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Subject: Letter for the record in response to August 1st Public Meeting on
BPA Residential Exchange Program

Dear Mr. Wright:



Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue. I am the Mayor of Sherwood, Oregon – a rapidly growing city served by PGE. In 1911, Sherwood's city limits were one square mile, and a population of 350. Today, Sherwood's population is 16, 115 and the city limits have expanded to four and a half square miles. We are one of the fastest growing communities in Oregon.

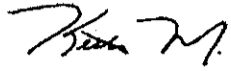
I am concerned about the impact that the loss of the residential exchange benefit has on the vitality of this community. Every household in this city is experiencing a 13% increase in their monthly electric bill. This is a significant burden for our citizens to bear.

The NW Regional Power Act intends for the entire region to share the benefits of the Columbia River Hydro System. The 9th Circuit Court's ruling did not negate this principle and we expect it to be upheld in this regional process on Residential Exchange benefits.

These benefits need to be restored and a final resolution should cease the continuous controversy over rights to the benefits. I urge you to work diligently with all parties to resolve this issue as quickly as possible, and to preserve the already modest level of benefits that citizens served by private utilities had been receiving.

This is an issue that I can assure you our community leaders are concerned about. We will be interested in seeing what your next steps will be in crafting a solution that is fair and reasonable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Mays". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Keith" and the last name "Mays" clearly distinguishable.

Mayor Keith Mays
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