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January 23, 2004

Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
P.O box 83720  
Boise, Idaho, 83720-0074

Dear Commissioners,

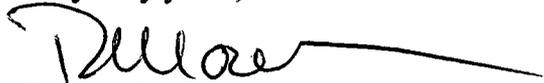
My family and I operate a 360 acre farm east of Filer, Idaho. Our operation is a true family farm. My wife and I and two sons, ages eleven and seventeen, do the vast majority of the farm work without any hired help. We enjoy the lifestyle we have chosen and feel the need to do all in our power to protect it. We view the proposed Idaho Power application to increase Base Power Rates as a threat to the stability of our operation and the many others like it throughout the State.

Two years ago we installed a sprinkler system on a hilly area of "highly erodible land" that irrigates approximately one-third of our farm. We funded the project without aid from any government program. The project is part of our effort to reduce the sediment load entering the Snake River from our farm.

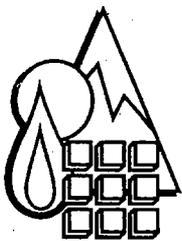
I recalculated our power bills for the months of May through September of 2003 using the proposed increases and was shocked to see that our power bills for the sprinkler would actually increase an average of thirty-two (32) percent. The proposed fifty (50) percent increase in the Demand Charge appears to have the greatest effect on our recalculated power bills. The proposed one hundred forty-eight (148) percent increase in the Service Charge also seems excessive.

Any increase in power rates will adversely affect agriculture. Please remember that we are not able to pass cost increases on to those that purchase what we produce. An adverse effect on agriculture will have a negative economic impact on our rural communities and even cities the size of Twin Falls. I am therefore asking that you carefully consider the effect of this proposed rate increase on all of us. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of all the citizens of the Great State of Idaho.

Very truly yours,

  
Raymond J. Moore

2420 E. 4100 N. Filer Idaho 83328  
(208) 326-3313



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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

If you cannot or do not want to testify in person at this hearing but want your opinion noted, please use the space below to write your comments. Add extra sheets as needed. You may either hand this sheet to a commission staff member or mail it to:

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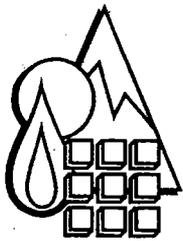
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click on "comments & questions."

My wife and I are retired on a fixed income.

We do a lot of things to keep our energy use down, including insulation, low E ~~vinyl~~ vinyl windows, turning off unused lights, and not using a lot of electrical stuff. We also use a lot of the new type low wattage bulbs. Idaho Power may need a rate increase but we can't see 19%. For us keep the customer service charge low and if you have to raise the kWh rate, please keep the rates as low as possible as

Print Name James D. Schmollinger Sign Name James Schmollinger  
Address 220 Howe ave Phone Number 208 454-8838  
Caldwell, Id ~~8305~~ 83605  
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we may have difficulty in maintaining  
our home. Also my irrigation friend  
told me that 25% increase in there  
will be a disaster for them.

- I attended the meeting in Caldwell.  
Thank you for being there.

Print Name James D. Schmollinger Sign Name James Schmollinger  
Address 220 Howe ave Phone Number 208-454-0838  
Caldwell, Id. 83605

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4047 Cambridge  
Pocatello, Idaho  
83202

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P.O. Box 8370  
Baird, Idaho  
83720.

I am a Senior Citizen of 85 yrs old, my husband Harry is also 85, residing at Ashley Manor, a Alzheimer patient, cost 2,850 a month, plus my living in a duplex, paying my own lights, and insurance of \$200.00 every three months. So, since you lowered the rates last year, why do you need to raise them now? and the raise from 7.50 to 10.00, just to read the meter. Our cost of living did not amount to that much. I do every thing I can do to save electricity than you want to raise it. How many Seniors can afford that raise?

Manda Pritchett

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P.O. Box 8370  
Boise, ID. 83720

To Whom it may concern,

We are writing concerning the rate increase requested by Idaho Power Co. The increase that they want for sending customers a bill, \$10.00 is nothing short of extortion. They say it is to recover costs that can not be recovered by increasing the fee for the power delivered. We are on a fixed income and our costs that we can not recover go up continually. Using their logic we should begin recovering our costs by adding a fee each time we make out a check to pay a bill that is sent to us. Just how far do you think that this would work for us? Please do not allow them to make this increase. It will be devastating to our ability to keep our costs under control. \$120.00 per year may not seem like much to Idaho Power but it makes a lot of difference to our situation. Several of those who provide services to us already charge what they call an administration fee on every bill. The city of Pocatello sends one bill for water sewer and garbage and an administration fee is included for sewer and another for garbage bill on the same bill.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,  
Robert J. and Betty C. Tomlinson  
4200 Philbin Road # 13  
Pocatello, ID. 83202-2837

