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DEON R HERNDON, ARA
ACCREDITED RURAL APPRAISER
4514 INDEPENDENCE ROAD
SUNNYSIDE, WA 98944

November 15, 2005

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 4750
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: Pacific Power Docket No. UE 050684

I am a private individual with a family and home office. We live modestly in a 20 year old home of 2100 sq. ft home. We are energy conscience, have supplemental propane heat and try to conserve and I would say we are a "typical" Pacific Power consumer. Our average bill is not \$65.82 per month but \$140 per month. Therefore a 20.3% increase will be nearly \$30 a month. That is about 2 to 3 hours work just to pay the increase! It already takes me a day and half of work to pay the current bill. The 20.3% is excessive and I do not know where we consumers are suppose to come up with the increase? Who else could raise prices 20% and not expect to loose customers?

Please consider less of an increase when ruling on Pacific Power's rate increase request.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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Re: Docket No. UE-050684

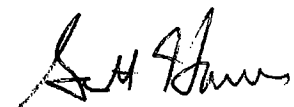
Dear Sirs,

I'm writing in reference to Pacific Power's request to raise rates approximately 20.3%. As a customer of Pacific Power, I object to this proposal. Pacific Power claims it needs the extra income to make up for increased power costs and for capital improvements. I am sure they will produce reams of documents supporting their claims. The truth is that costs are going up, for them and for us. The difference is that we are expected to streamline operations and improve efficiencies to make up the difference without any or with minor increases in our revenue stream. Obviously with a captive client base, Pacific Power feels entitled to charge whatever it wants. Without competitive pressure, consumers have no real redress. While the law (in theory) may allow some free market forces to operate in the utilities sector, Pacific Power has found a way to deny consumers any possible relief.

Last year we approached Pacific Power about changing our electrical service providers. Their response was to demand a payment of \$1,500 for "design" work, just so they could prepare an estimate! Having talked with others who have considered switching service providers, I have found that Pacific Power has been less than forthright in following the spirit of the law opening up electrical markets.

So rather than reward their arrogant, corporate behavior, I would suggest the commission send a strong message to them that this conduct is not acceptable, and deny this rate increase and open up an inquiry into their business practices.

Sincerely,



Scott Harris
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December 7, 2004

Prescott School District No. 402-37
Mr. Scott Harris
P.O. Box 65
Prescott, WA 99348

Dear Mr. Harris;

Your request for a cost to remove Pacific's facilities in Prescott serving Prescott School District has been directed to me.

After an initial look at the facilities, that will have to be removed or reworked, we will need a design payment of \$1,500. This is the cost of fielding, engineering and accounting for labor, materials and present value of facilities to be removed, salvaged or scrapped. After payment is received, we will start design.

If you'd like, I'd be more than happy to show you, or someone you designate, the scope of facilities that would be removed to comply with your request.

On behalf of Pacific Power, we hope to continue to serve Prescott School District, but will cooperate to make the District's transition to another power supplier with as little impact to the District's operations as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Gavin".

Mike Gavin
Operations Manager
522-7008



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INVOICE

Return To: Pacific Power
 Walla Walla Operations Center
 650 E. Douglas Ave.
 Walla Walla, WA 99362

Name: Prescott School District

Date: 12/7/2004

Street: P.O. Box 65

W.O.: _____

City: Prescott State: WA Zip: 99348

Employee: _____

Customer Acct.# _____

Qty	Unit	Description	Unit Price	TOTAL
		Cost of design to establish cost to remove facilities presently providing electrical service to 12 School District accounts.		\$1,500.00
			TOTAL	\$1,500.00

Office Use Only

*Invoice costs are valid for only 90 days from invoice date!
 Please remit payment to address at top of invoice.*

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Special Ed Director
Jeannie "Aj" Jacobson, Business Manager
David Thomas, K-12 Assistant Principal/Counselor

January 12, 2005

Pacific Power
Mr. Mike Gavin, Operations Manager
650 E. Douglas
Walla Walla, WA 99362

Dear Mr. Gavin,

This is in reference to your correspondence dated December 7, 2004. If you will recall, the Prescott School District requested an estimate for removal of your equipment from our property (as per statutory authority). Your response as indicated in your letter is that Pacific Power will not comply with our legal request unless we pay your firm a tariff of \$1,500. You indicated this fee was for design work. Since we aren't asking you to design anything, this is problematic.

I am also aware that your request for payment of this tariff is a new requirement. The Columbia-Burbank School District just recently completed a similar project and your firm did not charge an upfront tariff for services.

In light of this information, I'm asking you to reconsider your response and to provide the requested information. Please be advised that we are prepared to take this matter up with the Washington Transportation and Utilities Commission, as well as the appropriate federal agency.

Sincerely,


Scott Harris



March 1, 2005

Scott Harris
Prescott School District
P. O. Box 65
Prescott, WA 99348

Mr. Harris

We understand that you have requested that PacifiCorp give you a price for the removal of electric facilities that serve Prescott School District accounts (the "Removed Facilities"). While we are willing to perform this task, before we can do so, we need to payment of a \$1,500 advance that we previously requested. The purpose of this advance is to cover the cost of the labor to:

- Establish present value of the Removed Facilities;
- Determine if the Removed Facilities can be reused in another location;
- Determine scrap value of the Removed Facilities that cannot be reused elsewhere;
- Determine labor cost to remove the Removed Facilities; and
- Determine labor and materials necessary to install any new facilities that are required in order to safely allow removal of the Removed Facilities.

As a regulated utility Pacific is subject to Tariffs that must be approved by the Washington Transportation and Utilities Commission (WUTC), and once approved they are part of the "laws" that Pacific operates under. Rule 14.C. in these tariffs provides that Pacific may charge for "design, engineering and estimated" for requests "in the Company's judgment" are "large, complex or speculative." Estimates for removal are complex due the need for taking an inventory of the Removed Facilities and the performing the tasks listed above. The cost of these tasks I will exceed the \$200 minimum provided in the rule. Also, our experience in these matters for the past two years has shown that requests for removal are often speculative. For both these reasons the Company has determined that it is appropriate to require an advance. If this advance exceeds he cost of the items listed above, any excess will be applied to the cost of removal should you choose to do so.



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We encourage oversight of this project by any State or Federal agency. Again, I would be happy to discuss this project with you further to discuss the details of your request. We have had a long relationship with Prescott School District and hope that it may continue.

