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**From:** Ed Howell  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2004 1:30 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

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Friday, March 12, 2004  
1:29:32 PM

Case: IPC-E-03-13  
Name: Timothy Traub  
Street Address: 1348 N. Deer Creek Place  
City: Meridian  
State: ID  
ZIP: 83642  
Home Telephone: 208-898-0542  
E-Mail: tjtraub@mindspring.com  
Company: Idaho Power  
mailing\_list\_yes\_no: no

Comment\_description: A 25% rate increase....that is not acceptable to the consumer. I propose a 1% increase. Rates continue to go up, up and up. Everthing is going up. My salary has not increased in 3.5 years. Maybe Idaho Power should cut spending and reduce operating expenses...like other companies that are struggling...like cut advertising and tv commercials. It is not like Idaho citizens have a choice in the electric company they can use.

Thanks.

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**From:** Ed Howell  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2004 12:55 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

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Case: Idaho Power Rate Increase  
Name: Val Wahlen  
Street\_Address: 2700 W. 1352 S.  
City: Aberdeen  
State: ID  
ZIP: 83210  
Home\_Telephone: 208-397-4392  
E-Mail: vfwahlen@dcdi.net  
Company: Idaho Power  
mailing\_list\_yes\_no: yes

Comment\_description: I would like to ask that the PUD take a serious look at the economic trouble that the proposed rate increase would cause farmers. Many farmers already struggle to pay high operating costs- including the CURRENT cost of power. I feel it is wrong to ask the irrigation customer to pay unproportionally in this increase. It would be interesting to see how the farmer contributed to the need of the increase. I would imagine the numbers wouldn't match up. Please realize that by satisfying Idaho Power's request "as is" the economic impact on the state would be NEGATIVE. There must be another way to generate the needed funds.

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**From:** Ed Howell  
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**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

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Thursday, March 11, 2004  
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Case: IPC-E-03-13  
Name: Jeremy Nessel  
Street Address: 16573 N Tullamore Dr  
City: Nampa  
State: ID  
ZIP: 83687  
Home Telephone: 208-466-4384  
E-Mail: jsneset@mindspring.com  
Company: Idaho Power  
mailing\_list\_yes\_no: no

Comment description: I was briefly viewing the proposal for ID Power to increase residential rates possibly up to 25%. This seems unreasonable. I understand there are rising costs, but a few percent seems more realistic. I understand there are many implications involving the rate increase... but I don't see the justification in this. ID Power has, more or less, a monopoly in this. I don't have a choice to go with another provider if I so choose. So, why can't ID Power reduce other expenditures? For example, how much money is spent in advertising? This seems like a waste. If we want power, we have no choice in who we go with... thus why the advertising? Also, if ID Power remains profitable, they are obviously doing ok... The past few years has had some significantly lower water years, which has an obvious effect to the bottom line. But, what about the better water years? These years help generate more revenue and possibly higher profitability. This isn't any different than what many other businesses have gone through on a more economic standpoint over the past few years. Even with tougher times, other businesses always find ways to reduce costs to make up for this. This doesn't mean ID Power isn't entitled to raise rates, but a smaller increase seems more reasonable. From a business standpoint, wouldn't it be nice to know you always have a buffer... and not have to worry that raising rates would lose customers. Instead of significantly cutting costs, just apply for a huge rate increase to cover for the rising costs... seems nice. Maybe I'm missing something...

We haven't seen a rate increase in sometime... I don't disagree that a small increase is fair. But 25%, even 10% is crazy.

Thanks for your time.  
Jeremy

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**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
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Thursday, March 11, 2004  
8:33:26 AM

Case: IPC-E-03-13  
Name: Scott Erickson  
Street\_Address: 6350 Reining Horse  
City: Kuna  
State: ID  
ZIP: 83634  
Home\_Telephone: 208-362-4781  
E-Mail: swerickson@buympc.com  
Company: Id Power

mailing\_list\_yes\_no: no  
Comment\_description: RE: proposed rate increases. 19.9% AVERAGE for residents? Absurd! 13.9% + for companies and irrigaotrs? Completely unreasonable. The financial situation for Idaho Power may be difficult. However, the answer can't be to keep increasing rates, especially at these amounts. Idaho Power can tighten their belt like many companies and businesses have had to do the last few years. I work for a manufacturing company that has had handled the tough economy by getting more efficient and cutting spending, not by trying to take unrealistic increases to our customers. If we launched a comparable plan we'd be out of business within a year. The key difference--we have competition. The IPUC needs to be heavy-handed on this one. Consider 1% as fair.

