years and now The BPA is considering another increase of up to 16%. If power goes up in the Pacific Northwest or even if it remains at current levels, myself and potentially thousands of others stand a very good chance of losing our jobs. To be counted with the already better than 8 million who have lost their jobs since 9/11. Now just how are we supposed to pay for the higher power rates, the higher gas prices, higher cost of groceries, garbage collection, property taxes etc. etc etc. and the list goes on?

The increasing price of goods and services will spiral out of control. If it costs more to pay the power bill, business owners won't pay for it, his customers will. Remember the trickle down theory? We, the working class are the customers. The auto industry can't sell cars. Why not? Because they are laying off the very people that buy those cars. How can we buy cars when we haven't a job to pay for even the basic necessities of life?

It's all fine and dandy to spend billions to free an oppressed people, I'm for that, but you are the President of the **United States** and we, all of us, are **your fellow Americans**, as we have all been so consistantly reminded. Need I say more? You may not be able to do much about the high cost of gas or other commodities, but by god you sure can do something about any increases in the cost of power in the Pacific Northwest as proposed by the BPA. As I understand it the BPA is a federal agency and as such ultimately answers to you.

Sincerely

Lyle E Isbell
1479 Crestview Rd
Ferndale, Wa. 98248

4/29/2003

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MAY 22 2003

005747

Secretary, The**From:** Norma2001@aol.com**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2003 4:49 PM**To:** SENATOR_MURRAY@MURRAY.SENATE.GOV; rick.larsen@mail.house.gov;
ericksen_do@leg.wa.gov; linville_ke@leg.wa.gov; brandlan_da@leg.wa.gov;
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armstron_mi@leg.wa.gov; Parlette_li@leg.wa.gov; mcmorris_ca@leg.wa.gov; George.nethercutt-
pub@mail.house.gov; Brian.Baird@mail.house.gov; jay.inslee@mail.house.gov;
adam.smith@mail.house.gov; dunnwa08@mail.house.gov**Cc:** Secretary, The; sjwright@bpa.gov**Subject:** Impending closure of Alcoa Intalco due to BPA increases

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.

Thank you for taking this into consideration.

4/25/2003

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006189

Secretary, The

From: Ellen Johnston [lifeofeaz@nas.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 04, 2003 1:45 PM
To: Representative Laura Ruderman
Cc: Secretary, The; sjwright@bpa.gov
Subject: Save Washington State Jobs

2003 MAY -5 A 8:00

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Dear Representative Ruderman,

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

cc: Honorable Spencer Abraham
Mr. Stephen J. Wright

5/5/2003

MAY 22 2003

066010

Secretary, The

From: norma maarhuis [nmaarhuis@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2003 11:43 AM
To: vice.president@whitehouse.gov
Cc: sjwright@bpa.gov; Secretary, The
Subject: against BPA's rate increase.

2003 APR 29 P 1:21

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
USA

Dear Vice President Cheney,

BPA's proposed rate increase will have a devastating effect on our Northwest economy, not only to the families who will lose their jobs when Intalco closes down, but the thousands of others impacted thru the ripple effect. Without affordable power the economic future of our area is in jeopardy. We know that you share our concerns. Please encourage the Department of Energy to intervene and take a *hard* look at BPA and its policies and practices. DOE must ensure that everything possible is being done to prevent a rate increase and even to lower rates. Thank you for your efforts to prevent or decrease our power rates.

Sincerely,

Ben and Norma Maarhuis

4/29/2003

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005889

MAY 22 2003

718 222nd St. S. W.
Bothell, WA 98021
April 18, 2003

Spencer Abraham
Secretary US Dept. of Energy
1000 Independence Ave.
Washington, DC 20585

Subject: Impending BPA Rate Increase

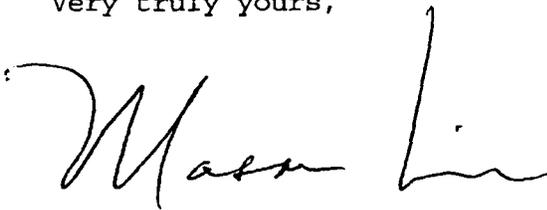
Dear Mr. Secretary:

I normally do not write letters to non-elected governmental officials, but this issue compels me to make a statement. BPA is proposing to raise the electricity rates on their system 15%. I believe that this increase will cripple almost all industry in the Pacific Northwest.

My wife and I own and operate an espresso establishment in Everett, WA not far from Boeing's largest factory. Our clientele is primarily blue-collar working people, not university professors. Boeing will recover from the airline collapse post 9/11, but severe hikes in electric power rates will be a permanent fixed cost that may drive Boeing to another state with lower costs. We employ 6 people, so that the demise of Washington State industry will cause the loss of small business jobs.