Sincerely,



Mike Gavin
Operations Manager
(509)522-7008

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Palouse Management Inc
PO Box 1773
Walla Walla, WA 99362
509-522-0766

WUTC
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504

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RE: PP&L's proposed general rate increase

Since Warren Buffet bought PP&L with some of his excess \$45 Billion dollars, why isn't he able to invest some more of his own money in this great deal he has found? According to the information below, Buffet could invest in energy conservation. I seriously doubt if they aren't already recovering their cost of doing business. And why should company revenue be decoupled from sales? What other entity or entities are empowered to do that.

Palouse Management Inc. paid in calendar year 2004, \$9124 to PP&L; in 2003 \$11,002; in 2003 \$8,020. The nearly \$2,000 drop between 2003 and 2004 doesn't indicate my costs were going down. It indicates I was forced to liquidate some properties *because I wasn't able to recover my cost of doing business.*

PMI is in the rental property business and provides housing service to a great many low income, section 8 participants, as well as students and young working adults, many of whose apartments are heated by electricity. Raising our rates by nearly 18% is an outrage perpetrated by the 2nd richest man in the country and should be squelched immediately.

According to the company, the increase is driven by higher power costs and investments to meet growing demand and assure reliability. The rate case also includes proposals for:

- A new way of allocating PacifiCorp's costs among the six states in which it operates.
- A power cost adjustment mechanism, which would allow the company to recover power costs from customers in between general rate cases, and
- A "decoupling" proposal, which would allow the company to invest in energy conservation without risking lower revenue. If customers use less energy (e.g. through energy conservation or more efficient appliances), utilities may be at risk of not recovering their cost of doing business. Proposals such as PacifiCorp's are intended to "decouple" company revenues from electricity sales.

The 2nd richest man in the country does not need to be subsidized by some of the poorest.

Sincerely,



Charles Potts, President

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Subj: **PacifiCorp, # UE-050684**
Date: 11/8/2005 3:51:16 PM Pacific Standard Time
From: ED Dreher
To: comments@world.wa.gov

I am strongly opposed to the proposed increase of 17.9 %. As an owner of GTO Car Wash in Yakima, WA we cannot continue to absorb these increases and will have no choice but to close our doors. We have been a solid business in Yakima for the past 15 years, but over the past couple of years our profits have been dwindling as our utilities have all increased, adding this to minimum wage increases, medical insurance rate increases and sales, gas and other tax increases we can no longer make ends meet and are going deeper into debt. To make ends meet we have downsized our homes and taken a cut in pay. We are also driving older model cars and cutting costs wherever we can. We expect no less from all the entities who are raising their rates. Once they have taken these steps, then and only then should they consider raising rates and only if it is absolutely necessary and fair.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth C Dreher
GTO CAR WASH
2121 S 1ST ST
Yakima, WA 98903

*Please enter this into the public record ,
Elizabeth Dreher*

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Dec 21, 2005

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
PO Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Docket No. UE-050684

Gentlemen,

I am writing this letter in protest of the proposed rate increase by Pacific Power and Light (PPL). Residential rates would increase by 20.3% and irrigation rates by 22%. These rates are out of line. I believe that they do not represent a realistic cost of doing business increase. It seems to me that ever since PPL was bought out, there have been numerous rate increases. These increases are much more than the annual inflation rate. The economic effects on business and agriculture will be harmful. We irrigators already pay a demand charge at the end of the season on our pumps. I have yet to understand or receive an explanation as to these charges. Those of us in farming have been motivated to change our irrigation methods in order to conserve water, maintain in stream flows for fish, and enhance riparian habitat. Consequently, we have changed are watering methods by converting to electrical power for sprinkler irrigation. Such a rate increase, if approved, would be disastrous to production agriculture. With rising oil prices, farmers are faced with not only high fuel prices but higher fertilizer prices as well. It's a never ending spiral of high costs and low prices. I can understand that a rate increase may be necessary for PPL to maintain a profitable profile, but such a large increase is totally out out of line. My suggestion would be to make gradual increases over a period of time to lessen the burden on all rate payers.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my concerns regarding this proposal.

Sincerely,



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John Feusner
10680 North Wenas Road
Selah, WA 98942
509-697-8584
feusner5@aol.com

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Washington Utilities and
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P. O. Box 47250
Olympia, Wa.
98504

Re; Docket No. UE-050684

To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing this letter to say that I do not agree with the request filed by PacifiCorp to be allowed to raise rates at this time.

The impact of the proposed increase would be very devastating to many people that already are struggling to make ends meet.

I feel that this rate increase is not fair or reasonable.

Thank you for listening to my concern in this matter.

Sincerely

WALTER T. DETRICK

Signature *Walter T Detrick*

Address 7120 ST RT 410

City, State NACHES WA 98937

Zipcode

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Gerald Beamon
5506 Roza Hill Drive
Yakima WA 98901

Docket item number: UE-050684

To Whom It May Concern: Whole the line on increases in Pacific Power proposed price change in Washington.

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Thank you,

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Sincerely

Signature *Jim Hoffenden*
Address *1851 Buffalo Rd.*
City, State *Scoti wa.*
Zipcode *98742*

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Sincerely

Mary Woffenden

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Address
City, State
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*1851 Buffalo rd
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Dear Sirs -

Recently we were informed by Pacific Power that our Electric Power rates are to increase

\$15.86 per month. We believe this huge increase is not justified.

This huge increase in cost of electricity will put a stressful burden on people who are retired. We're not opposed to a small increase, but this proposed increase is far too large. Thank you kindly for considering to lower the increase.

Sincerely,
Marvin & Nathalie Bischoff



Nancy Paulson/WUTC

11/21/2005 08:51 AM

To Gail Griffin-Wallace/WUTC@WUTC

cc

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Subject Pacific Power Proposed Price Change in Washington

----- Forwarded by Nancy Paulson/WUTC on 11/21/2005 08:51 AM -----



Snobase55@aol.com

11/21/2005 06:38 AM

To utility@atg.wa.gov

cc comments@wutc.wa.gov

Subject Pacific Power Proposed Price Change in Washington

We just had an increase in prices approximately a year ago. The increase being asked for this time is huge. Heat for our homes is a necessity. Please try and look at the needs of Pacific Power from a different view - there must be some other way to do what they need to do without gouging the customers.

The rate increase is much too high.