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**From:** Tonya Clark  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2004 3:14 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell  
**Subject:** FW: idahopower increase

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

**From:** albertjohnston [mailto:pajohnston@cableone.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2004 2:51 PM  
**To:** Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** idahopower increase

i see media on the increase proposal. i feel that the commission may not think about me as an idaho power user. having been a formerl user of a CO-OP power enity  
i wwish the same consideration when you consider rate increase's requests. i still think that Idaho is not being treated right on the power market. there is no need for an increase in my rate to increase Idacorp profits.  
Thankyou  
Albert Johnston

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**From:** Ed Howell  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 09, 2004 3:45 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

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Case: IPC-E-03-13

Name:

Street\_Address:

City: Council

State: Id

ZIP: 83612

Home\_Telephone:

E-Mail:

Company: Id. Power

mailing\_list\_yes\_no: no

Comment\_description: We DO NOT agree with any power rate hike. We cannot attend any public hearings, due to lack of transportation and disabilities. There are many power outages in our area, and the utility service is poor. We have enough poverty in our county and state without adding to it with power hikes, especially one as large as the one suggested.

Don't force more people to leave our state to make ends meet by raising our expenses in power.

Thank you!

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**From:** Ed Howell  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 09, 2004 2:11 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Tuesday, March 09, 2004  
2:10:45 PM

Case: IPC-E-03-13  
Name: Gary L. Rainsdon  
Street Address: 3356 N. 2600 E.  
City: Twin Falls  
State: Idaho  
ZIP: 83301  
Home Telephone: 208-732-6183  
E-Mail: r2spruce@pmt.org  
Company: Idaho Power Company  
mailing\_list\_yes\_no: no

Comment\_description: I respectfully submit this comment in opposition to the rate increase and the fee increase for both irrigators and residential power users that Idaho Power Company has proposed. The rate paid by Idaho users for power generated in Idaho on cheap hydropower should be kept as low as possible. Idaho Power Company needs to be strongly encouraged (with as much power of Idaho's people as we can muster) to operate as efficiently as possible to keep the rates low. With greater population density and more power users, the power company should be able to reduce rates and still make more profits.

In this day of computers and the drive for greater efficiencies, there is no need to raise the monthly fee. The monthly fee should actually be reduced due to automation and efficiencies. If the power company can't reduce the fee this year, send it back with the mandate to reduce it next year. Under no circumstance give the company authorization to raise the fee and become less efficient.

This summer will be the first reprieve from the last rate increase. The failed power buyout program was a sham program designed to take advantage of Idaho power users and to profit the power company. When it backfired, it was the Idaho power users who had to pay the power company for its greed. Now that we will finally have our rates reduced again, the power company is asking for a rate increase to get the revenue back.

The drought and other operating costs have increased for agriculture but irrigation power is the single largest cost on my farm. I can not afford the proposed rate increase. Please do not allow any of it.

Sincerely,

Gary L. Rainsdon

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2004 7:40 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

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Case: ID POWER RATE INCREASE  
Name: Marcia L Rensch  
Street Address: 1734 N Falcon Circle  
City: Pocatello  
State: ID  
ZIP: 83204  
Home Telephone: 208-478-1851  
E-Mail:

Company: Idaho Power  
mailing\_list\_yes\_no: yes

Comment\_description: A rate increase of the proposed 17.7% is out rageous for this community and area. People cannot pay the utility rates as they are now, how will they be able to afford an increase. The retirees on fixed incomes will suffer the most. IP may have the lowest rates in this region of the USA, but the salary base is also low. And maybe the electric being sold to California should have the increase instead of the people in Idaho. The IP seems to be rather greedy with its own people and not creative in compensating their own income. Please no increase in the rates.

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3932 Leland Way  
Boise, Idaho 83709-4656  
6 March, 2004

Commission Secretary  
Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, Idaho 83702-0074

Re: Case # IPC-E-03-13 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF IDAHO  
POWER COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE  
ITS INTERIM AND BASE RATES AND CHARGES FOR  
ELECTRIC SERVICE.

Commission Secretary;

Thank you for mailing the notice of public hearing to me. I do not drive in the evening and night time hours so do not attend public hearings. So I will take the opportunity to comment for other lower paid and fixed income persons and myself.

First, I don't believe that such a huge rate increase is warranted. As customer base increases so should income. Seems that the cost of installing the utility lines are included in the developers cost which are in turn passed to the home buyer as part of the purchase price. So that part of costs of installing the lines should be adequately covered. That seems to be reflected in the huge jump in home costs.

I note a huge disparity in the costs to Simplot, Micron and the INEL. Would that 14.16% for INEL be a reflection of the fact that the facility is a government facility? Thereby, as always, stick taxpayers with an unnecessarily high bill? It is somewhat remote, but the lines and facilities used have been in place for many years. I have not heard of many new missions for this facility in recent years. I might note that if we were a smart nation, INEL would be allowed to generate all of its own power right there at the plant, thereby not needing any outside source of power. It was after all, the first to generate electric power from nuclear power.

