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Terry G. Fischer

Dear Mr. Wright, In response to your long term dialogue, I would like to point out a couple of my observations and concerns, especially on your determination to remove your DSI customers from BPA's cost based power load. As a life-long resident of Bellingham, WA and an Aluminum worker at the Intalco Alcoa Works Plant, many of my obvious opinions on your plan would seem redundant. Simply put, I think you are wrong in refusing these long time customers (the DSI's) the less expensive power that they've received in the past. One of the terms that you often use bothers me since it is to the best of my knowledge, FALSE. "Surplus Power"...How can the BPA be budgeting the sale of immense amounts of surplus power that will reduce the lucky preferential customers rate, as just recently announced, when indeed, long time industrial customers, such as Alcoa, are being refused the power they need at traditional BPA rates that would allow them to stay in business. Another thing that seems to be misleading is the population growth throughout the state that has forced this dialogue. In Bellingham, our homes are now almost unaffordable for the average family since the huge building boom and influx of migrant persons coming from outside our state which has burdened our entire infrastructure. I don't pretend to know the actual numbers, but in our area, it is obvious that people are moving here from all over the country. Now you are telling me that I may have to lose my job so that they can have electricity. There has got to be a better answer I have paid for electricity at my residence in Bellingham for 30 plus years, and not only could I afford realistic electricity prices from time to time, but I have come to expect them. I certainly don't expect to see a 3 percent reduction in my rates at home after your announcement for this rate period. Thank You, Terry G. Fischer