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Regarding the proposed rate increase for 20% for residences and 21% for businesses for Idaho Power, obviously they think we are all Rich. With the higher prices of food, insurance, gasoline, telephone & now Idaho Power, our pensions or social security are shrinking very fast. Some place this madness has got to stop.

With the recent ruling by the State Supreme Court, it's going to add \$12 million to the increase, above & beyond what they already want.

With all the people on fixed incomes, where are they supposed to get all this money to pay for this?

The small businesses up here in our area are already struggling to keep open. The people up here don't make the bigger salaries like they do in the larger cities.

Give us a break!!

Bev Galloway
P.O. Box 4
Indian Valley, Ida. 83632

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IDAHO PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

Case #IPC-E-03-13

Dear Sirs:

We are writing to protest the Idaho Power Company's request for a rate increase at this time. Riggins and the surrounding area is subjected to frequent power interruptions... the power goes out, tries to come back on, goes out again, tries to come back on, goes out again, tries to come back on. Usually by the third time, the power is out. However, the attempts to come back on are at low voltage (a brown-out) are extremely hard on all the electric equipment. We have lost several clocks and timers, plus the clock on our self-cleaning oven, which cancels the self-cleaning feature. Thus we sit here with a self-cleaning oven that doesn't work.

We keep our computers unplugged from the power and phone lines except when we are actually using them to protect them from the power surges. We can tell when we have them because the surge protector on the Xerox machine beeps, alerting us.

We realize that the power company cannot control things like trucks taking out power poles, tree branches falling on lines, etc. We are not at all clear about the relationship between IdaCorp and Idaho Power. It seems like we just read that IdaCorp made 60 Million dollars last year. Would it be possible for you to explain what happens to the money made by IdaCorp, and why Idaho Power is always in such dire financial straights?

We hope the PUC denies the request for a rate increase. Our power bill probably averages \$70/month, and we consider the increase to \$10 base fee to be excessive.

Thanks for taking the time to read our input.

Sincerely,


Jack Gruell
P.O. Box 1161
Riggins, ID 83549-1161
208-628-3402

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Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2004 3:51 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Tuesday, March 30, 2004
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Case:

Name: Roy Gibbons
Street Address: 8338 Winchester Dr
City: Boise
State: ID
ZIP: 83704
Home Telephone: 375-0227
E-Mail:

Company: Idaho Power

mailing_list_yes_no: no

Comment_description: The commission is correct in allowing the 3.06 percent increase. where they have added 100,000 new customers, they should pay their own way no expect us to subsidise their gain. I know of someone who recently went to work for Id Power and their benefits way surpass the private sector. My raise in Social Security was \$4.00 this year. and my highest electric bill in the hottest month was \$45. We do all we can to keep it down, so don't like them adding \$22 a month to it.

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Boise, Id. 83702-4030
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Boise, Id 83720-0074
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Dear Sir/Madam:
I have been full of despair
at the thought of my power
bill going up.

I exist on Social Security
Disability Income of \$606.00 a
month. Even with all the help I
get, it is hard to pay my bills,
and I cannot save one penny.
I work HARD to save on my
electricity so my bill won't be
so high.
Last year, I was able to purchase
a toaster, coffemaker and microwave
oven from a gal who was moving
out of my building. I saw in Idaho
Power information that using these
instead of one's stove saves
money. I only have one lamp, but
it contains a spiral bulb. I
unplug my T.V. every night, turned
my refrigerator & freezer section
as low as was practical (safe),
and use my small fan instead of
the fan/a.c. unit. — over —

I used weathertipping and a
 towel for the gap under the
 door to the hall (weathertipping
 for the door to the porch.)
 I'm continuing to look for
 ways to save.

Please, please, PLEASE do
 not let Idaho Power go up as
 much as they want.

PLEASE make them hold that
basic charge way down.
 I can understand paying
 more for using more.

I cannot understand having
 to completely do without
 electricity because one can't
 afford it.

Please help us keep phone
 rates down too. Our phone
 is a lifeline, as is electricity,
 to those of us who are
 disabled.

