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July 24, 2003

Mr. Robert Harris
Regional Manager
Western Area Power Administration
Upper Great Plains Region
2900 4th Ave N
Billings, MT 59101-1266

Dear Bob:

The Verendrye Electric Board of Directors met yesterday and is on record unanimously supporting the two-step implementation of your proposed WAPA rate adjustment.

So you know, Bob, this rate change is one of the primary reasons for a new Verendrye Electric retail rate adjustment. Any delays on implementation by WAPA for part of your rate increase would sincerely be appreciated. As you know, we have a wide variety of membership classes from industrial accounts, like the Minot Air Force Base, all the way down to seasonal accounts such as pasture wells. Rate adjustments are never fun and giving us as much time as possible with implementation "phases" is appreciated.

As always, we also need to express appreciation to WAPA for your very economical hydropower supply source and for your sensitivity to preference customer needs. Please don't misconstrue this letter as being in opposition to the rate increase, which is certainly justified with extremely low Missouri River basin water levels. Our only concern with regard to your proposed rate increases would be that you utilize a two-step implementation process.

Very truly yours,

VERENDRYE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Bruce R Carlson

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General Manager