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15 March 2004

Dear Public Utilities Commission,

I would like to express my thoughts on the proposed Idaho Power rate increase. I am a fourth generation farmer in Minidoka county. My great grandfathers both farmed here, as did my grandparents and father. My farm was purchased from my grandfather and I have been operating this farm for approaching 25 years now. We have all loved this occupation. I am by no means a large farmer and we have not made a great deal of money, but it is a great place to live and raise a family.

That way of life is being threatened by the spiraling increase in our production costs. My farm is on the north side of Rupert and we irrigate with water pumped from a deep well. I have always thought that a big part of the "magic" of the Magic Valley was the water we enjoy for farming and recreation. That water is now a precious commodity, perhaps even more than it was when the desert bloomed with the first irrigation.

I am told that Idaho Power feels a need for an 11% return on equity. There are few places with that kind of return these days. I feel that for the present time that rate is too high. If, and I stress "if", there is a need for some rate increase, I would hope that it would be spread out equitably to as many rate payers as possible so that no single rate payer group has to shoulder the burden alone. Irrigators are an easy target. We are not a very united bunch. By nature farmers are generally independent and too busy to fight for themselves as a group. They are also, however, other than the elderly and poor, perhaps the least able to absorb

an increase in power rates. We are not able to pass on production cost increases to those we sell our crops to. Prices we receive from crops have increased very little, if any, over the years. We have only been able to survive by being efficient and careful. We are now at the point of shifting funds from one production cost to another. That shift includes not replacing aging equipment, cutting living expenses, and shorting other production inputs. Some call it a death spiral. Conservation has been in our plans for years now. We have seen a 40% increase in electric rates over the past five years. While many rate payers saw some relief last year, irrigators did not. The proposed rate increase would raise our irrigation costs another 20 - 25%. I have included some pages showing my power increases over the past five years and what the proposed rate increase would do to my bills next year. Please consider the farmers contributions to our communities and only pass an increase that is absolutely needed, and then I ask that it be spread out as equally and broadly as possible. Many of us are quickly becoming that other group mentioned earlier who are not able to deal well with increased rates, the elderly and poor.

Thank You,



N. Bruce Bagnall
501 N. Meridian
Rupert, ID

Irrigation Pump Power Usage

Bruce Bagnall Pump

	1999		2000		2001		2002		2003	
	kWh	\$\$								
April										
May	120	\$7.37	16,400	\$560.58	22,960	\$986.16	27,280	\$1,436.39		
June	44,280	\$1,975.36	57,720	\$2,435.21	91,950	\$4,615.81	58,840	\$3,245.37	70,920	\$3,728.95
July	95,200	\$3,255.90	92,040	\$3,450.62	130,280	\$6,218.77	105,640	\$5,203.06	117,920	\$5,682.97
August	82,960	\$2,948.64	75,840	\$2,978.63	46,440	\$2,396.62	59,000	\$3,248.48	54,960	\$3,054.67
Sept	71,920	\$2,658.58	91,040	\$3,421.48	41,920	\$2,207.55	56,880	\$2,844.76	68,520	\$3,629.17
October	49,880	\$1,699.87	40,000	\$1,478.14	16,000	\$833.41	20,560	\$1,028.20	39,720	\$1,973.89
Nov										
Totals	344,360	\$12,545.72	373,040	\$14,324.66	349,560	\$17,258.32	328,200	\$17,006.26	352,040	\$18,069.65
\$ per kWh	0.0364		0.0384		0.0494		0.0518		0.0513	

	THE AMALGAMATED SUGAR COMPANY LLC	IRRIGATION CLASS
	IPCO GENERAL RATE CASE IMPACT TO GROWERS	DATE: 10 MAR 2004 REV: 0

BILLING FORMULA: Customer Charge + Demand Charge X Billing KW + Energy Charge X Billing KWH + Conservation Funding

<u>Current Rate</u> 2003 Summer		<u>Proposed Rate</u> 2004 Summer	
Customer Charge:	\$10.07 /Month	Customer Charge:	\$25.00 /Month
Demand Charge:	\$3.58 /KW	Demand Charge:	\$5.40 /KW
Energy Charge:	4.1575¢ /KWH	Energy Charge:	4.5793¢ /KWH
-Base: 2.8416¢ /KWH		-Base: 3.2634¢ /KWH	
-PCA: 1.3159¢ /KWH		-PCA: 1.3159¢ /KWH	
Conservation Funding:	\$15.00 /Month	Conservation Funding:	\$15.00 /Month
Current Electric Bill =		Proposed Electric Bill =	
\$10.07 + \$3.58 (KW) + \$0.041575 (KWH) + \$15		\$25.00 + \$5.40 (KW) + \$0.045793 (KWH) + \$15	

- Notes: (1) Rates are from the proposed Idaho Power schedule 24 Tariff.
(2) PCA will change every year based on snow pack conditions.
(3) Spreadsheet formulated for monthly values and only for the four months of summer season rates.