Thank you,
 Elizabeth Ursitti
 Elizabeth Ursitti

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To: Idaho Power commission
From: John T Fisher
1500 nova lane
Meridian, Idaho 83642
Subject: Power Increase

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Dear Sir:

I have great concerns about the purposed power increase and feel that the existing user should not be penalize future expansion and meeting requirements that should have been taken care of in the time frame that was required. Idaho Power is using the need for the increase to pay for future growth is a smoke screen to cover up the need to meet its obligation in the Hells Canyon area. I am referring to the failure of Idaho Power to meet its obligation in Hell's canon before the termination of their permit for the operation of the three dams.

Idaho Power chooses to come up with corporate scheme of organizing another management level in selling power to outside interest and users. In the past few years Idaho Power has paid it's executive officer millions in out enormous bonus. This money should have been reinvested into its growth and obligations. Now they are faced with permit renewal but have the problem that they never meet their obligation from the last permits.

In my opinion developers should be assist impact fees for all future growth.

Idaho Power needs to eliminate their top-heavy management and structure of the Idaho Corporation. Use this money to meet their obligation requirements so that they can renew their main source of revenue by obtain new operation permits for the Hell's Canyon projects.

The perception that Utilities need to create a large profit for the stockholders in this day of narrow profit spreads and dividend is ludicrous. In reality investing in future growth would pay more dividends for its stockholders.

Regards; John T Fisher



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April 06, 2004

PUC :

I am sending this letter in regards to the Idaho Power request for a rate increase of \$86 million pr year. as a retired couple of 2 in the household we paid last month's power bill of \$101.86 and intermountain gas bill of \$150.49. This summer with air conditioning it will be about \$200.00 I'm sure. I feel we customers should not have to bail them out when ever they get in over their heads. We do not need to help them keep IdaCorp their parent Company going. I feel they need to run the company better. When you have a high power bill like we do and have an all gas house such as gas furnace, gas water heater, gas cooking, gas dryer. The only power we have is lights, refrigerator freezer. We even went to all energy saver light bulbs that cost a lot but are suppose to save on energy. We do all we can to keep our cost down but still are asked to pay more. We need to make them accountable to run the company better.

Mary Lou Vaughn
12070 W. Savage Drive
Boise, Idaho, 83713

(208) 939-2244

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IDAHO PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

April 5, 2004

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

RE: Case No. IPC-E-03-13
Order No. 29436

Dear Commissioners:

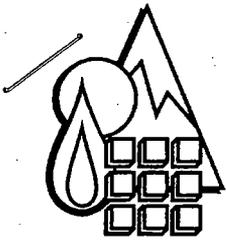
Please accept my comments regarding Idaho Power's rate increase request to the PUC. I firmly believe that the increases Idaho Power has requested is far in excess of their needs and such increases will have a negative effect on all segments of Idaho's economy. In reviewing the average staff-proposed base rate, I feel that schedule is much fairer and much more factual than is Idaho Power's request. I would support the staff recommendations with the exception of the irrigation rate increase of 15%. I feel that is too high, especially now that the Supreme Court has ruled that Idaho Power can recoup the money they expended on buyout of farm power. Since all of us will probably be required to pick up that \$12 million, the irrigation rate can decrease to an increase that does not exceed the staff recommended residential rate increase of 2.5% or hopefully will be held to the industrial rate of no increase at all.

I appreciate being given the opportunity to comment on this proposal and again recommend that the rate increase Idaho Power is requesting be held to no more than the staff recommendations.

Sincerely



Dr. W. Greg Nelson
793 W. 4th, Box 196
Kuna, ID 83634



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Public Hearing

Case No. IPC-E-03-13

March 31, 2004

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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:

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

You may also post comments on our WebSite.

www.puc.state.id.us

click on "comments & questions."

Because a portion of Id. Powers rates are adjusted annually and because a connection fee is charged to each and every one of the 100,000 new customers, ranging from several hundred dollars for residential users, and upward for others, their ^(Id. Powers) argument that they have not had a fee increase in 10 years rings hollow.

Please limit any increase, if at all, to the 2%+ that the PUC staff recommends

I also question the share of the burden small commercial users pay and feel it should be reduced.

