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COMMENTS ON 2002-20: Forecasting Electricity Demand of the Region's Aluminum Plants:

The aluminum DSIs were encouraged originally to soak up electrical production in excess of the region's normal use. To continue to subsidize those industries when recycling can provide the same materials at a tenth of the energy cost is not good public policy. The electricity they consume at very low prices can be sold on the market for far greater income, and generating far more jobs. The DSI rate structure should be discontinued.

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