Karen Aal 509 - 697-3121

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Nancy Paulson/WUTC

11/07/2005 01:58 PM

To Gail Griffin-Wallace/WUTC@WUTC

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Subject YOur right

----- Forwarded by Nancy Paulson/WUTC on 11/07/2005 01:59 PM -----



"James McLean"

<jmclean4163@charter.net

>

11/04/2005 04:37 PM

To <comments@wutc.wa.gov>

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Subject YOur right

Thank you the staff for looking into what ppl would do with the increase in rates. It seems to me a decrease is warranted also. thanks for standing up for the little guy



Nancy Paulson/WUTC
12/01/2005 09:52 AM

To Gail Griffin-Wallace/WUTC@WUTC
cc
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Subject Pacific Power Proposed increase 20051

----- Forwarded by Nancy Paulson/WUTC on 12/01/2005 09:56 AM -----



"Dick Hoezee"
<hoezee@charter.net>
11/29/2005 06:54 PM

To <comments@wutc.wa.gov>
cc <utility@atg.wa.gov>
Subject Pacific Power Proposed increase 20051

Customer service must, at least be perceived, as being an important priority to Pacific Power and this proposed increase will have a profound affect on the average residential customer. As a elected member of the City Council of Wapato, I must protest this proposed action as being detrimental to the citizens of the City of Wapato.

November 18, 2005

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250
Email: comments@wutc.wa.gov

Re: Docket No. UE-050684
Pacific Power Notice of Proposed Price Change in Washington

Dear Commissioners:

We are responding to the notification of the proposed increase of 20.3% to the residential electric utility user. This increase will have a profound affect on the average residential customer and will require businesses to cover the increased overhead expenses by raising prices of goods and services. The proposed increase of approximately 39.2 million dollars is extravagant and irresponsible. Such an increase is unrealistic and places an undue burden on all utility customers.

A company that requires a 20.3% increase in revenues must look carefully at how it is managing its current resources. To best serve their customer base, a more realistic proposal would be small increases over an extended period of time, and better

management practices. Customer service must, at least be perceived, as being an important priority to Pacific Power.

The notice of the public hearing is a bit deceiving stating that the public hearing is Monday December 1, 2005. There is no such day. Is it on Thursday, December 1, 2005 or Monday, December 5, 2005?

For the record we see no justification for an increase of such magnitude. We cannot imagine how the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission could justify its support of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Dick Hoezee, Councilman
City of Wapato, WA 98951

Cc: Office of the Attorney General Public Counsel
Email: utility@atg.wa.gov

Yakima County Courthouse
Hearing Room #B-33
128 North Second Street
Yakima, WA 98901



Nancy Paulson/WUTC
12/01/2005 09:52 AM

To Gail Griffin-Wallace/WUTC@WUTC
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Subject PP rate increase

----- Forwarded by Nancy Paulson/WUTC on 12/01/2005 09:55 AM -----



"Jessica Camp"
<jessmcamp@charter.net>
11/29/2005 04:22 PM

To <comments@wutc.wa.gov>
cc "Dick Camp" <rjcamp@bayzinc.com>
Subject PP rate increase

November 29, 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

I just read in the paper about the proposed rate increase for electricity. I am at home and not work today, hence the home e-mail address. Since my husband is out of town, and I will be tomorrow for the rest of the week, I am e-mailing this comment as we will not be able to attend the hearing Thursday in Yakima.

As a private consumer, I would not be in favor of the Pacific Power rate increase, even though it would affect me only slightly.

However, as a business owner of the Bay Zinc Co., Inc., along with my husband, Richard Camp, we would have grave concerns about a rate increase, however small. Nothing was stated in the material that I read as to how businesses would be affected. So I do not know exactly how to respond. Our business is a small business manufacturing agricultural products in Moxee, Washington. A large amount of electricity is used in our process – in the neighborhood of \$10,000 a month, sometimes a little less, oftentimes much more. An 18% increase would be devastating to us, particularly when agriculture is going through a difficult period right now.

We would appreciate being notified of any further information about this that might be pertinent to our business. We would urge you to turn down this requested increase. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Jessica Camp

Office Manager/Technical Consultant

Bay Zinc Company

301 West Charron Road

P.O. Box 167

Moxee, WA 98936

509-248-4911

509-248-4916 Fax

jesscamp@bayzinc.com



Nancy Paulson/WUTC
12/01/2005 09:51 AM

To Gail Griffin-Wallace/WUTC@WUTC
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Subject Docket No. UE-050684 Pacific Power

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"Brons, Vickey"
<vbrons@ci.yakima.wa.us>
11/29/2005 07:30 AM

To "'comments@wutc.wa.gov'" <comments@wutc.wa.gov>,
"'utility@atg.wa.gov'" <utility@atg.wa.gov>
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Roy & Vickey Brons
1705 Cedar Lane
Selah, WA 98942

Cc: Office of the Attorney General Public Counsel
Email: utility@atg.wa.gov

Yakima County Courthouse
Hearing Room #B-33
128 North Second Street
Yakima, WA 98901



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Nancy Paulson/WUTC
12/12/2005 12:12 PM

To Gail Griffin-Wallace/WUTC@WUTC
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Subject Pacific Power Rate Change

----- Forwarded by Nancy Paulson/WUTC on 12/12/2005 12:16 PM -----



"Pegi Castaneda"
<pegicastaneda@hotmail.com>
m>
12/10/2005 12:24 PM

To comments@wutc.wa.gov
cc pegicastaneda@hotmail.com
Subject Pacific Power Rate Change

To Whom It May Concern:

My husband and I are retired and living on a finite income. A 20.3% raise in our household and irrigation bills seems too much. By holding rates down for basic necessities inflation rates can be held down and that will help everyone in the state of Washington. I just don't see how we can keep up with all our bills if inflation is allowed to continue and all our bills keep going up. Someone needs to take a stand!

We were planning to attend the hearing on Dec. 1, 2005 at the Yakima County Courthouse, but it was a very snowy and icy night and we couldn't drive there. Please let us know if there are any more hearings we can attend.

Sincerely yours,
Margaret and Guillermo V. (William) Castaneda
16730 Yakima Valley Hwy.
Granger, WA 98932
509-854-1585



Nancy Paulson/WUTC
12/07/2005 11:31 AM

To Gail Griffin-Wallace/WUTC@WUTC
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Subject proposed rate increase . . .

