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Dear Mr. Rossow,

In response to your letter of December 12, 2016 and pursuant to OAR 860-029-080(2) we have enclosed the best information currently available in order to outline the avoided cost for Columbia Power Co-op's (CPC) power resources for the next 20 years.

As a consumer owned utility, CPC purchases all of our power requirements from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). We anticipate that we will remain an all requirements customer of BPA for the next 20 years; therefore our projected costs will continue to mirror their wholesale power rates established in their regular rate proceedings.

That being said, it's difficult to say with any certainty what our forecasted rates will be; however we do know that it was \$36.04 MWh for 2016. If we apply a reasonable 4% inflationary rate to that figure for 2015 and beyond, we see by the attached schedule "A", that it would escalate to \$78.97 MWh by the year 2036.

We don't anticipate that we will be required to purchase any TIER 2 power during the next 20 years.

If you have any additional questions, or require additional information, please don't hesitate to call.

Best Regards,

Troy Cox, Manager

Future Power Cost Estimate (no load growth) - annual cost increase: 4.0%

2016	\$36.04
2017	\$37.48
2018	\$38.98
2019	\$40.54
2020	\$42.16
2021	\$43.85
2022	\$45.60
2023	\$47.43
2024	\$49.32
2025	\$51.30
2026	\$53.35
2027	\$55.48
2028	\$57.70
2029	\$60.01
2030	\$62.41
2031	\$64.91
2032	\$67.50
2033	\$70.20
2034	\$73.01
2035	\$75.93
2036	\$78.97