*Robert J. Tomlinson*  
*Betty C. Tomlinson*

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Connie Chadbourne Boise Id

384 Cleodland ST AND PUBLIC  
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AM. FALLS ID

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To Whom It May Concern

In regards to I P U.C rate increases

Just being a widow on medicine, my  
medical insurance has raised, my  
medications have doubled; along with  
several other raises; Now on a 3 percent  
raise on my SS how much more can  
services take. Most of us have only  
one or two per household so our kil. are  
usually minimal as possible but raising  
our basic rate from 2.50 to \$10.00 is  
out of site, maybe for the rich to  
use more kWhours will benefit. >!  
But what about the lower income market  
maybe will all be on your power bills  
Thank about us  
Connie & Chadbourne

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SUBJECT: Idaho Power Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing regarding the above subject, to give you my opinion on the electrical service rate increase requested by Idaho Power Corp.

May I start by complimenting Idaho Power on their service in my area. It is a rare occasion for us to have a power failure, and on the very few times it has happened over the years, it is restored quickly, without inconvenience to my family.

I understand that for Idaho Power to operate they must cover all expenses to remain in business, and to maintain their quality of service. Raising the rate charged to their customers is the way to recover additional costs. Since I have been a customer, the rates have fluctuated up and down, as they needed to cover their costs.

My concern regarding their increases, is that the fixed customer charge, now \$2.51, being raised to \$10.00 per month. This is a 251% increase in a fixed fee. While the rate charged for electricity used will increase, or decrease as needs change, this fee will remain fixed forever.

At the estimated 400,000 customers that Idaho Power now has, raising the customer charge to \$10.00 per month will generate 4 million dollars monthly, or 48 million dollars annually, from now on, and is not likely to ever be reduced.

I know that you will scrutinize Idaho Powers request for the rate increases thoroughly, and make a fair and equitable decision both for the Corporation, and the Public. My request is that you particularly look into this fixed customer increase, for persons on fixed incomes to pay an additional \$7.49 monthly, just for an existing connection will create a hardship for persons just getting by in these trying times.

Thank you so much for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alan Van Hook". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Alan VanHook  
119 Charles Pl  
Pocatello, Id. 83201  
(208)232-3597

## Jean Jewell

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**From:** Front  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2004 8:11 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell  
**Subject:** FW: Complaint acknowledgement

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Ed Howell  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 24, 2004 11:32 AM  
**To:** Front; Beverly Barker; Ed Howell; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Complaint acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Saturday, January 24, 2004  
11:31:47 AM

**Name:** Joe and Trudy Terherst  
**Street Address:** 129 N 300 W  
**City:** Jerome  
**State:** ID  
**ZIP:** 83338  
**Home Telephone:** (208)324-3415  
**Work Telephone:**  
**E-Mail:** merciemejt@iglide.net  
**Home Business:** Home  
**Business Name:**  
**Business Street Address:**  
**Business Phone:**  
**Complaint Company:** Idaho Power Company  
**Local Provider:**  
**Contacted utility:** yes

**Complaint description:** I am writing to complain about the rate increase the Idaho Power is contemplating. The thing that concerns me most is the rate of their increase and the rate of increase in wages or even more the lack of rate increase in fixed incomes. Everyone wants to be able to pay their own accounts and not ask for help. I have checked with several people in other states that the power company said had such high rates, California included, and they cannot believe how high our rates are. I just wonder what the size of the house was that they were quoting. Since Idaho Power is the only power company we have access to, they have us by the "you know whats". It is time they become more realistic and try and work with the public, not against us. I do hope that you have a landslide business over this power increase, and will take to heart what the people are saying. Thank you for your time.

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## Jean Jewell

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**From:** Front  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 8:05 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell  
**Subject:** FW: Complaint acknowledgement

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From: Ed Howell  
Sent: Saturday, January 17, 2004 1:54 AM  
To: Front; Beverly Barker; Ed Howell; Tonya Clark  
Subject: Complaint acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Saturday, January 17, 2004  
1:53:44 AM

Name: bill davis  
Street\_Address: 1615 camas st # 24  
City: blackfoot  
State: idaho  
ZIP: 83221

Home\_Telephone: 208-782-1044  
Work\_Telephone: 208-000-0000  
E-Mail: evilone4ever@aol.com

Home\_Business: Home

Business\_Name:

Business\_Street\_Address:

Business\_Phone:

Complaint\_Company: idaho power

Local\_Provider:

Contacted\_utility: No

Complaint\_description: I think the power increase that you are proposeing is outragous . All you people think about is more money you don't think of the people any more . There are some of us that can not afford the raise you want to do. Hell some of us are bearly getting by with the way it is now . I don't think you should let this go through.  
sincerely bill davis

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