----- Forwarded by Nancy Paulson/WUTC on 12/07/2005 11:35 AM -----



"debbie"
<debbie333@charter.net>
12/06/2005 09:51 PM

To <comments@wutc.wa.gov>
cc <landlord@my180.net>
Subject proposed rate increase . . .

this email is in reference to pacific power's proposed rate increase request docket No. UE-050684

we wish to express our opposition to this exorbitant amount requested. i am saddened that i did not join in the opposition of the many new wind turbines scarring our local landscape. i mistakenly felt these would help keep our rates low. apparently new pacific power CEO Warren Buffet wants people on fixed incomes to suffer to his gain. please deny this outlandish request!

sincerely,

mike allison and family
1446 garfield
walla walla, wa 99362
(509) 529-1865



Nancy Paulson/WUTC
12/07/2005 11:30 AM

To Gail Griffin-Wallace/WUTC@WUTC

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Subject Pacific Power Rate Increase

----- Forwarded by Nancy Paulson/WUTC on 12/07/2005 11:34 AM -----



"Jeff Miles"
<jeffgmiles@earthlink.net>

12/06/2005 07:48 PM

To <comments@wutc.wa.gov>

cc

Subject Pacific Power Rate Increase

I am opposed to the PP&L rate increase. Just because a new power baron bought controlling interest in the company, its time for a rate increase! Corporate greed has to stop somewhere. Many people in the State of Washington will suffer if you grant this or any increase. Can they justify any increase at all? Support the people of Washington and deny this outrageous profit grab! Thank you. Jeff Miles Zillah, WA



Nancy Paulson/WUTC

12/01/2005 01:39 PM

To Gail Griffin-Wallace/WUTC@WUTC

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Subject Public Comments Regarding Pacificorp Rate Increase Request

----- Forwarded by Nancy Paulson/WUTC on 12/01/2005 01:42 PM -----



Larry Southern

<lsouthern@bmi.net>

12/01/2005 01:02 PM

To comments@wutc.wa.gov

cc

Subject Public Comments Regarding Pacificorp Rate Increase Request

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Pacificorp rate increase.

Our family lives in the Yakima Valley of Eastern Washington. As you well know, poverty abounds in this region of the state with low paying jobs and limited incomes. I'm hard pressed to see the justification for such a large rate increase request by Pacificorp, given a recent 7.5 percent increase granted by regulators about a year ago.

Our family has implemented energy saving methods in our home from an energy audit, changing to energy saving light bulbs, to purchasing newer appliances, not to mention participating in Pacificorp's Blue Sky program (as we believe it to be forward thinking and ethical). However, we've exhausted most of our energy saving abilities and now will be penalized with a proposed rate increase. Does the "cycle of increases" ever end?... And has a rate decrease ever been requested?

This "culture" of constant corporate increases placed upon the shoulders of rate payers needs ethical examination involving all affected stake holders.

I'm opposed to the current proposed Pacificorp rate increase request. And again thank you for this comment opportunity.

Sincerely,

Larry Southern
1412 S 7th St.
Sunnyside, WA 98944



Nancy Paulson/WUTC
12/01/2005 09:52 AM

To Gail Griffin-Wallace/WUTC@WUTC
cc
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Subject Pacific Power

----- Forwarded by Nancy Paulson/WUTC on 12/01/2005 09:56 AM -----



"Doris Ellard"
<dmellard@bmi.net>
12/01/2005 09:13 AM

To <Comments@wutc.wa.gov>
cc
Subject Pacific Power

I wish to comment on the proposed rate increase by Pacific Power.
What is the reason behind this? How are the elderly people or low income going
to be able to pay the extra, so many of them are struggling to survive as it is.
I am totally against this increase.



Nancy Paulson/WUTC
12/02/2005 03:48 PM

To Gail Griffin-Wallace/WUTC@WUTC
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Subject proposed increase

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gene.conner@mchsi.com
12/02/2005 11:22 AM

To comments@wutc.wa.gov
cc
Subject proposed increase

To whom it may concern,
I believe a 20.3% increase is excessive for these reasons;
1. It is much higher than the inflation rate.
2. Wages are not raising to keep up with inflation.
3. Medicare is taking more out of Social Security checks every year.
4. Medical expenses are affecting Seniors in such a drastic fashion
it is unbelievable.

A concerned customer of
Pacific Power & Light

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Re; Docket No. UE-050684

To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing this letter to say that I do not agree with the request filed by PacifiCorp to be allowed to raise rates at this time.

The impact of the proposed increase would be very devastating to many people that already are struggling to make ends meet.

I feel that this rate increase is not fair or reasonable.

Thank you for listening to my concern in this matter.

Sincerely

Ramona Watson

Ramona Watson
P. O. Box 10979
Yakima, Wa.

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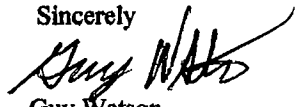
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Sincerely



Guy Watson
P. O. Box 10979
Yakima, Wa.

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Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission

RE: Pacific Power Filing docket # UE-050684

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Dear Sirs,

My son, Dave Murray, farms my ranch and his adjoining ranch totaling 300 acres on South Wenas Rd, Selah, Wa. We have good soil and with a good supply of water hay crops do very well. Our pumping charges are not cheap. By the time we pay for all of the expenses, its very hard to come up with any profit.

We object very much to Pacific Power thinking they need an increase in power rates.

Sincerely,
Ramona and David Murray
6281 S. Wenas Rd.,
Selah, Wa. 98942

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Regarding Docket No. UE-050684

To whom it may concern:

I am writing you because of my concern on the rate of my utilities being raised. It is already hard enough for me to pay my power bill as it is.

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I am a mother of 3 children trying to do the best I can, and I'm sure I'm not the only one with these concerns + circumstances.

If you raise my bill any higher I don't know what I would do to compensate. OTC Energy assistance has helped me alot to make it through the winter months. I don't know what I would do without them.

Sincerely yours,
poor + concerned,

Latonia H. Cruz

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TO: WUTC

P.O. Box 47250

Olympia, WA 98504-7250

ATTN: Consumer Affairs

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From: JESSE AND LINDA TORRES (509) 573-3704
125 TOYS COURT
YAKIMA, WA 98901
Jesse Torres
Linda Torres

RE: Pacific Power filing - Rate Increases
Docket # UE-050684

With the recent rate increases in energy costs, natural gas at 47% percent, heating oil at 27% percent and corporate oil companies on gasoline with outrageous profits in the name of 'free enterprise' at over 200% price increases, Pacific Powers request for any rate increase will negatively affect the already stressed out consumer budgets.

Further, the recent impact of the proposed increase survey conducted by PacifiCorp does not reflect the true increase to consumers who do not receive subsidize energy assistance. These consumers will inherit the negative impact of the proposed increase.

We are not in favor of any increases

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Albert L. Wells
16571 Cottonwood Cyn. Rd
Yakima, WA 98908-9220
Phone 509-966 3469

Date 12-3-05

Dear Sirs:

In regard too Pacific Power's rate increase, I found a 20.3% increase just too be too much at one time.

In November 2004 to November 2005 the increase in rate at the same home went up by \$61. If this increase of 20.3% goes in my rate would increase \$27 a month. I know an increase will come but if this increase is to off set the cost of another state this should not happen

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Thank you,
Albert L. Wells

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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
Post Office Box 47250
Olympia, Washington. 98504-7250

Gentlemen:

In regards to the Pacific Power filing,
Docket No. UE-050684.

