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Dear Commission

I would like to speak to the issue of PAC-E-16-06,order NO. 33482.

First some back ground.

A few years back my son started to farm with me. He is working his way into the operation. We wanted to transfer some of the power accounts into his name. When we tried to do so we learned of the power company's policy that he would have to have a years deposit down and that the company over time would use it to pay a portion of the bill. This would make a young farmer take undo risk in a industry that has tight margins. Over the past years we have worked with the power company to try and find equal ground that would work for both parties. We also learned that a few have unpaid bills. these unpaid bills hurt the industry. By making those paying there bill have increased rates and those not paying getting a free lunch and they compete with us. I feel this policy does well to make this work. In reading it through I find it address the issue well.

I have two concerns that those in the know may know if it says enough. First is Paragraph 8 it states those who need to have a deposit. in "(2) The irrigation customer was required to pay an advance prior to the previous irrigation season...." I do not have a problem with this other than each year once you fall into this category you have no written way out. it is left up to the company to let you out by not requiring a deposit if they so desire.The Company can always require the deposit

each year. Easy fix; After Two years of compliance deposit is not required.

Next is interest paid by the company on the deposit. It is going to be set by the commission. The commission needs to set it high enough to help the user meet his expenses to obtain the prepayment. If you set it to low the company has no reason to refund if to high the grower benefits. I would hope you could find a middle ground.
thank you for your time and efforts. Feel free to call if you have any question.
Sincerely

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