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For more than five years now Alcoa and the International Association of Machinist workers at the Intalco plant have been lobbying BPA for a fair and equitable resolution, to secure cost based power for its Intalco and Wenatchee plants that would afford them to run at full production. BPA saw fit to allow Port Townsend Paper to buy power from its local public utility at a price approximately equal to, but never less than, its lowest-cost PF rate. We believe that this service to Port Townsend Paper makes sense, not just for them but for all DSIs. Alcoa has committed to running its' Ferndale plant (Intalco) for the next five years using the financial benefit provided by BPA. This will work in the short term but is not going to be viable for the long term, 20 years post 2011. With the projected large amount of surplus power well beyond the 2007-2011 contracts we ask that BPA provide the DSI's with the megawatts proposed in its ROD either directly from BPA or through the local public utility. According to the Pacific Northwest Regional Preference Act that passed in 1964, BPA's sale of power should be 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." The question we are asking is how can BPA justify selling this cost based power on the open market when we have requested this power for use in the region. This power is the key to continuing operation of our facility and in-fact increasing the job potential for the people of our community. It is our hopes that BPA will reinstate the DSI's, and in particular Alcoa Intalco Works, back on the grid to either get service directly from BPA or from our local utility.