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Thanks for the explanation, although without really studying it and knowing more about it I can't say I fully understand it. Today the towers did not turn enough to run a battery charger. So what if NWE needed more power TODAY when the towers didn't turn? They still have to go somewhere else, right? If I was a guessing

man I would guess NWE was forced into buying it. Bay Wa was going to sell it to NextEra, who I understand is a cut throat company from Florida. Rather than deal with them, NWE thought they might as well bite the bullet and buy it, and as you say, "cut out the middle man". But then they are actually making their customers pay for it, and you and them both make the numbers look like it was a good deal for the customer. Let's put it this way, the last time NWE Energy had a rate hike, I think I read it was 1980. Maybe they needed a small rate hike, but what a coincidence they wanted a 20% rate hike right before PURPA was forcing them to buy the wind electricity. If you're in the PUC office, you must understand by now, all these wind towers are is big cats like Bay Wa getting rich off of the PTC. According to earlier information I got from your office, the PTC provides \$165,000 per tower per year in PTC to some big corporation. That's taxpayer money, as you must know, the government has no money of it's own. They only money they have is what they take from somebody that works for it. So now you have the taxpayer(consumer) paying the PTC and now paying for the wind farm through their rates, and having everybody tell them they are saving money. I'm sorry, but I can't fall for that one. I appreciate your replies, and I know you shouldn't have to listen to somebody like me complain, but people like me pay your wages. Industrial Wind Farms are a taxpayer scam, nothing more than that. And when somebody in Washington wakes up, which I've been waiting for a long time, they will never extend the PtC again and a thousand more programs like it. If wind farms were efficient they would have a place, but they aren't. And they never will be, simply because the wind doesn't blow all the time. REA replaced windchargers in the 50's for the same reason. Hey, thanks for listening. Gregg Hubner Avon, SD