



Idahoans Deserve Clean Energy At A Fair Price

Something needs to change about the way alternative energy is priced in Idaho.

Idahoans are already paying hundreds of millions of dollars in excess costs for electricity they may not even need. Unless something is done, they could pay millions more. That's why Idaho Power has asked the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC) to update the way prices are calculated for the energy **Idahoans are required to buy** from wind, solar and other alternative energy projects.

Federal law requires Idaho Power to buy electricity from independent producers, regardless of whether our customers



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UTILITIES COMMISSION
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Idaho Power. No company
nor individual should be
forced to pay at a higher
prices for a product that
they may or may not use.
If the product is from a
small producer it may be
guaranteed if needed at
time of need at the then
fair price. Not a long term
contract just to get money
for somebody at the expense of
those who have no say -
Mrs. Hutchins*

need it or not. To make matters worse, prices for this energy are set far higher than the price of electricity readily available on the open market or from our own resources.

The result? Idaho Power **customers will pay an estimated \$850 million** in additional costs associated with these purchases over the next 10 years. Contracts already signed with alternative energy (primarily large-scale wind) producers obligate Idaho Power customers to \$4.8 billion in payments over the life of the contracts.

Something needs to change.

Idaho Power has a planning process for determining how to best meet customers' electricity needs now and into the future. We collaborate with community members and various interest groups on our Integrated Resource Plan, which is updated every two years. The plan considers all resource options based on cost, reliability and environmental stewardship. The requirement to buy energy from these producers at inflated prices circumvents this public planning process and results in Idaho Power's customers paying substantially more for their energy.

Idaho Power recently filed testimony with the IPUC recommending changes to the way prices are set for energy from these alternative energy projects. This is an important issue to all Idaho families and business owners. We all want reliable, responsible energy. But we need it at a fair price based on its value.

What can you do?

- Learn more at www.idahopower.com
- Join the conversation at www.getpluggedin.com
- Submit your comments to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at www.puc.idaho.gov



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Jean Jewell

From: tiktin@fiberpipe.net
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2012 9:15 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Stefan Schreier follows:

Case Number: *GNR-E-11-03*
Name: Stefan Schreier
Address: 4480 Burnside Place
City: Boise
State: Idaho
Zip: 83702
Daytime Telephone: 429-1509
Contact E-Mail: tiktin@fiberpipe.net
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I am writing in response to an enclosure I received from Idaho Power expressing outrage over that fact that Idaho Power is required to pay millions of dollars for electricity from crackpot schemes like solar energy, wind power and other forms of 'alternative energy'. Of course these expenses must ultimately be paid by the customers, such as myself. As I understand it, Idaho Power is seeking a reduction in what they have to pay for this lunacy. I fully support their position in this matter. I realize that it is a matter of federal as well as state law and there is a limit to what you can do for them. But please do what you can.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 209.151.53.1

Jean Jewell

From: brookspreston@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, April 14, 2012 9:48 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Brooks Preston follows:

Case Number: *GNR-E-11-03*
Name: Brooks Preston
Address: 400 N. Hulen Way
City: Ketchum
State: Idaho
Zip:
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: brookspreston@yahoo.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

Thank you for requiring all Idahoans to act like the true conservatives - regardless of their politics-- and to support renewable energy. There are some people who, despite centuries of scientific advancement as a civilisation, and who benefit in countless ways from the advancement of science, today somehow decide that the science of climate change is not the kind of science they like. It's science! It's data, it's reality, it's our world -- pray for what you want, but at least acknowledge what is in front of us. If people don't care about the world, they should stop having children. For those of us that do have kids it is imperative that we leave this earth inhabitable for them, and the most important thing we are doing for our kids now is trying not to fry the planet. Idaho's renewable standard is an important step. We need everyone else to join in, because today the current energy policies worldwide, if implemented, will lead to a 6 degree F change. Deadly. Keep up the conservative approach to local power for local people who depend on the natural resources of Idaho for their salaries.

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Jean Jewell

From: scott_waldram@hotmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2012 12:49 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Scott follows:

Case Number: GNR-E-11-03
Name: Scott
Address: Waldram
City: Pocatello
State: Idaho
Zip: 83201
Daytime Telephone: 208.251.1573
Contact E-Mail: scott_waldram@hotmail.com Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

Why do we continue to be so foolish? We all know that the better part of all wind energy is subsidised by the federal government. These folks have very little at risk, and if they do not turn a profit, they were using my (our) money i.e. taxes to try to make a profit. The profit is sure, as we, the consumer pay an unreasonable price per kilowat compared to our own hydo system. Why do we do and continue to do such things? Are you kidding me, or am I such an unlearned person to continue to be so gullible?

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Jean Jewell

From: starzmarz7@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2012 2:41 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from James B. Brooks follows:

Case Number:
Name: James B. Brooks
Address: 536 N. 7th St.
City: Payette
State: Idaho
Zip: 83661-2452
Daytime Telephone: 208-642-6100
Contact E-Mail: starzmarz7@yahoo.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

The Federal requirement that Idaho Power buy electricity from independent producers whether it is needed or not smacks of a Dictatorship not a Democracy. Besides I suspect that power, if required, would be quite a bit less if purchased from Bonneville Power. What happened to 'willing buyer'?

You should ACT on behalf of the power users within our State. An action that makes a lot more sense than the State rattling sabers over wolves!

James B. Brooks

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