PROPOSED RATE: CALCULATION WORKSHEET

Enter demand and energy values into highlighted boxes. These values are found in a 2003 summer month IPCO bill.

KW - Demand Required

KWH - Energy Consumed

Sept '03

The following boxes show calculated values from above entered information.

Current Electric Power Bill	Proposed Electric Power Bill	Net Dollar Change	Percent Change	Impact Not Including PCA
<input type="text" value="\$3,629"/>	<input type="text" value="\$4,317"/>	<input type="text" value="\$688"/>	<input type="text" value="19.0%"/>	<input type="text" value="25.4%"/>

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July '03

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Current Electric Power Bill	Proposed Electric Power Bill	Net Dollar Change	Percent Change	Impact Not Including PCA
<input type="text" value="\$5,683"/>	<input type="text" value="\$6,579"/>	<input type="text" value="\$896"/>	<input type="text" value="15.8%"/>	<input type="text" value="21.9%"/>

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Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2004 1:37 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Wednesday, March 17, 2004
1:36:32 PM

Case: IPC-E-03-13,
Name: Syl & Carolyn Menichetti
Street Address: 2488 Lappin Lane
City: Council
State: ID
ZIP: 83612

Home Telephone: 208-253-4760
E-Mail: sckranch@ruralnetwork.net
Company: Idaho Power

mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: WE desire to voice our objection to Idaho Power's desire for rate increase. For the last several years, by the mere fact of the new people moving into Idaho, who necessarily use power!! - Idaho Power should have sufficient funds already with which to continue to upgrade its necessary equipment, etc. Isn't that, after all, the name of the game?? If those funds are not sufficient for their needs, perhaps they could learn to pay their administrators a bit less; could learn to live with less than the very newest automotive vehicles for their personnel to travel in, and in general, be a bit more frugal with "Our" money.

Thank you for your consideration of this objection.

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Referred by: <http://www.puc.state.id.us/scripts/polyform.dll/ipuc>
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From: Ed Howell
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2004 8:29 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Tuesday, March 16, 2004
8:29:18 PM

Case: IPC-E-03-13
Name: David W. and Debora S. Crockett
Street Address: 2678 Rock Creek Road
City: Hansen
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83334

Home Telephone: 1-208-423-4545
E-Mail: ddavycro@aol.com
Company: Idaho Power Co

mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: Please do not allow another rate hike. We feel the hike in our monthly fees a few years ago was excessive. We feel Idaho Power will need to cut corners (including their executives) just like the rest of us have had to.

Transaction ID: 3162029.18
Referred by: <http://www.puc.state.id.us/scripts/polyform.dll/ipuc>
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User Hostname: 198.81.26.78

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From: Ed Howell
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2004 8:00 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Tuesday, March 16, 2004
7:59:34 AM

Case:

Name: Randy Hardy
Street Address: 1818 South 500 West
City: Oakley
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83346
Home Telephone: 208-862-3691
E-Mail: hardyl@pmt.org
Company: Idaho Power Co.
mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment description: I am owner and manager of a 2000 acre farm in Oakley, located in Cassia County. I am deeply concerned about the proposed Idaho Power rate increase to irrigators. I have already helped fund the 'power buyout' debacle, which did me no good whatsoever, but I got to help pay for it. Now we are being told that Idaho Power wants us to help fund their expansion. Meanwhile, Ida-corp shareholders continue to reap profits from their investments. This proposed increase, and even the commission's proposed 15% increase to irrigators is not fair and will destroy the Idaho farm economy. If agriculture is such a high priced liability, then have Idaho Power sell the rural areas to existing nearby cooperatives, such as United Electric Coop in Burley. They seem to be doing fine financially, and those farmers' rates are far less than our current ones. During the past 20 years we have seen Idaho Power's quality of service decline as rates have continually moved up, whether they want to call it 'base rate' or 'annual rate adjustment'. The investors continue to reap the rewards and we slowly get siphoned off.

Thanks,
Randy L. Hardy, President
Hardy Farms, Inc.

Transaction ID: 316759.34
Referred by: <http://www.puc.state.id.us/scripts/polyform.dll/ipuc>
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From: Ed Howell
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2004 3:24 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Monday, March 15, 2004
3:23:32 PM

Case: Idaho Power Request for Rate Increase
Name: Peter Lipovac
Street Address: Rt. 3, Box 282
City: Blackfoot
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83221

Home Telephone: 208 785 4790

E-Mail: pal@srv.net

Company: Idaho Power

mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: I am against any rate increase and I am especially against the rate structure increase presented by Idaho Power.