I have reduced my electrical usage over
the last five (5) years from \$107.00
dollars per month on the budget plan to
\$60.00 dollars per month on the budget
plan.

I strongly appose any rate increase
for conserving energy.

Sincerely
Owen Gallhoff
3312-SHARON WAY
YAKIMA, WA 98902

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P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

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1214 Vine Ave.
Bainbridge, WA 98944
11-18-85

Here in the Yakima Valley where the rural economy is dependent on agriculture, a cost of power increase will be a huge blow! In fact, the Pacific Northwest is experiencing increased numbers of jobless with minimum wage jobs only! We are already subsidizing these people. So what will happen to them?

My family came to this country before statehood to enjoy the huge natural resources this area offered. Specifically water! Now because of an "oil shortage" or stoppage our energy costs must go out of sight! Presently our state economy is good, but for how long with these kinds of rate increases.

I'd like answers to the following:

Why do we ship our power to California?
Why is 40% of our power from coal fired plants, which are nasty polluting giants? A bureaucratic blunder?

Why aren't you developing better use of solar power
Cooperate greed is breaking the back of this nation and it's right here in our backyard!

Sincerely,
Patti Seifester

I'm interested in the
Pacific Power filing Docket No. UE 050684

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Regarding the proposed increase:

While I understand the need to address growth in demand, this increase is not really valid considering Wenatchee & surrounding areas are getting an extraordinary deal on power. So because the rest of us don't live close to a dam or not sharing power to California we have to be forced into high priced power bills to stay warm in the winter & cool in the summer & a number of other needs? This is insane! We need to find a better cost efficient way to take care of this, such as investing in the Black Rock Project! Take the money you are making now and invest to make power cheaper, not raise the prices on us. You asked for our comments, so here is a comment. Please make good use of it. I'm not trying to come across as rude, but concerned for the future because if you are going to raise the prices now, and no one speaks up, you will just do it again.

Thank you,
V. P. S. Inman



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Walla Walla, Washington 99362-2261

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RE: PacifiCorp – Docket No. UE-050684

The Port of Walla Walla as the lead economic development agency for Walla Walla County is opposed to the proposed rate increase submitted by PacifiCorp. The Port of Walla Walla markets Walla Walla County to prospective industrial users and one major advantage that the Pacific Northwest has in business recruitment is affordable electric power.

The proposed rate increase submitted by PacifiCorp will have a negative impact on the Port's ability to attract new industrial development in Walla Walla County. Moreover, the proposed rate increase will also negatively impact Walla Walla County's existing industrial base employers. Business retention is an important mission for the Port and other economic development agencies and this proposed rate increase will impact the region's ability to retain family wage jobs in Walla Walla County.

Some of the those family wage employers in Walla Walla County are Boise Paper Solutions which has annual payroll in excess of the \$36 million with an additional \$10 million expended annually to local contractors. Boise Paper Solutions has over 700 employees. Tyson Fresh Meats with an annual payroll in excess of \$46 million and over 1,800 employees is another example. Just these two businesses represent 2,500 family wage employees that could be negatively impact by this proposed rate increase. In addition to these large industrial employers, small businesses, low & moderate income residents and local governments throughout Walla Walla County will be negatively impacted.

The Port of Walla Walla would request that the Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission accept staff recommendation in denying the request by Pacific Power for a 17.9% increase in electrical rates.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Gerola
Economic Development Director
Port of Walla Walla
310 A Street
Walla Walla, WA 99362
509-525-3100

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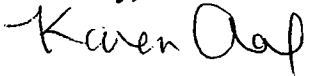
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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-6150

Dear Sir / Madam,

Regarding the recent proposed rate increase for Pacific Power customers, it is entirely too high. We just had a rate increase last year; that one was manageable. This one is not. Please try and look at the needs of Pacific Power from a different viewpoint. There must be some other way to do what needs to be done, without hurting the customers. Heat is a necessity, not a luxury.

Sincerely,



Karen Aal
241 Lookout Point Dr.
Selah, WA 98942-9669
Re: Pacific Power filing, Docket No. UE - 050684

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Robert E. Swope
16191 Tieton Drive
Yakima, Washington 98908-8021
1-509-965-2561
frhn@nwinfo.net

Dear Wa. State Utilities and Transportation Commission,

I am astonished that the Pacific Power Company would have the audacity to suggest another rate increase for themselves.

The cost of irrigating my 3.25 acres in Yakima during the month of August soared to \$213 whereas it was \$166 the previous August and Pacific Power wants an 18 percent increase?

Only last year, Pacific Power was granted a rate increase of 7.5%. Let's contrast that with the pay raise the Washington Legislature granted teachers. After a number of years with no increase, teachers were given a 1.2% increase.

I am a retired teacher. I have received no increase in my retirement from the state nor will I. My health insurance has risen to \$409 per month and I must pay for it myself. My home has been reassessed upwards another \$8,600. The West Valley School System wants to pass another bond issue and add more to my property taxes. I will have to vote no.

Please, let's draw the line with Pacific Power. They have received increases which have been more than generous.

Please, no more!

Thank you,

Robert E. Swope



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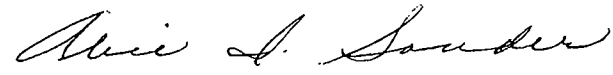
Dear Members of the Commission: DOCKET NO. UE050684

The purpose of this letter is to protest the 20.3% increase in the cost of power as requested by PacifiCorp, for residential users. This amount is entirely too much; it will work a terrible hardship on most everyone who receives electric power from this company, and since it is a monopoly for most customers, there is no alternative for us.

An increase of perhaps 4% or 5% would be understandable, for capital expenditures and general costs of doing business need to be addressed. But this huge request by PacifiCorp would work such devastation on the ratepayers, that it simply must not be allowed to happen.

Please help us, the customers of PacifiCorp. It is a fine company in terms of providing a good service to us, but we simply cannot afford such a huge rate request, and I am sorry the company has even suggested such a rate.

Sincerely,



Alice I. Sander

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Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

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Dear Sirs:

This letter is in regard to the appearance of the Proposed Price Change for Pacific Power customers that was in the Sunday Walla Walla Union Bulletin.

There are many people on low fixed income that cannot afford anymore increases on our Utilities's. Some of us have received or will receive income raises that do not begin to meet the utility increases that have been approved by your agency.

Cascade Natural Gas increase was proposed in early summer yet their later reason for the increase was blamed on the "Katrina Hurricane".