Our state has the highest unemployment rate in the nation and this rate increase will only make a bad situation much worse. We need to lower the cost of electric power to our citizens and businesses, not increase our burden.

Very truly yours,



Mason Liu

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MAY 22 2003

006003

Secretary, The

From: Elizabeth Nyberg [bernibabe@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 26, 2003 4:23 PM
To: Secretary, The
Subject: BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION

2003 APR 29 A 9:02

DEPT. OF ENERGY
PS/SB

Dear Secretary Abraham,

The BPA is adding to the dwindling US economy with high power rates. The lack of a viable US economy is contributing to the destruction of our country. How are we all going to survive? Pleases do what you can to stop the high power rates! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bernice E. Nyberg

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MAY 22 2003

Frank Worland
2798 Dawn Lane
Custer, Washington 98240
April 26, 2003

The Honorable Spencer Abraham
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Abraham,

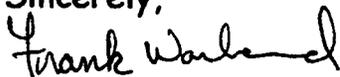
Please do not allow BPA to keep their power rates so high.

If power brokers and power companies remain unchecked and left to be managed by greed and corruption then those elected to govern our resources must be sharing the views of big business.

The Enron scandal stands out as a lesson to working men and women. Large companies can dissolve or file bankruptcy. Those who run the company can hide facts and figures.

Regulate the Bonneville Power Administration. Please stop the high power rates. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Frank Worland

MAY 22 2003

Secretary, The

005736

From: Thiessen, Kristi L. [Kristi.Thiessen@alcoa.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 4:59 PM
To: 'vice.president@whitehouse.gov'
Cc: sjwright@bpa.gov; Secretary, The
Subject: Preserve Aluminum

2003 APR 25 A 9:06

DEPT. OF ENERGY

Dear Vice President Cheney,

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 important. 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 that keep BPA power prices low enough to keep industry in our state.

Sincerely,

Kristi Thiessen

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April 24, 2003

Honorable Spencer Abraham
Secretary US Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585

Stop BPA Power Rate Increase SN CRAC rate case/Save Family Wage Jobs/Preserve Aluminum

Dear Honorable Spencer Abraham,

We gravely need your help on the power situation in our Northwest region. Being in complete support of our Presidents and their administration, Operation Iraq Freedom, our troops in Iraq and all the humanitarian aide needed to help their country build a decent government; we desperately feel that our families of the Pacific Northwest now need your support with our economy!

The struggling Northwest economy cannot survive another rate increase by the Bonneville Power Administration! Without affordable energy for these industries (aluminum, aerospace, agriculture, pulp and paper, etc.) thousands of family-wage jobs will be lost forever. These are jobs that will not come back! Elected officials must insist on solutions that preserve Northwest jobs. Three of our family members work at Alcoa Intalco Aluminum, which will shut down permanently if this power increase is allowed.

The BPA must develop approaches that help industry survive! It is time for your Department of Energy to intervene in the BPA process to ensure that everything possible is being done to prevent another rate increase. You are the only ones who can do it! In fact, rates need to be lowered for the sake of the Northwest economy. If you allow the BPA to raise the power rates again, the economy of the entire Pacific Northwest will be devastated!

Please help us save our jobs!!! The economy of the entire Pacific Northwest cannot afford another power increase! Surely you understand that these industry jobs are important to our families, communities, and state's economy. We have already seen that ours is not recovering as fast as the rest of the nation. 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.

Thank you for taking the time to listen and to look into this situation thoroughly. We are desperate for you help!

Sincerely,

James H. Smith
Patricia K. Smith

James, Patricia, Tanis & Taryn Smith
189 Van Wyck Road
Bellingham, Wa 98226
360-733-1242

SN-03-W-1286

005738

Secretary, The

From: Sorgenfrei, Peter [Peter.Sorgenfrei@alcoa.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2003 1:48 PM
To: Secretary, The
Subject: BPA's Rate proposal

2003 APR 25 A 9:03

DEPT. OF ENERGY

Dear Sir,

I am a 57 year old Electrician working for Alcoa Intalco works here in the Pacific Northwest.

Due to BPAs mis-management they are proposing a 15% rate hike. This rate hike would put us

out of business. We are just making it at the rate we pay today. I have a family to support and

I need 5 more years here to retire. Please help us by not allowing Steve Wright to go ahead

with his unfair rate increase. He is driving business out of the northwest. Are you listening?

Peter B. Sorgenfrei

005688

MAY 22 2003

Secretary, The

From: Shipley, Tammi [Tammi.Shipley@alcoa.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2003 7:10 PM
To: Secretary, The
Subject: BPA Proposed Rate Increase

2003 APR 24 A 8:14

Honorable Spencer Abraham,

DEPT. OF ENERGY

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 they (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. Thank you for your time to read this.

