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Dear Commissioners,

I am angered at the big rate hike Idaho Power is asking for. Their point that they have had no increase since 1994 makes that anger more intense. Its as if their number cruncher has been asleep since 94 and has now awakened and needs a new mattress, bed covers and sleepwear.

It was just announced social security recipients can look forward to a 2.1% increase or approx $19.00 per month in 04. then in the same breath an increase in medicare supplement is foretold to take a big share of the $19.00 Of course prescriptions will be more costly and thus it goes on and on.

Who does Idaho power Co. think pays the bills? Is it high rollers who will get a 20% raise or is it the poor slack jawed masses too lethargic to complain?

As a former resident of Eastern Idaho I made the monthly check to Utah Power. Maybe the Commission should shop around in the adjoining state and see if a better arrangement can be made.

Wasn't Ida Corp one of the big hooligans in price manipulation a couple of years ago? the complaint is made of successive dry years being the problem. Has anyone in Idaho ever doubted that we have more dry than wet weather? Is Idaho power unaware since its founding of that reality?

this idea of no increases for a decade and then cure a deficit problem overnite with a big rip-off won't work.

the public can possibly handle small increases on a timely basis but double digit increases should never fly.

Idaho Power needs some tough handling by the commission. Wake them up to the real world.

If there's no water we all know there is plenty of wind. this outfit makes for a good supply. I vot say no!!!

Earl D. Olson