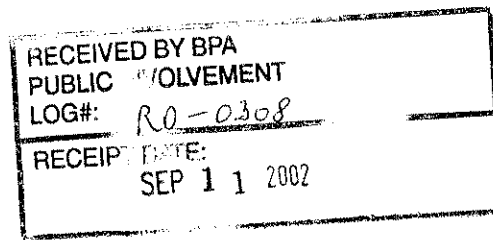


October 2, 2002

Bonneville Power Administration
Steven Wright
Administrator
P.O. Box 3621
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Dear Mr. Wright:

As you know, Alcoa Intalco recently reopened its doors for production and 700 employees returned to their jobs-producing aluminum. It was a difficult year for the families and the community. Although wages continued, the uncertainty of long-term employment left a cloud of doubt over the entire community. Many families did not invest in major purchases such as homes and automobiles, take vacations, or purchase those "extras" for their families. We are grateful for all of the support we received from the community and from our representatives and work hard to live up to the expectations placed on our industry.

Intalco is an integral part of not only the employer base in Whatcom County, but more importantly; Intalco is a member of our community that supports the schools, businesses, and most of all our children. Hundred of Intalco families, along with dozens of businesses, rely heavily on the revenue produced by Intalco. This industry has provided living family wage jobs for over 35 years. Those wages have put hundreds of our children through college.

We, once again, ask for your support to keep Intalco open. Limited affordable power is threatening to close the doors. We cannot afford to have this happen to the families that work at Alcoa Intalco and we cannot afford to have this happen to our community. Closure will surely result in the slow death of an entire community and a quality school system. As you debate the need for affordable power, we ask that you keep in mind our community, our families, our schools, and our children.

Thank you,


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