Print Name Mary Knodell

Sign Name Mary Knodell

Address 798 Eagle Hills Way
Eagle Id 83616

Phone Number 939-8417

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IPUC
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0074
Attention: Commission Secretary

To Whom it May Concern:

No one seems to realize the people on fixed income such as Social Security or Retirement can't keep meeting all the raises everyone is asking for.

Your Savings, if you have any, isn't making any interest, so you are using the principal up.

Social Security gives you a \$10. to \$15. raise. Medicare raises almost the amount of your increase. Your supplement insurance always raises (they also heard you got a raise. Car insurance and homeowners insurance always go up every year.. So instead of a raise on Social Security your in the hole before you start.

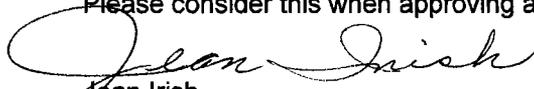
Then all the Utilities need a raise of \$10.00 of more every year. It is getting almost impossible to live and pay the utilities and now they are all wanting another raise.

Do you realize the Elderly keep their heat way down now to save Power.?

Where is this going to end.

With Prescription drugs and Utilities that's about all a lot of Seniors can afford.

Please consider this when approving a raise for Idaho Power.


Jean Irish

cc: Idaho Power
Barton Kline & John Gale
P>O> Box 70
Boise, Idaho 83707-0070

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April 4, 2004

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

Case # IPC-E-03-13

As a long time resident of Idaho and a widow on a very fixed income I would like to protest the application of the Idaho Power to increase their rates by 17.7 per cent. This is outrageous, to say the least. Please do not allow this huge increase in electrical rates, it would be a very unfair increase for the many who live in Idaho that are on a fixed income, as well as those who work for minimum wages. It is greed personified.

Eleanor M. Hayman
125 E Pine St
Caldwell, Idaho 83605

Ph 453-1400

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Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2004 7:31 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Wednesday, March 31, 2004
7:30:37 PM

Case: IPC-E-03-13
Name: Marilyn Garrison
Street Address: 11838 Hemlock Ct.
City: Boise
State: ID
ZIP: 83709
Home Telephone: 208-362-2228
E-Mail:

Company: Idaho Power

mailing_list_yes_no: no

Comment_description: The requested rate hike by Idaho Power is totally unreasonable. It is such a steep rate hike request that it should not be allowed. We are senior citizens and cannot afford such a rate hike in our electricity bill. They should still be under the guidance of the Public Utilities Commission who can better see the needs of both the Utility Co. and the private citizen like us. Tell them No on their request. The newer users causing all the needs should have to pay for all the expansion costs.

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DEAR
Public Utilities Comm.

I,m writing about Idaho Power Asking for a 8:00g raise in fee,s
I beleive all fee,s should be bassed on a percentage of over all
profit.Years ago the base was 5% . Now 5% of millions is big money
and all should be Happy.

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I do feel all company,s are making or wanting 50. 75 %and
they put out nothing of their own.It,s plain to see if they want
any thing ?They Raise the rate to pay for it. They are put nothing
Yes it would be paid for over time,Out of profits.

They say ,they,ve not had a raise since 1993(I don,t feel this is
so ? also in the eastern part of the state ,They Knowly let Elect
go to waste ,a Dairy Herd Give less milk,They say farmers are
costing them more ? The farmers are Putting in the same crops.

If they want a raise (GET ALL THEIR BOOKS AND SEE IF THEY ARE
DUE ONE.

(all Books)

John Howell 208-454-0550
2819 so.Georgia SP 58
Caldwell,Idaho 83605

P.S.

At one time I was married to one of their Employee,s
Office payroll etc.

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MERIDIAN, ID 83642
PH: 888-2895

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Idaho Public Utilities Commission

Dear Commission;

The enclosed letter which appeared in the Statesman expresses my thoughts and concerns. I fully agree with Mr. Mickelson.

VERN ALLEMAN
2101 E. USTICK - PH. 888-2895
MERIDIAN, ID 83642

*Sincerely
Vern Alleman*

Electricity rate hike plan is unfair

Over the past 15 years, Idaho farmers have watched with mixed feelings as Idaho's cities grew. On one hand, the growth of cities means more access to various goods and services and more prosperity generally.

