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Hello –

My name is Toni Roush. I own and operate a micro-hydro-plant at 366 East Water Street in Stayton, Oregon. We call it a “micro” facility, and the unit is a 50” Leffel Turbine that is rated at 75 Kgw, but produces approximately 40 Kgw. It is located on the Santiam Ditch.

In the early 1980’s my husband (Roy Roush), and I decided to build a small hydro-plant to offset the cost of operating our animal feed manufacturing business. Money was at an all-time high of 20%. The long term plan was to have retirement income once we were no longer operating the feed mill...so we continued with the project (even though interest rates were ridiculous). My husband and I built our hydro plant on the Stayton Ditch in 1984. We were involved in the day to day operations such as cleaning and maintaining the fish screens, and keeping our hydro plant operating in a safe and efficient manner. Since my husband's death in 2001 all those responsibilities have become mine.

At that time, Pacific Corp was required to buy from small producers, so they were more than happy to bring us on board. THEY NEEDED US! Evidently...they no longer do.

In 1981, when we went into production, our rate per Kgw was \$.04845. Over the next 30 years that rate fluctuated between \$.04845 to a high of \$.0772. Since that time the rate has steadily declined to \$.0200 per Kgw. I am paying Pacific Power \$.12207 per Kgw to service my home and property. Something is wrong with this picture!! In my opinion, small producers should be paid at Residential Tail-Block rate.

I feel that Pacific Corp has wanted me and the other small producers out of their way. We are basically a thorn in their side.

My hydro turbine is located two blocks from downtown Stayton. In an emergency I could generate enough power to keep the lights on in our core area, which includes the City Hall and the Police Department. My hydro unit does not have a negative impact on the environment. Water just passes through it. It does not consume any water and does not pollute anything: water goes in clean and comes out the same way.

As owner-operators, we did most of the repairs and maintenance ourselves. Since my husband's death, in 2001, the costs I pay for operation and maintenance costs have increased considerably. I am not physically able to clean fish screens or and do repair and maintenance on my hydro unit, so I have hired qualified people to do these tasks. Moreover, after 20 years of operation the time had come to make improvements and replace aging parts, which was quite

expensive. In 2010, I committed to a major rebuild of the production facility (which I am still paying for).

More work needs to be done...but frankly, I haven't operated for the last nine months because it just isn't prudent to do so at the "squeeze me out of business" rates that Pacific Corp is offering.

I would love to continue operation if I was offered a fair and equitable rate for the power produced.

Sincerely,

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