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Jean D. Jewell, Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
472 West Washington Street
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RE: Case No. GNR-E-11-01
In the matter of the commission's investigation into disaggregation and an appropriate published avoided cost rate eligibility cap structure for PURPA qualifying facilities.

Dear Secretary Jewell:

It has come to our attention that the Commission is reexamining the policies regarding mandatory purchase obligations by electric utilities pursuant to the PURPA. We write to you to express our concern for a re-instatement of the policy.

Jayco, Inc. made the decision to establish a Manufacturing Division in Idaho in 2004 based on the positive business climate in Idaho. Competitive energy rates being a factor out of many.

As we understand it, the PURPA requires the state's electric utilities to purchase output from qualifying wind projects at pre-set rate. We also understand that that rate is substantially higher than the current free market rate. Even though Jayco is in support of development of renewable energy sources, we do not believe that "guaranteed" price point and demand is a viable or fair approach in a free market economy. Our competition determines the price of our product, providing, in the end, the best value for the retail customer.

Just as in our business, Investment Firms developing wind energy are to be held to the same competitive market standard. A re-instatement of the PURPA will increase the cost of our product and therefore negatively impact our competitiveness in the market place. Competitiveness being the very reason for Jayco to move the Idaho.

We respectfully ask the Commission to consider not to re-instate the PURPA as it was originally established.

Sincerely,
Akos P. Sefcsik
Vice President of Operations
Jayco, Inc.