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Dear Mr. Karier,

I am writing you today to ask that special consideration be given to the proposal put forth by Alcoa for securing future energy for aluminum smelter operations in the Northwest. As I understand it, Alcoa is offering to locate and support energy resources for BPA equivalent to the amount of guaranteed power Alcoa is requesting from BPA. This would be in exchange for a long term, stable power contract at stable, "blended" rates.

I think that in your planning this would be a good time to preserve an industry and the jobs that it creates. We are in unstable times economically and our local communities and region need these "family wage" jobs. It seems to me it would be easier to preserve the jobs we have than trying to attract new ones. We are also in unstable times of national security. I believe we should be careful to preserve our industrial capabilities and not send another industry "offshore" into the hands of other countries that may or may not be willing to trade with us.

I am a 29 year veteran of the aluminum industry. My wife and I are sending our only child to college this fall. We have plans to be able to help him through financially. You are probably aware that college costs are rising tremendously. We would be seriously impacted if the aluminum industry did not survive in the Northwest.

Thank you for the time you have taken to read this letter. Alcoa has to know it has long-term power at stable prices so they can make long-term business plans. I think their proposal to re-supply an equivalent amount of power in exchange for a blended rate is fair for their business, fair for the economic health of the region and important for national security interests.

I would appreciate hearing your thoughts on this matter.

Sincerely,  
Alan Duncan

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