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Shoshone, ID 83352  
(208) 886-7627

# Donley Farms, Inc.

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TO: IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
P.O. BOX 83720  
BOISE, ID 83710

FROM: DONLEY FARMS, INC.  
501 E. 20 NO.  
SHOSHONE, ID 83352

CONCERNING CASE NUMBER IPC-E-03-13

My name is Don Taber, President of Donley Farms, Inc. I would like to comment and protest Idaho Power's large rate increase proposal.

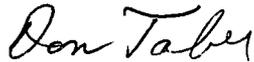
1. On one pivot irrigated from a deep well pulling the water from 280 feet we have raised alfalfa since 1999. The kilowatt hours of use has remained fairly constant but with the previous rate hikes our power cost per acre has gone from \$62.04 in 1999 to \$110.53 per acre in 2003. With the proposed increase it could go to over \$140.00 per acre. That is over a 100% increase in 5 years and we cannot support that kind of an increase.
2. I would like to protest the demand charge. The increase is astronomical and unfair. The whole demand charge, the way it is structured is not right. If our pump motor is off for the whole month except for 1 day then we pay the demand charge for the whole month. On our operation there is approximately 1420 KW of demand in any given peak month at \$3.58 the cost is \$5,083. At \$5.40 the cost would be \$7,668. That is a difference of \$2,585 just for the demand charge for 1 month.
3. To turn off the pump during certain time of the day would be a nightmare. We have fifteen different pump stations and somebody would have to go to each one, shut it down and then return later and start is back up and make sure all the lines and pivots are working properly. This would take a lot more labor and would not be cost effective. Our pumps are scatted over a 10-mile area. It would be easier to turn off for a whole day every so often. On the canal system you have a stream of water flowing to the pump and something has to be done with that water when the pump is off.

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4. I have been farming in Idaho since 1976. Idaho Power wanted new pumps then and the pump would finance the line bringing the power to the pump. Everybody benefited from this. We got 3-phase power and Idaho Power got business. Now you pay for everything, engineering fees, construction and hook up. There is even a meter reading fee. I believe they are proposing to raise that to \$25.00 also. To me it seems that Idaho Power doesn't want irrigation power but would rather sell out of state. Greed is very prevalent now.
5. Our total power cost last year was \$151,587. This year I project it to be at least \$190,000. if Idaho Power has their way. We can't afford that.

I don't believe Idaho Power ever tries to become more efficient and cut expenses like we have to do. If you can pass all your expenses on to somebody else you don't have to manage too well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Don Taber".

Don Taber, President

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Boise Idaho

It is only after much neighborhood discussion that I was chosen to file this complaint with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

Be advised that we strongly object to another encrease in customer rates as requested by Idaho Power.

According to Idaho Power comments (see attached) they have had a 30% encrease in new customers since 1993 and which should have encreased profits.

We point out that:

- a. accounting figures can be placed in various catagories depending whether a plus or minus is wanted in the bottom line.
- b. should a small business desire to open a new location and simply raise prices to pay for it, it is doubtful the venture would be successful..

Again we strongly object to an encrease in customer power rates.

Sincerely.

*G.F. Chilton*

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1666 Shane Dr.  
Pocatello Idaho  
83204

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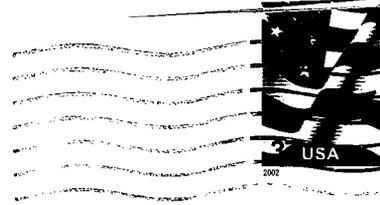
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Dear Sirs,

Last year, you lowered our rates for Utilities. Why? Do you need to raise the rates to 17.7% this year? It helped with our power 'Bill'. What about the people on fixed incomes. Our POI was 1.04. That sure doesn't come even with 17.7%. If you could lower the rates last year, why do you need to raise them this year? Do you and your associates need more money for yourselves? We have to live on a Budget! Why Can't you?

Sincerely  
Wanda J. Pritchett

USA  
Ms. Wanda Pritchett  
4047 Amber Ln.  
Pocatello, ID 83202-2725



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Re: IPC-E-03-13

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Hello:

I am a senior citizen on a fixed income. Please do not allow Idaho Power to increase its rates.

Instead, make some adjustments that allows both the Citizen-at-large and Idaho Power advantages.

