

Dec. 6, 06

Comments To:

Department of Energy Public Meeting

From: Chuck TenPas

P.U.D. Commissioner

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/ Secretary/Treasurer

Washington Public Utility Districts

Re: Our Local P.U.D. in Lewis County was formed in the early 1940's because the private power companies would not provide power for rural communities.

It is important for Lewis County to continue to have low cost energy available from B.P.A. Twenty years ago we lost most of the Timber industry's jobs due to spotted owls, and more recently 600 jobs due to the closure of a coal mine.

- we must have Tiered rates and services offered to preference customers at cost based rates.
- we are concerned that proposed 20 year contracts have effective cost-control measures and that customers can provide tangible input on B.P.A. costs
- we also are concerned that BPA needs to adopt a clear, fair dispute resolution process.