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Stephen J. Wright
Administrator
Bonneville Power Administration
905 N.E. 11th Avenue
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Dear Mr. Wright:

The Planning and Management Council of Aging and Long Term Care of Eastern Washington is deeply concerned about the increase to electric rates in our area due to the suspension of the residential exchange program payments to Avista by BPA. This will have an immediate detrimental effect on the low-income vulnerable adults we serve.

We understand that the suspension of these payments is the result of a 9th Circuit Court ruling and the payments must be stopped to avoid legal liability. Please remember the impact that this will have on areas that are only served by investor owned utilities like Avista.

We encourage that BPA evaluate several options to counter the 9th Circuit Court decision. We ask that whatever avenue you pursue, that you would pursue it speedily in order to mitigate the impact of these rate increases as much as possible on the low-income customers of investor owned utilities, especially low-income seniors.

Sincerely,

/s/ Maria Hernandez-Peck

Maria Hernandez-Peck
Chair, Planning and Management Council

cc: Greg Partch, ALTCEW Governing Board Chair



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