1. Create Block Rates
2. Remove barriers to energy efficient investments by Idaho Power
3. No increased customer charges

Thank you for this opportunity to comment

Sincerely  
Tom Kovalich Tom Kovalich

P.O. Box 48  
Grangeville, Idaho 83530

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Sirs -

I'm writing to protest the raise Idaho Power wants to put into effect

New lines, poles, trans formers, to new homes will cost everyone, yet Idaho Power will recoup over time from the people in new homes they are getting the service to.

People on low income or fixed incomes can't afford such a huge increase.

Why should consumers have to pay such large dividends, club fees, and who knows what else. Should not the share holders have to stand some of the costs. Instead stock holders want it all.

Marianne Jacobsen  
Twin Falls, Idaho

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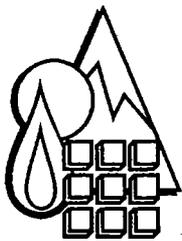
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Marianne Jacobsen  
361 Harrison St  
Twin Falls, Ida.  
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Idaho Public Utilities Comm. Secretary  
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Public Hearing

Case No. IPC-E-03-13  
March 15, 2004  
Pocatello Id

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:

IPUC, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074.

You may also post comments on our WebSite.

[www.puc.state.id.us](http://www.puc.state.id.us)

click on "comments & questions."

*I am a small residential user.*

*It seems that when I calculate the amt of increase in the base rate/kilowatt hour and the increase in the service charge*

*my increase would be about 40-50% increase.*

*I feel there should be a benefit to using less not a penalty. At \$10.00 service charge is really out of line*

Print Name

*CAROL L FLYNN*

Sign Name

*Carol L Flynn*

Address

*506 S. 7<sup>th</sup>*

Phone Number

*208-232-4656*

*Pocatello Id 83201*

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** Ed Howell  
**Sent:** Monday, March 22, 2004 1:14 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Monday, March 22, 2004  
1:13:47 PM

Case: IPC-E-03-13  
Name: Margaret E Jensen  
Street Address: 360 S Adams  
City: Blackfoot  
State: ID  
ZIP: 83221  
Home Telephone: 208-785-0098  
E-Mail: pegjensen@hotmail.com  
Company: Idaho Power Company  
mailing\_list\_yes\_no: no

Comment\_description: My comment concerning the requested rate increase is this: The news paper article stated that the increase is needed to meet the demands of a growing customer base. So are we to assume that the more customers using power equals a need to charge more? That means that as the population grows everyhting will always cost more. Our salaries in Idaho are not as high as in other states. How will Idaho residence be able to continue paying higher rates not only for power but for other utilities as our state grows. My husband and myself have not received salary increased for a long time. My husband only received one salary increase in 12 years. We used to have more money left after paying our living expenses. Now we very little left over. We are thankful that we have that but I feel that there will come a time when we will not have anything left over. I am sure there are already some people at that situation now. Perhaps we should close our state borders! Please make a decision that will be of benefit to both the power company and the consumer. Thank you.

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**From:** Ed Howell  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 21, 2004 7:05 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Sunday, March 21, 2004  
7:05:19 PM

Case: IPC-E-03-13  
Name: Richard DeLeonard  
Street Address: 10863 S.Cloverdale Rd.  
City: Kuna  
State: Idaho  
ZIP: 83634  
Home Telephone: 208-362-3710  
E-Mail: deleonard@aol.com  
Company: Idaho Power

mailing\_list\_yes\_no: yes

Comment\_description: We respectfully request that you turn down the rediculous rate increase that Idaho Power has requested. As owner's of an all electric home and also on an irrigation system group we will be in dire need to pay for this type of greed! We are in our mid seventies and don't have the choice of earning more money! Give me what Idaho Power is asking for, and give them my Persi and Social Security cost of living increases. Thankyou, Richard DeLeonard

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**From:** Ed Howell  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 20, 2004 11:05 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Saturday, March 20, 2004  
11:04:58 AM

Case:

Name: Josh Butler  
Street\_Address: 5172 W. Bainbridge Dr.  
City: Boise  
State: ID  
ZIP: 83703

Home\_Telephone: 208.336.6477

E-Mail: jbutler1@ch2m.com

Company: Idaho Power Company

Comment\_description: I would like to comment on-line, since I cannot attend the upcoming public meeting on Wednesday March 31 at 6:30 p.m. at the IPUC, regarding Idaho Power's proposal to increase power rates.