But we always had a feeling the other shoe would drop, and it has. Idaho Power Co. is now proposing to raise rates on everybody — especially farmers — to pay for urban growth. Since 1993, Idaho Power's service population has increased 30 percent, and it has spent \$720 million on new generating, transmission and distribution facilities. Our issue is that Idaho Power's method for funding expansion is unfair to farmers (as well as city dwellers) and ignores common-sense utility expansion practices.

Consider that in many towns, each new home that hooks up to a sewer system must pay a connection fee. That money is set aside to pay for growth-related needs, such as a treatment plant expansion. It's not only a fair system, but it's also effective. The more growth happens, the faster the fund builds. When the time comes to expand the sewer plant, the utility doesn't have to pass a bond or go hat-in-hand to the public and risk getting turned down. For example, over the past



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decade, the city of Boise has added 14 million gallons of daily wastewater treatment capacity, at an approximate cost of \$65 million. The city hasn't had to ask the ratepayers for any of this money, because connection fees are paying for the expansions.

Idaho Power should emulate this system. But instead of charging growth to pay for accommodating growth, Idaho Power is proposing that existing customers pay for growth. And it's even more outrageous that those who have contributed the least to growth are being asked to pay the most.

Over the past 10 years, the total amount of electricity used by irrigators has remained unchanged. At the same time, the amount used by homes has increased 18 percent, the amount used by large commercial interests has increased 54 percent and the amount used by Micron has increased by 130 percent. The forecast is for the growth in irrigation load to remain relatively flat while residential, commercial, and industrial growth is expected to at least meet or exceed historic levels. In spite of this growth, Idaho Power proposes a 25 percent rate increase for irrigators, compared to 19 percent for residential, 15 percent for large commercial and only 8 percent for Micron.

We understand that proposing a connection fee for the power system would likely create strong opposition from the home-building industry. Also, a 1996 Idaho Supreme Court ruling states hook-up fees must not place the cost of growth solely on new customers. We believe the technical hurdles can be overcome and that it is legally possible for growth to pay its fair share.

There's really no other choice. Idaho Power's current proposal to soak existing customers to pay for growth will drive thousands of farmers and urban businesses out of their livelihoods. New power plants are going to have to be built one way or the other, and somebody will have to pay. We're just saying that those who create the need should pay their fair share of the bill.

If you agree with our position, I encourage you to make your views known to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission by April 30.

You may e-mail comment at www.puc.state.id.us/scripts/polyform.dll/ipuc. You can also mail comment to Idaho Public Utilities Commission, Commission Secretary, P.O. Box 83720, Boise 83720-0074.

Refer to case number IPC-E-03-13 in your correspondence.

Mark Mickelson is an Idaho Falls farmer and president of Idaho Irrigation Pumpers Association.

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IDAHO PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

Dear Commissioners:

Reference is made to Ken Dey's article in the Statesman, March 31, 2004.

I agree with your proposed average rate increase of 3.06 percent at the present time. I agree with you on this proposal because it is probably close to an annual inflation rate which Idaho Power is experiencing at this time. Dey's article points out that Idaho Power states that their extra costs were incurred to meet demands of the nearly 100,000 customers who have been added in the past decade. I suggest that new customers need to be charged a development fee to cover their addition to the power circuit. I moved to Idaho in 1966 and have paid my added cost to the company, and now want some relief from the company to live on my fixed income.

I can't write to my retirement income provider and tell them that I need some more money this year because I'm planning on adding a room to my home. I must live within my annual COLA. Idaho Power needs this same kind of regulation; an annual COLA. They need to plan ahead for these future added expenditures as much as I, and the rest of their customers do. They need to be regulated to annually save for these added expenditures in the future, and not have to run to the regulators everytime they need some more money from their customers. This kind of action indicates to me a lack of maturity and academics in company leadership.

I, and most of the other customers don't like to be constantly facing these rate increases because of Idaho Power's inability or failure to properly plan for future population growth. The company knows full well, as I do, that population growth is and always has been a fact of life.

