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To: The Idaho Public Utilities Commission

From: Allen Lake

Re: Petition regarding Case ATL-E-08-02

Members of the Commission:

I am attaching the original petition which I have circulated among the residents of Atlanta regarding the recent request by Atlanta Power Company for a substantial raise in revenues. Please include this petition in the case file.

As the petition states, we object to the Atlanta Power Company's request and we ask the Commission to help protect our interests as consumers. Please keep us informed of any further actions taken in regards to this case.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at my home in Atlanta. My phone number is 208-864-2151. My e-mail address is allenrlake@rtci.net.

Thank you.

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A Petition

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

To: The Idaho Public Utilities Commission

From: The Residents of Atlanta, Idaho

RE: Atlanta Power Company's Application to Increase Revenues ATL-E-08-02

We, the undersigned, as residents of Atlanta, Idaho, wish to inform the Idaho Public Utilities Commission of our serious opposition to Atlanta Power Company's current application with the Commission seeking a huge and unreasonable increase in "basic electric revenues," including both a rate increase and an emergency surcharge.

We request that the Commission, on behalf of the residents of Atlanta, also oppose such a prohibitive increase in our electrical rates. We appeal to the Commission to provide an opportunity for additional public input, to occur in the community of Atlanta, to hear the specific concerns and objections of its residents.

Signature Printed Name Address

- Allen R. Lake Allen R. Lake 80E. Alhara Dr. Atlanta
- Den Simon Denis Simons 83 Graylock Cir #11
ATLANTA ID 83601
- Dan Farnham DAN FARNHAM 26 E ALPINE ST 83601
- Sandra Anne Nye SANDRA ANNE NYE 29 E ALPINE ATLANTA, IDAHO
83601
- Robert Bartimoccia ROBERT BARTIMOCCHIA 210 JUBA VISTA ATLANTA
83601
- John Inama John Inama 54 Grey Lock circle Atlanta ID
- Samuel E. Roeber Samuel E Roeber 9 E Alpine St Atlanta ID
83601
- George Kempel George Kempel 515. Atlanta Rd Atlanta, ID
- Steven Jewell Steven Jewell 65 Atlanta Road Atlanta Idaho 83601
Kenneth W. Taber Jr
- Kenneth W. Taber Jr 48 Atlanta Rd. Atlanta ID 83601

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Re: Atlanta Power Co. ATL-E-08-02

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DEAR COMMISSIONERS;

ENCLOSED IN MY POWER BILL IS A "NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS" OUTLINING PROPOSALS THAT WOULD INCREASE ELECTRIC REVENUES.

IN MY OPINION THE PROPOSED INCREASES ARE UNREASONABLE. ATLANTA POWER RESIDENTS ALREADY PAY HIGH RATES AND SUCH AN INCREASE WOULD SEVERELY DENT MONTHLY BUDGETS. THERE ARE RESIDENTS THAT LIVE FROM PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK AND MUST LIVE ON WHATEVER AMOUNT THAT MAY BE.

WHILE I HAVE EMPATHY FOR ATLANTA POWERS FINANCIAL DILEMA, THE OWNER NEEDS TO HAVE SOME EMPATHY FOR HIS CUSTOMERS. I PERSONALLY WILL HAVE TO MAKE SOME DRASTIC ADJUSTMENTS AND WONDER HOW TO MAKE ENDS MEET.

I AM IN HOPES THAT THE COMMISSION WILL HOLD A LOCAL HEARING OR WORKSHOP AND EXPLAIN ITS POSITION AND TELL APCUSTOMERS WHAT THEY MAY EXPECT.

Sincerely,
Sandra Ann Nye
29 E. ALPINE
Atlanta, Idaho 83601
208-864-2135

Response sent by Gene F.

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Idaho Public Utilities Commission

Dear Sir or Madam:

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A couple of days ago I received a letter, with my electrical bill, informing me of a proposed rate increase in Atlanta. I own property in Atlanta and plan to live there now that I am retired.

I am concerned about the increases.

