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Subject: Alcoa Power Proposal

My name is Pat Flaherty, I'm a member of the International Association of Machinist and Aerospace Workers and work for Alcoa Intalco Works Aluminum Co. in Ferndale, Washington. Over the past month I have attended BPA Power Hearings in Spokane, Seattle and Portland, as well as attending the Seattle City Club luncheon on power issues. On 10/11/02 myself, along with 6 other IAM Representative and 2 Alcoa Representatives, met with Governor Gary Locke to discuss the future of DSI's in the Northwest. Governor Locke assured us that he wants to keep the Aluminum Companies and the jobs associated with them in the Northwest. In order for this to happen we need BPA to accept the Alcoa Power proposal that would give us affordable power for our long range needs.

While attending the BPA Hearings, I heard many negatives about keeping the DSI's on the Grid past 2006. I decided that someone needed to speak of the POSITIVE's the DSI's have done for rural communities in Eastern and Western Washington.

- \* Over the past twenty years Intalco has contributed \$200 million to Fish Enhancement.
- \* In September Intalco contributed \$75,000 to the local Nooksack Indian Tribe for a Fish Enhancement Project.
- \* Last year Intalco and it's employees contributed around \$80,000 to the local United Way Charities (100K when at full production).
- \* In September Alcoa allocated \$1/4 million to be split between the City of Ferndale and Ferndale School District (this money was part of the BPA Buy Back Agreement).
- \* Unlike some companies that took the money and ran, Alcoa kept it's employees working and returned money to the communities so that curtailment wouldn't have an adverse effect on the local schools, governments and economies.
- \* During the curtailment Intalco employees worked 14,000 hours to help on Community Service Projects.
- \* Alcoa is a good neighbor, we have been able to hire some laid-off Georgia Pacific workers as full time employees.

I could go on and on but I think you get the idea, our communities would be devastated if we go away. All we are asking is a FAIR and EQUITABLE price for power to keep our jobs at home. The ALCOA proposal would add little more than a dollar to the average power user. Is that too much to ask? It could be a lot more if we go away!!!

In closing, I ask you, isn't it better to keep Efficient (best in North America), Clean (one of the most Environmentally clean smelters in the World) and Existing facilities like Intalco and Wenatchee operating and serving their communities? Keeping unemployment rates down and keeping critical National Defense products at home, lessening the dependence on third world countries.

WE NEED YOUR HELP,  
PLEASE SUPPORT THE ALCOA PROPOSAL FOR A LONG TERM POWER CONTRACT

MY JOB AND THOUSANDS OF OTHERS DEPENDS ON YOUR SUPPORT !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Thank you for your time  
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