



March 21, 2006

The Honorable George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We are writing you on behalf of PNUCC members to ask that you withdraw the proposal to apply a portion of Bonneville Power Administration's secondary sales revenue towards accelerating repayment of their federal debt. This proposal would raise this region's electric wholesale power rates by as much as 10%, aggravating our struggle to improve the economic situation for Northwest families, industries and business.

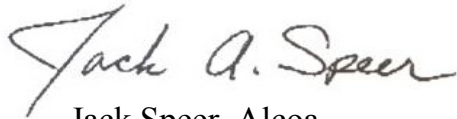
Because PNUCC members are the major public and private owned utilities and direct service industries of the Northwest that purchase a significant share of the power marketed by BPA we have a keen interest in decisions that impact Northwest ratepayers and this region's economy.

A study by the Northwest Power and Conservation Council indicates that your budget proposal regarding the use of BPA revenues would take \$145 million annually out of the Northwest economy and cost the region another 1,120 jobs. The Northwest utilities and industries have suffered from poor economic conditions and significantly increasing power rates in the wake of the West Coast Energy Crisis. The rate increase that would result from this proposal may tip the scales for many businesses and industries that have battled to stay viable.

Through BPA, Northwest electric customers have faithfully made their payments to the U.S. Treasury on time and with interest. And in the past five years BPA and its customers have made \$1.46 billion in early payments. When possible we are already doing what we can.

The flurry of letters and communications with the Administration in the past few weeks is a strong indication of the importance of this issue. We urge you to withdraw your proposal in light of the significant impacts on Northwest citizens and businesses. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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