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

Secretary, The

005837

From: Colin Rock [colinrock@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2003 7:00 PM
To: Secretary, The
Subject: SN CRAC rate case, BPA rate increase

2003 APR 31 A 9:42

SECRETARY

Honorable Mr. Abraham,

I work at one of the last remaining aluminum plants in the Northwest USA. The Bonneville Power Administration has been liberating workers of the Northwest of their jobs. Someone needs to end the offensive attack on American jobs. Steve Wright of the BPA has been terrorizing the Northwest economy with a 50% rate increase over the past year, and now has threatened another 15% or more increase. This rate increase has made my plant unprofitable, and Alcoa said in writing that the next increase would close my plant, Intalco. Please help us from the selfish decisions of the never elected dictator Steve Wright. A regime change is in order. Thousands more families and my own 4-year old daughters futures are at stake. Please stop the proposed rate hike of the BPA.

Colin Rockenbach.

P.S. Everyone here is for this administrations actions in the Middle East. You've got our votes.

5/1/2003

SN-03-W- 1289

Mt Vernon, Wn

April 19, 2003

MAY 22 2003

005880

I am writing this letter in behalf of the proposed 15% Passes raise at the Alcoa. I nitelco Aluminum plant in Ferndal, Washington.

The way our Economy is right now I ~~think~~ think it is stepped to do so. We have enough unemployment now. we don't need to add more to it. This would shut them down if they Passes. They have people who have work there for years who would lose their retirement on Job. Most have families to support, what would you do if you lost your income? Not only that these workers are paying a lot of income tax to the U.S government, which they would lose. I think the government should look strongly what's going on at

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The Bonneville Power Adminis-
tration office at P.O. Box 12999
Portland Ore 97212. I have heard
there is Hanky, Panky going on there.
I urge you to do something
about this situation

Thank you

Ray Nelson
EMC Consultants
Public Relations.
2419 N 19th Pl
Wx Vernon
Wash
98243

MAY 22 2003

Secretary, The

005682

From: Lyle E. Isbell [lbell@ncplus.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2003 10:40 PM
To: vice.president@whitehouse.gov
Cc: Secretary, The
Subject: Tax cut and the BPA rate increase

2003 APR 24 A 8:15

ENERGY

Dear Mr. Vice President Cheney,

The Pacific Northwest, as you may or may not know is in a crisis. The BPA, a primary provider of electric power in our region, is positioning itself to raise our power rates to a level beyond which a number of businesses will be able to pay and stay viable. If that happens our already depressed region and higher than the national average unemployment will sustain even more unemployment. Further, we will be required to pay higher residential electric rates which have already more than doubled since the 2001 energy crisis. Only you can prevent this disaster in our region. You **must** mandate that Stephen Wright and the BPA not raise their rates and will in fact reduce them.

President Bush wants people to spend money to get the economy moving. I submit that a \$500 tax cut will not get people spending money when the threat of losing their jobs is looming over their heads. Please inform the president that if he wants the economy to begin moving again he should insure that power rates in the Pacific Northwest are reduced by the BPA and that people can rely on job security now and in the future.

This is the news we were greeted with this morning when we arrived at work.

PITTSBURGH - Alcoa Inc. could cut aluminum production by almost 6 percent because of the rising price of energy, the company announced Wednesday.

The world's leading aluminum producer will cut 125 jobs at its Intalco smelter in Ferndale, Wash., by June and could release all 700 employees if the Bonneville Power Administration moves ahead with planned price increases, spokesman Kevin Lowery said.

The staff reduction could reduce the company's aluminum production by 230,000 metric tons annually.

"The plant in Ferndale is now operating under the highest (energy) prices in its history," Lowery said. "The BPA said it's going to raise rates by 15 percent on top of that."

Ferndale has a capacity of 170,000 metric tons of aluminum per year, all of which would be taken off line temporarily if the planned price increase goes into effect, Lowery said.

The plant will be closed on Sept. 30 "unless there is significant change in the power price or market conditions overall," said Bernt Reitan, president of Alcoa Primary Metals.

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Do you want us to be dependent on foreign aluminum as well as foreign oil?

If you are interested in reading th rest of the article you may follow the link below:

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tmpl=story&u=/ap/20030424/ap_on_bi_ge/alcoa_cutbacks_1](http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&u=/ap/20030424/ap_on_bi_ge/alcoa_cutbacks_1)

Sincerely

Lyle E. Isbell
1479 Crestview Rd.
Ferndale, Wa. 98248

4/24/2003

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MAY 22 2003

April 30, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

As a customer of Gray Harbor PUD, I'm increasingly concerned about the rise in electricity rate 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 whom are seniors and working families, now struggling just to keep lights on. The Gray Harbor business community, already battered by the recession, has struggled to cover rising electricity costs.