The monthly minimum access fee should stay exactly where it is. Raising it to \$10 would be a great hardship to me and people like me who are on a very limited income and this action does absolutely nothing to encourage conservation.

If there must be an increase, it should be only for those who use more than 1000 kilowats/mo... at that level, a tiered increase should be considered.

Again, I am against any increase at all and the IPUC ought to do more to encourage conservation and

Transaction ID: 3151523.32

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From: Ed Howell
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2004 10:10 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Tuesday, March 16, 2004
10:10:11 AM

Case: IPC-E-03-13
Name: Mindy Earl
Street Address: 2530 Big Canyon Road
City: Rockland
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83271

Home Telephone: 208-548-2721
E-Mail: mindy@dallypost.com

Company: Idaho Power

mailing_list_yes_no: no

Comment_description: I feel that the rate increase Idaho Power is requesting is outrageous! I know prices and needs increase but I do not believe that Idaho has grown to the extent that Idaho Power is stating. If power companies would take care of their own first and then if there was excess power, then sell it. My appreciatin for farmers and ranchers has grown tremendously since I moved to Idaho in 1997. They are extremely hard workers but don't get the support they need from their home states or the nation. We should rely on them for our needs, not other countries. The rate increase for irrigation that is proposed would harm our ranchers and farmers greatly. Don't do it!

Transaction ID: 3161010.11
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User Hostname: 12.160.225.63

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From: Ed Howell
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2004 8:02 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Tuesday, March 16, 2004
8:02:22 AM

Case: IPC-E-03-13
Name: Tim Lynard
Street Address: 4319 N. 2450 E.
City: Filer
State: ID
ZIP: 83328

Home Telephone: 208-326-4112
E-Mail: tlynard@northrim.net
Company: Idaho Power

mailing_list_yes_no: no

Comment_description: How come IP is always asking for rate increases. The last big jump a couple of years ago went up about 25%. Then all the employees got a 10% bonus. Their employees are already well paid for as it is. I know many of their employees and none of them seem to complain about the wage structure. I agree with cost of living adjustments but a 10% bonus and then raising rate constantly and asking us to pay for club memberships and other perks is ridiculous.

Transaction ID: 316802.22
Referred by: <http://www.puc.state.id.us/scripts/polyform.dll/ipuc>
User Address: 56.0.84.111
User Hostname: 56.0.84.111

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From: Front
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2004 8:15 AM
To: Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: Complaint acknowledgement

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From: Ed Howell
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2004 5:30 PM
To: Front; Beverly Barker; Ed Howell; Tonya Clark
Subject: Complaint acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Monday, March 15, 2004
5:29:39 PM

Name: Marlene Terry
Street Address: 2630 N. Shoveler Way
City: Meridian
State: ID
ZIP: 83642

Home Telephone: 208-855-2093
Work Telephone: 208-465-8172
E-Mail: mterry@idahopress.com

Home Business: Home
Business Name:
Business Street Address:
Business Phone:
Complaint Company: Idaho Power
Local Provider:

Contacted utility: No
Complaint description: I strongly object to the consideration of the Idaho Public Utility Commission to approve a rate increase for Idaho Power in order that they will be able to pass along to customers the cost of such things as \$322,000, in legal expenses to defend an energy trading case before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, \$24,490, to join Chambers of Commerce across Idaho, \$7,200, for memberships to the exclusive Arid Club for four executive officers at Idaho Power, \$3,967, for memberships to various Rotary clubs, \$1,689, for memberships to Kiwanis clubs and \$246,048, for dues to the Edison Electric Institute in Wash, D.C., which lobbies on behalf of utilities. That Idaho Power would take advantage of the customers whom they serve in such a manner is appalling, to say the least!

Transaction ID: 3151729.38
Referred by: <http://www.puc.state.id.us/scripts/polyform.dll/cons>
User Address: 207.173.155.105
User Hostname: 207.173.155.105

**DON'T LET IDAHO POWER
PUT PROFITS OVER PEOPLE!**

Low-income families in Idaho struggle to make ends meet every month. Now Idaho Power wants to **pump up its rates** with both an interim increase and a **19.9% permanent hike** for residential customers -- including **quadrupling** monthly service charges!

These changes will mean **real pain** for low-income families in Idaho. The IPUC should act in the **public interest** and **deny the hikes**.

**IPUC: PULL THE PLUG ON
THE RATE INCREASE!**

Signature: *Margaret P. White*

**Idaho Community
Action Network**

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