Qwest has been approved a Long Distance Line fee plus tax.

Charter Communications added more Spanish channels yet the basic fee never changes for those who do not want Spanish channels. The channel listings are never up-to-date to reveal the correct programming. Charter continues to say that it is the Union Bulletins responsibility to print those correctly. However, I feel that Charter is the one selling the service so they should be responsible.

Senior's are faced with a Medicare or RX increase plus Supplement increase, and local utility increase's.

All of the above listed firms get a tax deduction for research and development. It appears that your agency has consistently approved any and all requested utility increases without regard to the poor people or those persons on fixed incomes. Energy Assistance program funds have been cut so the needy will not be able to get the usual help through the Energy Assistance Program.

Your assistance regarding all of these Utility increases will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Susie B. Rose
Susie B. Rose

Carmen Cervantes
1603 S 10th AVE
TAKIMA
Yo no estoy de acuerdo de que suban la
luz por que yo no trabajo mi esposa
es el que trabaja el es que paga los bills
de la casa i el pago de la casa i si el
suben no le Baancan Sar el dinero



Nancy Paulson/WUTC
12/09/2005 05:04 PM

To Gail Griffin-Wallace/WUTC@WUTC
cc
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Subject proposed utility price increase

----- Forwarded by Nancy Paulson/WUTC on 12/09/2005 05:07 PM -----



Reed John A IV
<John.A.ReedIV@irs.gov>
12/09/2005 10:04 AM

To "'utility@atg.wa.gov'" <utility@atg.wa.gov>,
"'comments@wutc.wa.gov'" <comments@wutc.wa.gov>
cc
Subject proposed utility price increase

Hi,

I wanted to take the time to respond to the notice I received in the mail about the proposed increase to our local electric bills

One of the attractive qualities of Washington State is the lower cost of living, brought about largely by the low cost of utilities. Until late 2003 I lived in a milder climate (San Diego) and I paid nearly 3X more for electricity in the same size house, and I had gas heat, gas appliances, and no air conditioning!! The more favorable cost of living was one of the primary reasons my family and I moved to Washington State.

I know I am not the only person who has come to this state to lower their cost of living. Please consider the effect that increasing the cost of electricity could have on the marketability of our State as a great place to live, retirement destination, etc.

John Reed
2304 South 79th Ave
Yakima, WA 98903

No estabien que nos aumenten el bil de la luz
porque va a ser un impacto para mi familia y tar
para la comunidad por mi esposo trabaja en el
Fil y solo el trabaja y tenemos mas gastos

MONICA REY
1507 Cornell
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ATTACHMENT B:

E-MAILS AND LETTERS RECEIVED BY

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Nov. 25, 2005

Office of the Attorney General
Public Counsel
900 4th Avenue, Suite 2000
Seattle, WA 98164

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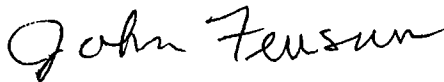
AGO PC DIVISION
SEATTLE

Gentlemen,

I am writing this letter in protest of the proposed rate increase by Pacific Power and Light (PPL). Residential rates would increase by 20.3% and irrigation rates by 22%. These rates are out of line. I believe that they do not represent a realistic cost of doing business increase. It seems to me that ever since PPL was bought out, there have been numerous rate increases. These increases are much more than the annual inflation rate. The economic effects on business and agriculture will be harmful. We irrigators already pay a demand charge at the end of the season on our pumps. I have yet to understand or receive an explanation as to these charges. Those of us in farming have been motivated to change our irrigation methods in order to conserve water, maintain in stream flows for fish, and enhance riparian habitat. Consequently, we have changed are watering methods by converting to electrical power for sprinkler irrigation. Such a rate increase, if approved, would be disastrous to production agriculture. With rising oil prices, farmers are faced with not only high fuel prices but higher fertilizer prices as well. It's a never ending spiral of high costs and low prices. I can understand that a rate increase may be necessary for PPL to maintain a profitable profile, but such a large increase is totally out out of line. My suggestion would be to make gradual increases over a period of time to lessen the burden on all rate payers.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my concerns regarding this proposal.

Sincerely,



John Feusner
10680 North Wenas Road
Selah, WA 98942
509-697-8584
feusner5@aol.com

From: Rock Hill [rockhillconcrete@columbiainet.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 08, 2006 10:42 AM
To: comments@wutc.wa.gov; ATG WWW E-mail Public Counsel
Subject: FW: Pacific Power filing Docket No. UE-050684

Although Pacific Power has provided us reliable power, it is really hard for me to justify continued price increases from Pacific Power (PacifiCorp) (a/kk/a PPL) in Dayton without good stewardship of line maintenance being done. Unfortunately, it doesn't appear any maintenance is done until there is interrupted power; and then, when new equipment is installed, the old equipment still remains in place. The line behind our residence is a good example of adding additional equipment and poles without removing the old on-line-plant; personally I don't know why the City of Dayton ignores this activity. We have power lines & poles running down both sides of the alley! the squirrels love this freeway.

In addition, I am particularly bitter about a line item in the rates allowing recovering of bad debt. This should be part of regular operating expenses, not a hidden revenue generating item for a large corporation. If PacifiCorp needs this additional revenue, it should be part of their operating expenses, put more effort to recovering of revenue, and not be granted a line item in the rate for subsidizing delinquent accounts. Let them demonstrate responsible revenue management.

Patty Becker

(311 E Washington Ave, Dayton WA 99328)

Rock Hill Concrete

110 W Cameron
PO Box 123 - Dayton WA 99328
509-382-4615, fax 509-382-2681
rockhillconcrete@columbiainet.com

Season's Greetings

Nov. 29, 200

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Sharon 236
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To whom it concerns:

This is to state my position on the electric raise. On my social security, \$15 more a month will be hard. Now I wear extra clothes in the house, as I keep the heat down.

I know I am not alone in this big problem.

This probably won't do a bit of good, but I have to try.

Pacific Power Sincerely,
Filing Docket No. Betty Lee Ortiz
UE-050684

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ATTACHMENT C:

E-MAILS AND LETTERS RECEIVED AT

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IN YAKIMA



*Gourmet
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Yakima, WA 98907
(509) 453-1644
www.santiagos.org
email: tacos@santiagos.org

29 November 2005

Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission

Re: Pacific Power Proposed Price Change

First to point out the error in notification of public hearing: "Monday, December 1, 2005". That date does not exist and can be easily confused, such as the first Monday of December. This error underscores the validity of the public hearing. Pacific Power should mail correction notices and re-schedule this hearing.

