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ROB DRAKE
MAYOR

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Mr. Steven J. Wright
BPA Administrator and Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr. Wright:

I have been monitoring the Residential Exchange benefit issue since PGE informed me in June that our residents would see an immediate 13% rate increase, in the hope that BPA would broker a fair restoration of the Benefit. It's time to do that. Beaverton has 85,000 residents, all served by Portland General Electric, and not all of them able to easily absorb another blow to their household budgets.

I am well aware that a majority of the people of Oregon — some 75% — are served by Portland General Electric or Pacific Power. The current loss of benefits - and the level of those benefits when they eventually resume - is a matter of real significance to thousands of Oregon families.

The Northwest Regional Power Act is intended to assure that all northwest residents share in the benefits of the federal Columbia River power system. Whether they are served by an investor-owned or a public utility, they should all have an equitable share of the \$2 billion in annual BPA benefits. Before the suspension, Residential Exchange benefits were already at a modest level, relative to the tremendous value BPA provides to its preference customers. I hope that we will not see those benefits eroded further.

I urge you to restore this credit before we begin to turn on our furnaces for the fall and winter that is soon to come. All of the citizens of my city, and all of the other citizens of Oregon who are served by private utilities, are entitled to a fair resolution that ensures benefits from the regional system are as equitable as possible.

Sincerely,

Rob Drake
Mayor