

August 1, 2007

Steven J. Wright
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Dear Mr. Wright:

Since I am unable to attend tonight's public meeting BPA is holding on the Residential Exchange Program, I am submitting this written comment for the record.

I just finished reading the article in today's *Oregonian* about this issue. As the Mayor of the City of Tigard I can empathize with your position in trying to reach a settlement that is fair and equitable to all of your constituents and more importantly in your case, your customers.

Speaking as a customer of PGE and a Mayor that represents a community served by PGE, the elimination of the Residential Exchange Program is an important issue. The 13% rate increase has just begun to hit our bills and, after reading this article, I'm troubled that there doesn't seem to be a resolution forthcoming.

Clearly, the intent of the NW Regional Power Act is for the entire region to equitably share the benefits of the Columbia River Hydro System. I do not believe the 9th Circuit Court's ruling implied otherwise, and this principle should continue to be upheld during this regional process on Residential Exchange benefits. One would have to assume that residential and small farm customers of private utilities - the majority of those eligible - would have an equitable share of the benefits. To exclude this sector of northwest customers because they are not served by a public utility is unreasonable.

I urge you to work diligently with both the private and public utilities toward a final resolution that eliminates future controversy and restores the already modest level of benefits to our citizens. I can assure you that our community leaders are concerned about this issue and will be interested in seeing what your next steps will be in crafting a solution that is fair and reasonable.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig Dirksen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Craig Dirksen
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