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Dear Mr. Wright:

I have been monitoring the Residential Exchange benefit issue since PGE informed us 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. Silverton has 8,915 residents, all served by Portland General Electric, and many of them will be unable to 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 we are served by an investor-owned or a public utility, we 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 very significant 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 heat our homes this fall and winter. Silvertonians, and all of the other residents 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.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Hector", written over a horizontal line.

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