

**Good Evening,**

**I am Harold Hartman, I reside at 35243 Malin Loop Road in Malin, Oregon. I am a small farm operator in the Klamath Basin. We have experienced the impact of eliminating the Residential Exchange Program. We were notified of this change by our electric provider, Pacific Power, an investor owned utility. In that notification it was indicated that our bills may go up an average of 13% which of itself would be quite large, larger than recent PUC approved increases. However, for small farms in the Klamath Basin the resulting increases, arriving with our June bills has been much larger. I have two different tariffs that I pay for pumping and the increases are 84-100%. Recent action by both the Oregon State Legislature and the Oregon PUC have clearly capped increases in our tariffs. The effect of the elimination of the exchange payment clearly outpaces those efforts by giving us an effective "rate" increase as stated above. By any standard of consideration this effect constitutes "rate shock" and in a standard Tariff process would not be allowed.**

**You may hear from very few farmers from my area or elsewhere in Oregon as they are in the middle of the growing and harvesting season. I have contacted a few fellow farmers and many, in fact none of the ones I spoke to, had even seen there most current bills , where the effect of this elimination shows up.**

**I appreciate that BPA is proposing to move toward a resolution for providing Oregon rate payers with the benefits that are equitable and consistent with the law. I believe that the way to that provision is to fully restore the Exchange Program, now. I trust that you will proceed expeditiously to resolution of this process so that all rate payers will continue to receive mandated benefits from the BPA System.**

**Thank you very much for this opportunity to hear of your efforts and to encourage you to move quickly.**