

# Port Townsend Chamber of Commerce

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Mr. Steven J. Wright, Administrator  
Bonneville Power Administration  
P.O. Box 3621  
Portland, OR. 97208

Dear Mr. Wright:

The Port Townsend Paper Corporation is the primary contributor to the business community of Port Townsend. Our mill's continued operation is of vital importance to all the communities in Jefferson County. The company's role far exceeds the jobs it provides. Port Townsend Paper sponsors and contributes financially to various local projects and non-profit organizations. Recipients include county-wide higher education scholarships, performing arts programs at Centrum, the Northwest Maritime Center and United Good Neighbors. The pulp & paper industry is an integral part of Jefferson County's history, culture and social well-being.

It is our understanding that Bonneville Power is considering the possibility of halting power sales to Direct Service Industries (DSI) in the near future. We believe Port Townsend Paper, a DSI customer with Bonneville Power for over 50 years is entitled to continued service. We further understand the Public Power Council has submitted a proposal which, if adopted, would continue to provide non-smelter DSI's, like Port Townsend Paper, BPA power. With some modifications, Port Townsend Paper has stated it could support the proposal.

We encourage Bonneville Power to develop options for providing electricity to DSI's like Port Townsend Paper as well as the Public Utilities and Investor Owned Utilities after 2006, when the current contract expires.

The Port Townsend Chamber of Commerce supports the proposal submitted by the Public Power Council, with the modifications suggested by Port Townsend Paper.

We thank you for the opportunity to comment, and request that our organization be added to your contact list regarding any future public deliberations on this subject.

Sincerely,

  
Michael Cavett  
President

cc: Mr. Frank L. Cassidy Jr., Chair, NW Power Planning Council