Bonneville Power Administration is proposing to raise rates again to make up for financial shortfalls that were caused primarily by BPA's poor business decisions and inability to get costs under control. This would strike another huge blow to Grays Harbor PD and its customers, like my family and my neighbors. BPZ needs to consider all possible means of cutting costs, instead of increasing costs for businesses and residents already hit hard by a poor economy and high unemployment.

On a related note, I support the PUD in its opposition to a recent proposal by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to implement a standard market design. Such rules would change how power prices are regulated and push utilities toward purchasing electricity and access to transmission facilities on the open market. This plan and FERC's proposal regarding regional transmission organizations pose a significant risk to our region. They would not only shift advantages toward power marketers, but potentially force hundreds of millions of dollars in increased costs upon area consumers. BPA needs to take a position against these FERC proposals in order to continue to ensure affordable and reliable energy in the Northwest.

I appreciate your consideration of these issues. It's imperative that BPA show leadership and make the hard decisions that will serve its customers well and maintain and enhance the legacy of the federal power system for the benefit of people throughout the Northwest.

Sincerely,


Michael D. Troupe Sr.

Michael D. Troupe, Sr
PO Box 1060
Cosmopolis, WA 98537

SN-03-W-1292

May 20, 2003 MAY 22 2003

Steve Wright, B.P.A. Administrator
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, Ore. 97208-3621

Dear Mr. Wright:

I have been a member of the Hood River Electric Coop. for 29 years and have always received wonderful, affordable electric service. The last increase in our electric rate was in July, 2001.

I am retired, widow living on fixed S.S. income, and as prices increase, it has an impact on my ability to make ends meet.

I have a wood stove that I use as part-time heat, and electric base board heaters as part-time heat.

With the last increase, I find that I must use the wood heat more and more, to be able to afford the electric heat.

My husband died 14 years ago, and the job of the wood heat is mine alone, and a BIG job it is.

I truly hope that we are not faced with another electric rate increase as I will not be able to use the electric heat.

Yours truly
Betty Johnson
3828 FLETCHER DR
HOOD RIVER, OR. 97031

cc: SENATOR: GORDON SMITH
cc: SENATOR RON WYDEN
cc: REP. GREG WALDEN.

SN-03-W-1293

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

From: bakers46@juno.com
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2003 10:56 AM
To: comments@bpa.gov
Cc: bketcham@cascadenetworks.net; admin@cowlitzpud.org; nedpiper@adelphia.net; maria_cantwell@cantwell.senate.gov; senator_murray@murray.senate.gov
Subject: Proposed BPA Wholesale Rate Increase

Attn: Stephen Wright, BPA Administrator

Please add this letter to the many you must have received regarding the proposed rate hike. The issue is not simply that Cowlitz County is in desperate financial straits (the unemployment rate is over 10% with many families moving from Cowlitz County to seek jobs). It is the fact that there are many avenues the Bonneville Power Administration can take to reduce costs.

Furthermore, Longview Aluminum owes BPA millions of dollars. Articles in The Daily News state that Michael Lynch has spend millions of dollars in attorney fees. When this was investigated, the statement read "That's what company CEO's do". Well, that might be what they do, but it doesn't make it right! Collect from Longview Aluminum and Michael Lynch!

The Cowlitz PUD Commissioners are intelligent and thoughtful men. They have sent in a plan that identifies \$900 million in cost saving recommendations. Surely there must be some options BPA can take without raising wholesale rates.

Collect Debt! Reduce Costs! DO NOT RAISE RATES!

Sincerely,
JoAnne Baker

Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7

MAY 20 2003

From: Martha Rivas [mrivas@pascohousingauthority.org]
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2003 12:00 PM
To: Comment@bpa.gov
Subject: PUD RATE INCREASES!!!

May 22, 2003

Hello, my name is Martha Rivas. I reside in Benton County. I am a single mother of 1 and recently purchased my first home. Since I am head of household, it is up to me to provide and care for my child. Recently, it seems as though everybody has raised their rates: child care certainly is by no means cheap and within the few last months much less; since the budget cuts daycare providers have raised their rates as well. I am at a stage right now that I cannot afford to have a house phone anymore. My PUD has now been disconnected because I cannot afford to pay it. I realize that we need to pay for services but please give US a break. Some of you might be able to make ends meet but some of us; like myself are working hard to barely make it. With everything rising, we do not need PUD to sky rocket either.

I am sure you will receive plenty of these sorts of email. To some of us, it's worth a shot to see if we can stop increases in power costs.

Thank you for your time and any assistance you may provide will be greatly appreciated.

Regards,

Martha Rivas

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