1. We have one of the highest electrical rates in the country and now it is being proposed to go even higher! I hope consideration is being given to the people that live in the area.
2. I am curious why there is a base rate? Why shouldn't customers be charged for what they use? A higher rate might make more sense then. When you add the base rate to the KWh used it seems to be a high rate for the use of electricity. Also, the elimination of the 500 KWh free allowance plus the increase in the base rate sound like quite a rate hike.
3. I am a bit confused about why it is being proposed for citizens to pay for the improvements to a business run for profit. Isn't this where the government should come in and provide assistance to the business owner so he can maintain an essential service? Would a no interest loan by the state be more appropriate? In this manner the company would be making capital improvements and at the same time be providing a better quality of services to the people of the community. This is good for the businessman because it can help guarantee the longevity of his business and for the people because they will feel secure in the knowledge their electricity is stable. Also the state would get its money back.

I know these decisions are not always easy. If you would answer these questions and add any other information you think would help me better understand the decision making, I would appreciate that very much.

Thank You,


James Hurley

Cc: Atlanta Power



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Jean Jewell

From: steve@idsba.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2008 2:20 AM
To: Tonya Clark; Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Steven J. Meade follows:

Case Number: ALT-E-08-02
Name: Steven J. Meade
Address: P.O. Box 9797
City: Boise
State: Idaho
Zip: 83707-4797
Daytime Telephone: 208-854-1476
Contact E-Mail: steve@idsba.org
Name of Utility Company: Atlanta Power Company Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

My family has had a residence in Atlanta since 1976. From 1976 until October 2006 whenever we needed power we started up our generator. In 2006, we went to the trouble and expense of hooking up to Atlanta Power. Now less than 2 years later we are faced with the largest utility increase any of us has ever experienced. Our problem with Atlanta Powers request is that it seems to be shifting all the equipment cost on to the end users in order for it to recoup its entire capital outlay.

It is a maxim in law that in order to seek equity one must first do equity. In its application Atlanta Power comes to you with unclean hands. While the application boasts that the Atlanta Power Company has not had a rate increase since 1993, it sad to think that Atlanta Power took a chance that its equipment would last in perpetuity and did not take the initiative to request slight rate increases during this 15 year period of time in order to save something for a rainy day. Obviously this is huge gamble that did not pay off and we are now being asked to pay because Atlanta Power had no plan for its future.

As a business person in charge of a running a non-profit corporation, we routinely buy equipment, depreciate it overtime and then sell the item. This is recognized business practice. I suspect that Atlanta Power will adopt this same practice and claim depreciation on it capital outlay in order to offset its tax liability/revenues . I further suspect that this loss may possibly counter a profit in another business owned and controlled by the owners of Atlanta Power. In other words, the loss they are claiming on Atlanta Power may actually benefit its owners. I would request that the PUC investigate this issue to determine if this is the case. If the PUC finds that it is so, I would ask that the PUC take that information into consideration when considering Atlanta Power's proposal. I would also ask the commission to consider what the resale value of the operation will be if Atlanta Power properly maintains its investment. What I am getting at is I don't mind paying for some of the cost, but I do mind paying for all of it and watching Atlanta Power walk away with all the profit when they later sell the plant to someone else.

Another item I wish to address is within Atlanta Power's request I find no provision with regard to what will happen after Atlanta Power has recouped its capital outlay. Will the power rates decrease just as significantly as they increased? Is there a plan in place to prevent this from happening again, or will the PUC allow them to operate with no business plan for the future? Could Atlanta Power recoup its cost over a longer period of time

thereby decreasing its initial request? I don't know the answers to these questions however, I hope this commission will look into these matters on behalf of the public.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments and concerns. Please let me know if I can answer any questions.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 206.207.75.249

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Jean Jewell

Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2008 10:21 AM
To: Tonya Clark; Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from scott lyngstad follows:

Case Number: *ATL-E-08-02*
Name: scott lyngstad
Address: 239 tollgate rd
City: boise
State: idaho
Zip: 83716
Daytime Telephone: 208 383 4852
Contact E-Mail:
Name of Utility Company: Atlanta power CO Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

I have a house in Atlanta I pay the basic rate of 35 dollars per month then 21 cents a kilowatt now Atlanta power wants 83 dollars a month and I still dont get any power unless I pay more 10 cents a kilowatt there basic rate is a little extreme and I still havent used any power!!! thank you Scott L

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 204.76.195.33
