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Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 1:37 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Gerald Fleischman follows:

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Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

methods previously approved by the commission and used by Idaho Power to determine the rate paid developers "do not currently produce rates that reflect Idaho Power's avoided costs and are not just and reasonable, nor in the public interest.

The above quote from the recent press release says that the commission has already determined, and apparently already knows what reasonable and just PURPA rates are, otherwise it could not say that the current methods are inaccurate, unjust or unreasonable. This implies the August hearings are irrelevant.

Also, does PURPA say the projects need to be 'in the public interest' and who determines this. Idaho Power would say that the only thing in the public interest would be running the Bridger mines out of coal as quickly as possible and to use as much natural gas as possible because we have some kind of infinite supply. Check out this blog posting on some more relevant discussion of another possible nature of the current natural gas bubble:

<http://www.chrismartenson.com/blog/nate-hagens-were-not-facing-shortage-energy-longage-expectations/61024>

'in the public interest, and not discriminate against qualifying cogeneration and small-power production facilities'

This is an important point and brings up what Idaho Power would not ever admit to, that the commission is also regulating it as a monopsony - a single buyer in a market.

One more point. How will Idaho Power determine rates if it does not use Aurora. Does it know of a better way? Has it proposed a better way in this case? Since the commission will not be asked to approve Power Sales Agreements that could be far below avoided costs since it is unlikely any new technology is capable of this, how will the commission know if Idaho Power is offering rates that 'do not discriminate against qualifying cogeneration and small-power production facilities.'?

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A Comment from Dahl Zohner follows:

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Please describe your comment briefly:

I am against the mandatory requirement that Idaho Power must purchase power they do not need from companies which charge more than the customers of Idaho Power are now paying. Something needs to change about the way alternative energy is priced in Idaho. Please do what ever is necessary to stop the mandatory requirement that Idaho Power purchase electricity from independent producers.

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