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RE: Idaho Power Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners,

As a 3rd generation Idaho farmer, I can empathize with Idaho Powers increasing costs since 1993. I to have experienced those same types of costs and my only solution, I am told, is to get more efficient. Perhaps Idaho Power should have had a surcharge on that 30% increase in customers since 1993 since they are a big reason for the rate requested increase.

As an irrigator I think an increase of 25% is absolutely preposterous. We farmers are having a very hard time as it is.

As to the proposed elimination of the free re-connect charge I am strongly opposed. I pump from a canal system that supplies water from 1 April to 31 October at maximum and I, in general, only pump for 5 months per year, yet there would be a charge for the other 7 months and it would be impossible for me to use Idaho Powers services nor is there a need of meter reading, billing costs and other customer services related expenses.

It is hard enough to pay for what you need but don't make us pay for impossibilities.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



Walter Garman