Pacific Power entered into a five year agreement in which the first three years would allow rate increases with rate freezes in years four and five. Pacific Power has failed to honor this agreement. Last year, Pacific Power appealed and was granted an increase not to cover costs, but to deliver a higher investment return to its investors. Investments are risks. Returns are preferred, but not guaranteed. It was unfair to gouge the consumers for profit.

I protest this current increase proposal of 20.3% as it violates the previous agreement to grant consumers a rate freeze. Pacific Power states their request is based on rising power costs and capital investment. Last year's rate increase rightfully should have been applied to any rising costs, but none were declared. The investors should be covering their costs of their capital investments. Truly, this scheme is a win-win for investors at the expense of the consumers.

Over the past five years, what has been the compounded effect upon consumers by Pacific Powers rate increases? Is it justified?

It has become a common practice of energy companies to artificially inflate their costs in scheming to conceive and deceive consumers while extorting record profits.

In the best interests of the citizens of Washington State regarding consumer protection, the WUTC must deny Pacific Power of its proposed rate increase. And it would be furthermore justified that last year's granted increases benefiting the investors be abated and the consumers be refunded.

Respectfully submitted,

Jar Arcand

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DIocese of YAKIMA HOUSING SERVICES

5301 Tieton Drive, Suite C
Yakima, WA 98908-3478
Telephone: 509.965.7100
Fax: 509.972.0167

December 1, 2005

San Martin de Porres
(Home for autistic men)
Karr Ave.
Yakima, WA 98902

WUTC
PO Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

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Pacific Power
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Portland, OR 97232

Casa Guadalupe Apts.
1105 Bradley Street
Chelan, WA 98816
509.682.2654

RE: Pacific Power Notice of Proposed Price Increase

To Whom It May Concern:

San Isidoro Plaza
409 "D" Street
Granger, WA 98932
509.854.2200

The Diocese of Yakima Housing Services currently has 5 housing projects, totaling 125 living units, in Yakima County served by Pacific Power. These are all rent restricted properties, with rent and utilities set so as not to exceed 30% of a family's gross income. Total rent and utility allowances are set by the State and cannot be exceeded.

New Life Villa
708 Washington Street
Mabton, WA 98935
509.894.4700

The estimated \$15 per unit per month increase (averaging \$4,500 per project annually) in electric costs would endanger the economic viability of all of these projects. In addition, the projects are responsible for all common area utilities, such as community center and parking lighting. Again, a 20% increase in utility costs here (estimated to be nearly \$1,000 per project annually), with no ability to increase revenues, puts the projects in jeopardy.

Buena Nueva Apts.
66 Highland Drive
Buena, WA 98921
509.865.6010

We strongly oppose this increase simply based on the need to remain able to serve populations that are so economically challenged already, and to protect the \$18+ million public investment in these projects, designed to serve the poor.

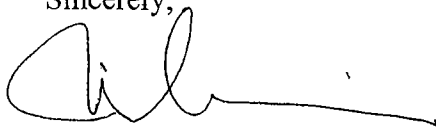
Villa Santa María
56 Second Street
Mattawa, WA 98349
509.932.0500

Please consider exempting low income/rent restricted properties from this high rate increase.

La Amistad
912 S. County Road
Warden, WA 98857
509.349.2490

Thank you for your consideration.

Juan Pablo II
129 Pleasant Avenue
Grandview, WA 98930

Sincerely,


Mario Villanueva
Executive Director



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AshimBanerjee@BoisePaper.com

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Ashim Banerjee
Mill Manager

December 1, 2005

Mr. Mark Sidran, Chairman
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 Evergreen Park Drive, S.W.
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Dear Mr. Sidran:

Re: WUTC Public Meeting

I will not be able to attend the public hearing in Yakima today, as I have other prior commitments. In my absence, Doug Hester, process control and electrical superintendent at Wallula, is representing Boise and our concerns about Pacific Power's request for a rate increase that would raise our rates by over 16 percent.

Boise's Wallula paper mill is Pacific Power's largest industrial customer in Washington. We employ 418 people in family-wage jobs that are filled by residents of Benton, Franklin and Walla Walla counties, with an annual direct-wage payroll effect of \$36 million. We are also Walla Walla County's largest taxpayer, providing 7.5 percent of the county's tax revenues.

We have operated at Wallula since the mid-1950s, and we would like to continue to be a part of the community well into the future. The manufacture of paper products, however, is an industry with a low profit margin, and it is becoming ever more difficult to sustain economically viable operations. Power costs are a significantly increasing part of our cost structure. Since 2002, our electric rates have escalated by 17 percent. Currently, we pay about \$16.8 million a year for power at our location. Pacific Power's proposed 16 percent rate increase would mean an additional \$3 million in costs per year.

This proposed increase would have a serious impact on our financial viability. We believe it is an unnecessary impact, as much of Pacific Power's proposed increase will cover the cost of growth in other parts of the utility's service territory.

Boise is not alone in believing Pacific Power's Washington customers should not have to subsidize power plants built for other states. Public counsel in Washington's attorney general's office has expressed concerns that the utility's proposal is an inappropriate attempt to make its Washington customers subsidize the power company's growth in other states. According to Assistant Attorney General Robert W. Cromwell, Jr., "Washington consumers, who make up only a fraction of PacifiCorp's customer base, should not have to pay higher rates that we believe are an attempt to subsidize the company's growth in Utah."

Public counsel has suggested the WUTC reduce the proposed rate increase by at least two-thirds. WUTC staff has gone even further, suggesting the commission approve a decrease in Pacific Power's rates. Staff, like public counsel, questions Pacific Power's request to include costs of power plants that staff experts believe will be used to serve customers in the company's Utah service territory.

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Not only would a 16 percent rate increase put the Wallula mill's future expansion and capital expenditures at risk, it flies in the face of the poor service we have received from Pacific Power. Since 1998, we have experienced 22 service interruptions, including three in a three-month period in 2004 that cost Wallula over \$500,000. Just since Pacific Power's last over 7 percent rate increase in November 2004, we have had two power interruptions, one of which had an estimated financial impact of \$94,000. We do not believe that such service should be rewarded by a substantial rate increase, especially when that increase will be used to improve service in another state.

In addition, a power outage at a pulp and paper mill like Wallula has more significant repercussions than an outage at an individual's home. Instead of raising concerns about food spoiling in the freezer, a power outage at the mill—a technically complicated and sensitive operation—can have serious impacts on the safety of our employees and our ability to provide an environmentally sound operation.

