

## J. Snow

I would like to see a study done regarding the increase in power consumption of the proposed smelter and how it would affect the current ratepayers in Pend Oreille county (a residential community that paid to have this infrastructure established for themselves).

I understand the PUD is concerned that their major consumer, the saw mill at Usk, may reduce power demand or leave the area altogether. If instead, the mill at Usk decides there is a market for their wood chips, and they decide to stay open, how would the PUD supply power to both the mill at Usk and such an enormous energy consumer as this smelter without endangering the continuous supply of power to their base, residential customers who have borne the cost of building this system in the first place.

What happens and who gets power first when the inevitable power outages occur in early winter. When will we put people's lives and homes before the greed of corporate entities.