I support rate structures that provide incentive to individual power users to become more energy efficient and vary their consumption from traditional or lazy uses. A higher fixed fee takes away the ability of the individual to lower his bill through less consumption and should not be allowed. Block rates should be established (renewed/continued?) that provide a lower rate for usage under a certain amount (800 kW-hrs), with accelerated rates above that.

I do not support a rate structure that would result in an increased fixed fee, or a fixed rate per kilowatt. Both of these result in little or no thought and engagement by the common user to consciously reduce their consumption. It also increases profit (reward) to Idaho Power without inviting the company to provide innovative programs that would result reduce energy demand.

Please enable more investment through incentive or fund allocation to develop alternative energy sources and more efficient energy production. Thank you for allowing me to comment.

-Josh Butler

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**From:** Front  
**Sent:** Friday, March 19, 2004 9:24 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell  
**Subject:** FW: Complaint acknowledgement

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

From: Ed Howell  
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2004 9:23 AM  
To: Front; Beverly Barker; Ed Howell; Tonya Clark  
Subject: Complaint acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Friday, March 19, 2004  
9:23:18 AM

Name: VICKIE FRANKLIN  
Street Address: 2012 HIGHLAND AV. E.  
City: TWIN FALLS  
State: ID.  
ZIP: 83301-7926  
Home Telephone: 208-734-6392  
Work Telephone: NONE  
E-Mail: milo@velocitus.com

Home Business: Home  
Business Name:  
Business Street Address:  
Business Phone:  
Complaint Company:  
Local Provider:  
Contacted utility: No

Complaint description: THE IDAHO POWER IS ASKING TO MUCH FOR A RAISE! MY HUSBAND HAS NOT HAD A RAISE IN 4 YEARS, YET IDAHO POWER IS ASKING FOR THIS HUGE RAISE WE, THE CUSTOMER, ALREADY PAY FOR THE POWER METER MONTHLY ON TOP OF THE BILL! AND IF YOUR METER QUIT WORKING WE GET TO BUY ANOTHER METER. ALL THE NEW HOMES BEING BUILT THEY SHOULD HAVE ENOUGH \$\$\$ OR ARE THEY GREEDDED LIKE MY HUSBAND BOSS.

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** Ed Howell  
**Sent:** Friday, March 19, 2004 9:08 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Friday, March 19, 2004  
9:07:52 AM

Case: IPC-E-03-123  
Name: John Humphries  
Street Address: P.O. Box 1087  
City: McCall  
State: Idaho  
ZIP: 83638  
Home Telephone: 208-634-4458  
E-Mail: hohump@spro.net  
Company: Idaho Power  
mailing\_list\_yes\_no: no  
Comment\_description:

To: Idaho Utilities Commission

I am writing to express my opinion concerning case number IPC-E-03-13, the proposed rate increase by Idaho Power. First and foremost, I would like you to protect electricity consumers and encourage energy efficiency and conservation.

The proposed rate increase and how it is designed, hurt mid and low income customers and reward Idaho Power for inefficient energy use. Currently I voluntarily pay \$5.00 per month for "green" power alternatives but I have a hard time seeing where this money is being spent.

The increased customer charge would eliminate my ability to conserve energy and be rewarded for it. Also, I support the NW Energy Coalition which would help eliminate barriers to improving energy efficiency in Idaho.

I am also in favor of establishing block rates which rewards efficient use of our limited electric power. Shouldn't consumers pay more for being less efficient?

Thank you for accepting my comments. I hope you realize that energy conservation makes everyone a winner.

/s/ John Humphries  
P.O. Box 1087  
McCall, ID 83638

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To Whom it may concern - I am writing  
in response to your article on meetings or  
write in on web site on the pricing of Idaho  
utilities rates -

I along with many many others are on  
a fixed income some lower than mine - I  
do not see how we can manage higher rates  
Try home in all else it stretches my money  
to keep up with the bills now as all else  
has risen in price -

The Utilities company they need the monies  
for the new lines etc they have put in and  
up dating the ones already up or in I feel they  
would not have put up X #'s of lines etc  
if they didn't have the companies - customers etc  
to be using the utilities also aren't they like  
any business wouldn't they keep up their  
lines etc in good repair to keep these  
business running?

I do not see how low income -  
the unemployed - seniors like me on fixed  
incomes etc can live decently or half way  
decently with more price hikes.

J M Swank

J M Swank  
811 S Hayes  
Emmett - Idaho 83617



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