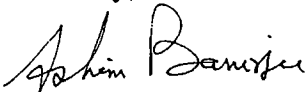
Meanwhile, we have worked hard to identify ways to decrease our energy consumption and have made a number of changes to our operations. Last year, we installed three new energy efficient refiners on one of our paper machines, at a cost of \$2.4 million, and spent over \$300,000 on various motor upgrades. These actions reduced our power consumption by over 1,600 kilowatts.

In 2006, we will spend \$900,000 to upgrade the mill's air compressor system, which will cut energy use by another 800 kilowatts. We will spend another \$5 million to increase the capacity of our hog boiler by 20 percent so the mill will be able to burn more biomass and use less fossil fuel. This project will reduce fossil fuel consumption by over 250,000 mmbtus/yr.

Even with these upgrades, electricity costs will continue to be a concern for our operations, so it is vital that the commissioners conduct the thorough review that a request of this magnitude deserves. I also ask you to ensure that any Pacific Power rate increase is reasonable, prudent and just, and that the utility is doing everything in its power to control costs and explore alternatives to its proposed rate increase.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Ashim Banerjee
Mill Manager

11/28/05

Pacific Power Rate Case – Public Meeting – Talking Points

- Thank you for taking the time to come to Yakima and for allowing me to speak on behalf on my company and my employees.

- My name is Doug Hester. I'm Process Control and Electrical Superintendent for Boise Cascade's Wallula operations, located in Walla Walla County.
 - Boise is among the top ten employers in the county, directly employing 631 people.
 - Purchased electricity is one of our top three operating costs.
 - A potential 16 percent electricity rate increase raises concerns about Wallula's ability to remain competitive in an industry with low profit margins.

- The paper industry has been hit hard over the past few years due to cost increases, mainly due to rising prices for all forms of energy, higher chemical costs and freight rate increases, along with declining demand for white paper and overseas competition.

- Our customers are suffering from cost increases as well, so we are unable to simply pass our higher expenses along to them.

- In order to combat these substantial increases in operating costs and remain competitive, Wallula has:
 - Reduced our work force through layoffs and automation. We are asking our workers to do more with less, and they are stepping up to the challenge.
 - Instituted energy conservation projects--and we continue to do so.
 - For example, we installed 3 new energy efficient refiners last year on one of our paper machines, at a cost of \$2.4 million. We have spent more than \$300,000 during the past year on various motor upgrades that save about \$200,000 per year in electrical costs.
 - In 2006, we plan to install a \$900,000 upgrade package on the mill's air compressor system. We will also spend \$5 million next year to increase the capacity of our hog boiler by 20 percent, so the mill will be able to burn more biomass and less fossil fuel.
 - We do not want to see these investments in energy conservation lost through Pacific Power's rate increase, rather than improving our bottom line.

- Explored new market opportunities to diversify the mill's product line. These options would require a significant investment in new equipment and technology—investments that are more difficult to make in the face of rising electricity costs.
- Electric rates at the Wallula operations have risen 17 percent since January 2002. We now pay Pacific Power about \$16.8 million a year for electricity.
 - The current proposed rate increase would further increase our energy costs by another 16 percent (approximately \$3 million annually, or \$250,000 per month).
- I'm concerned with Wallula's ability to absorb further substantial electrical cost increases.
- I am also concerned that the Wallula Mill, along with other Pacific Power customers in Washington state, are being asked to pay for power plants the company is building to serve customers in Utah. Both the UTC staff and public counsel from the state attorney general's office have opposed Pacific Power's rate increase request for this very reason. Staff has recommended a rate decrease, while public counsel has recommended cutting the utility's requested increase by two-thirds.
- A dramatic increase in Pacific Power's rates is also hard to justify in light of the poor service we have received from the utility. Since July of 1998, we have tallied a total of 22 power disruptions resulting in roughly \$2,000,000.00 in losses. In a three-month period in 2004 alone, we experienced three production outages because of power disturbances, which resulted in losses of more than \$500,000.00. In comparison, several of our other paper operations have gone for a year to over three years without a power interruption.
- When a pulp and paper mill like Wallula suffers a power disruption, the impacts go far beyond the monetary costs outlined above. We are a sophisticated and sensitive user of electricity. The impact on the safety of our employees and our ability to provide an environmentally sound operation easily dwarf the economics.
- Additional energy rate increases today will continue to weaken Wallula's competitiveness, and by doing so, will further affect the welfare of our employees, as well as communities within Walla Walla, Benton and Franklin counties. Besides the \$36 million in direct payroll, Boise spends an additional \$10 million annually on contractors, expanding the ripple effect of our operations. In

addition, we are Walla Walla county's largest taxpayer, accounting for 7.5 percent of the county's tax revenues in 2002, or over \$3 million.

- I ask of this commission to ensure that the company's Washington customers are not forced to pay for power that will be used to serve customers---and possible competitors---in Utah; and that any increase in rates is reasonable, prudent and just.
- I also ask you to see to it that Pacific Power is doing everything it can to control costs and explore other alternatives that are available besides rate shock.
- Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns and the concerns of my fellow Wallula employees.

December 1, 2005

I am here tonight to object to the proposed 20.3% price change in the electricity rates by Pacific Power, for Residential and Irrigation users.

FIRST I would like to discuss the proposed increase in irrigation rates.

My husband and I own a ranch in the Wenas Valley raising hay and cattle. We irrigate approximately 225 acres of land using 3 pumps. One is a 50 hp pump and two are 15hp. Because of the climate in the Wenas Valley it is impossible to farm without irrigation.

It is difficult even now with the present rates to farm and make a profit. If these increases are accepted it will be next to impossible. We cannot increase our prices for hay and cattle. There is absolutely no way we can pass on this proposed rate increase to our customers. Farmers are also faced with increased levels of costs including increased costs of machinery, irrigation equipment, repair costs, labor costs, fuel costs to operate our machinery.

We recently received a statement from Pacific Power for "3 ph annual load size charge" due December 2nd. This in addition to the bills we have paid for electricily to irrigate in 2005.

If this large rate increase is approved it will add another death knell for farmers who have to irrigate. It will sound a warning to all of us that our days are numbered.

IN REGARD TO THE PROPOSED INCREASE FOR RESIDENTIAL USERS

We find that it is very difficult to pay for the increase in diesel, gas and propane costs at this time. We heat with electricity, propane and one wood stove and, of course, use electricity to keep the lights glowing, and the frig, freezer, domestic water pump going. I would hate to have to resort to hauling water and lighting kerosene lanterns. A 20.3 % increase is way beyond the cost of living increase and would be a great hardship.

I ask each of you, members of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, to consider thoughtfully the full impact of these proposed rate increases. It gouges the residential consumer as well as the farmer who, of necessity, farms with electrical irrigation pumps. Please do not grant these excessive rate increases.

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