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Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Bob Van Arnem follows:

Case Number: GNR-E-11-03
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

We are opposed to any requirement that mandates Idaho Power purchase power from generation sources other than water, gas, and coal. We oppose subsidies of any kind for alternative energy sources that result in us paying more for power because of this requirement. We also oppose the politicization of power generation and delivery. We don't agree with Idaho courts that utility company investors are entitled to a 'fair' return (up to 10%) on their investment when investor driven initiatives result in the requirement mentioned above. We have been conscientious in our consumption of power, and we are not pleased that seemingly 'every time we turn around' there is another rate case. We also believe that comparing our rates to other states provides no real comfort, because Idaho Power and its investors can use this argument to apply pressure for increased rates to bring Idaho 'more in line' with these states. The footprint of a coal fired power plant, a gas plant, or a dam is smaller than the footprint of a wind farm. We don't like hazy air because of power generation, but wind turbines strike us as an expansive blight on the landscape. We ask that the IPUC 'change the way prices are set for energy' from QF projects and the 'Pricing Model' proposed by Idaho Power.

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