I note that those who are the providers of our reliable food supply are also hard hit with a 25% increase. Irrigation pumps do take a lot of power, but the farmer who installs them also pays a high price to lay those lines. A small increase may be warranted but certainly not 25%. It seems that everyone forgets just where that food on our well-stocked grocery shelves comes from. To rely on foreign supply is down right suicidal. We have already seen numerous outbreaks of disease from contaminated foreign food. The farmers are forced to move further and further back from reliable water sources by excess development of established farmlands. Again, we do the utmost to drive small, efficient farmers out of business, so that food prices must be raised to unaffordable levels for the majority of the retired, poor, and lower paid working people. Not good for the economy if the majority can't afford to buy anything.

Power Cost Adjustment is not included in this request to raise our rates 19% or more. That then will add another ?10-20%? That is outrageous and, in our judgement, totally unnecessary. As I stated before the power problem that started in California was engineered by Enron demanding that their stockholders receive their payments FIRST.

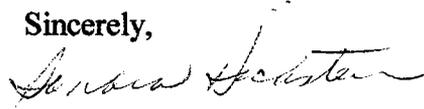
That put California in a financial bind, there was no power shortage except in the news media's mind. This also is a result of government deregulation of everything, which has pushed PRICES HIGHER, NOT lower as hyped. The prices go up not so much because of demand of customers (our appliances, we are told, has become more efficient) but by the demand of execs who demand outrageous salaries for themselves while cutting workers and workers pay!

And most people I have talked to see no reason to be charged a customer charge. We are a captive customer base for very few of us can rig a system for ourselves that would allow us to get rid of public utilities altogether. The meters produce revenue for Idaho Power all year long. There is no down time on most meters. Perhaps a slight dip when a homeowner goes on vacation, but I noticed very little difference in ours despite having everything off except the refrigerator and water heater turned down before we went to gas.

And the biggest INSULT of all is to have 25% higher rates in the summer than in the winter. Summer has longer light time-no lights need to be on; people outside or gone-no TV, cooking outside, people gone on trips. Air conditioners are used but in the winter heaters are used and more lights are on, more indoor activity is used, cooking is indoors and lots of Christmas lights are up. Lawns are watered in summer, but we are already hit hard by the greedy French Company and monopoly United Water, who charges us exorbitant customer charges along with higher prices for a commodity that is OWNED by no one and is FREE! Water, folks, is not owned by anyone and is free. The costs they claim are a lie and only needed to pay a few high-priced execs and shareholders. We have seen no improvement in our water service and many of us have had the extra high costs of water softeners and filters so we can drink the water. Water that was drinkable and needed no softening until United took over and has dumped tons of unneeded chlorine in our water supply so they can use contaminated river water.

To sum up my objections then I find such huge rate increases unnecessary and needed only to fulfill the greed of executives and shareholders. Many of us on fixed incomes of \$500 to \$800 dollars already are close to bankruptcy. Another \$10.00 here and \$30.00 there are not something we can just pull out of thin air. I hear your reply now-GO TO WORK! All well and good, but I am unable to work. I am too slow for all employers in all sorts of jobs. (It has taken over 3 hours just to try to type this letter.) Putting more people out into the streets is not really cost effective. It is also highly unfair to push old people who have worked and done their best to be self-sufficient all their lives out of their homes just because they are now old and didn't make billions in their working lives. You know the ones; those who do the dirty work the rest of you don't want to do like janitor work. We here in Idaho make about \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00/year at that kind of job. Not enough to stash thousands away for when we can no longer work. Therefore, I and many like me, who feel nobody listens to them and just give up, request that you NOT approve this huge increase for Idaho Power.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Sandra Hickstein

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IDAHO PUBLIC  
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Re - CASE # IPC-E-03-13

Order # 29436

Thank you for sending me the info on this.

I believe first that Idalopower is asking too much return on rate base and common equity. Their risk is minimal so why the high return?

The four fold increase in service charge is a bit much as well!!

While the number of customers served has increased 30% since 1993 isn't it a fact these folks pay power bills just like the old customers? You'd think they believe this is a huge liability with no upside at all. Maybe they should plan on paying off their facilities and lines over a longer period of time. They seem to be shopping at a ribbon counter or ice cream bar where one pays on the spot.

Residents probably have less room for adjusting to higher costs than any of the other classes.

the commission proposal for 15% increase in irrigation rates suites my feelings. potato gluts should be as memorable as potato famines.

Maybe some irrigation increase will cause growers to be a little more market oriented and we will see no repeat of the marketing disaster of a couple years past.

Idaho power co needs to be reminded of the past shenanigans of its parent Eda Corp so if they suffer some pain its well deserved.

please accept this as public testimony and I like to see you hang a bit tough with Idaho power.

Thank you.

Earl D. Olson

P.S. If rates have to be raised then big industry should be included.