

April 12, 2006

Administrator Steven Wright
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, OR 97208-3621

Dear Administrator Wright,

Based on BPA's own estimates of loads and resources, **BPA has sufficient surplus resources, in excess of net requirements, to serve its regional customers and provide firm power to Alcoa Intalco Aluminum.**

Public Law 88-552 (otherwise known as the Pacific Northwest Regional Preference Act) was passed in 1964 in order to permit the construction of the Pacific Northwest/Southwest Intertie (to supply power to California). **A condition of building the intertie was that power could be sold by BPA but "limited to power that would otherwise be wasted, " i.e., power "for which there is no market in the Pacific Northwest at any rate established for the disposition of such energy. 16 U.S.C. § § 839f(c); 837(c)."**¹ Intalco has a statutory right to the BPA power that is generated in the Northwest, for Northwest customers – instead of marketing the power to California. These power sale revenues could ultimately be sent to Washington DC at the expense of all the Northwest.

I believe the Public Law and intent is clear, BPA must allow Intalco access to regional power. **Please show your support by helping secure long term cost based power from BPA or through a local PUD, to keep BPA power in the Northwest!** The aluminum industry, families, employees, and communities will be severely impacted if access to this power is permanently denied.

Sincerely,



Barry Hullett
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¹ *M-S-R Public Power Agency v. Bonneville Power Administration*, 297 F 3d 833 (9th Cir. 2002).