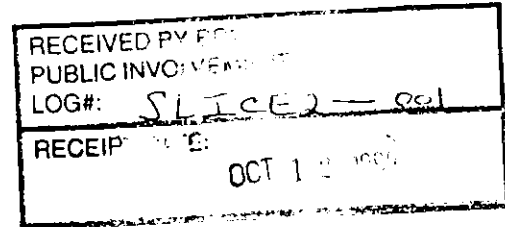


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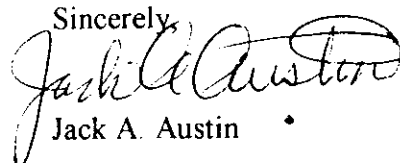


Dear Ms. Johansen,

I have followed the development of the "Slice Product" concept. I can see several benefits that may accrue to the Northwest Utility customers. Maintenance of the Regional Preference legislative action appears primary to me. No matter how you slice it, this product/service/benefit must be made available to all Northwest Utilities on a non-discriminatory basis. I can see no difference between the slice product and previously FERC approved exchanges.

I have grave concerns that the regional Federal hydroelectric system power benefits will not be shared equitably. Your Subscription process needs to assure that Priority Firm (PF) power shall be shared equitably among the Rural and Residential customers of the Northwest. That sharing shall be on a non-discriminatory basis, regardless of the type of serving utility, be it public or private. Most certainly this sharing should not be confused with the concept of "Net Requirements" which can penalize a generating utility. Don't make second class citizen out of us tax-payers who happen to be served by a private utility.

You must continue to exercise fairness in the execution of your duties as Administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration, our Northwest institution.

Sincerely,

Jack A. Austin •