Sincerely,

Richard K. Svenson

Richard K. Svenson

4125 Leland Way
Boise, Idaho 83709

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Ken Walters
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IDAHO PUBLIC
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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P O Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0074
FAX: (208) 334-3762

Re: Case Number IPC-E-03-13 - 19% rate hike by Idaho Power Company

TO WHOM IT SHOULD CONCERN:

I am writing to FORMALLY PROTEST this OUTRAGEOUS rate increase proposal by Idaho Power company.

NOT 19% - NOT NOW! - NOT EVER!

This is ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS!!!!

What the hell do they think were made of - pure money, like they are?

What planet are the Idaho Power (IdaCorp) Executives on, anyway?

For that matter, what planet are the PUC Commissioners on, for even entertaining such an outrageous proposal?

Like the lady on TV said, "Give them \$596 a month to live on, and see how *they* get by."

When and where is this all going to end?

Don't they realize that this UNPRECEDENTED "JOBLESS RECOVERY" that George W. Bush has harnessed us with SIMPLY IS NOT WORKING, like a large percentage of Idahoans!

I am a disabled senior who receives \$564 a month, who has electric heat, in a small 1 bedroom apartment.

At the current rate, I pay an average of \$45 a month to Idaho Power, year round.

I was paying an averaged rate of \$66 a month, following the FAKE "Power Crisis" of a couple years ago!

A 19% increase would mean my power bill would jump to \$53.55 a month - almost 10% of my income!

JUST SAY "NO!" TO THIS ABSURD, UNJUSTIFIED RATE INCREASE! - OR ANY RATE INCREASE!

Tell them to "Tighten their belts", and "Get used to it", like we've had to do!

Very Sincerely,



Ken Walters

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Idaho
Public Utilities Commission,

As a senior citizen with electricity
as my sole source of heat, I wish
to express my protest of the plan to
grant Idaho Power the permission to
raise their rates. 17.7 percent seems
exorbitant, especially for those on
fixed retired incomes. Please deny
them this increase. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Esther E. Hanley
2357 Wyoming Ave.
Boise, Id. 83706

In reference to:

Case Number

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1887 Cherry Court
Boise, ID. 83705-4417
March 31, 2004

Idaho Public Utilities Commission
Attn: Commission Secretary
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID. 83720-0074
Refer: IPC-E-03-13

To Whom It May Concern:

The incredible upsurge in gasoline prices, which incidentally effect almost all other prices, has influenced me positively to write to you pertaining to Idaho Power's request for a 17.7% increase in monthly billing.

I am retired as is my wife too, and we just barely manage on a fixed income retirement to eke out a bare minimum existence.

Even if Idaho Power is to be awarded a Commission Staff determination of a 3.06% increase, that still would put an undue strain on our fiscal well-being.

Granted, Idaho Power Company should have a right to increase their profits and in my opinion the enclosed article from Mr. Mark Mickelson would invariably produce the needed win-win result.

Sincerely,

Ronald H. Carter

The Idaho Statesman Mar 30, 04
Electricity rate hike plan is unfair

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If you agree with our position, I encourage you to make your views known to the Idaho Public

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Comment/Inquiry Form

Submit electronically below or print and return to:
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P O Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0074
FAX: (208) 334-3762

We want to hear your opinion regarding utility issues! To comment, please fill out the form below.

To file a complaint about your utility service, please go to the Complaint Form.

You can subscribe to various email notification lists [here](#).

If you prefer to receive paper copies of any future notices or the final order for this case only please indicate that in the form below. If your comments relate to a specific case and you know the case number please include it.

Use the tab key not the enter key to navigate the form.

Comment/Inquiry Form	
Case No.	IPC-E-03-13
Your name	Stephen Noyce
Address	8615 W. Atwater Dr.
City	Garden City
State	ID
ZIP	83714
Home Telephone	2083773680
Email Address	sfnoyce1@+cableone.net
Name of Utility Company	Idaho Power
Add to mailing list for this case	Yes No

Below, please describe your question or comment briefly.

We reluctantly support the staff's position that a 3% increase is adequate. An increase of 17.7% would be an extreme hardship to those of us who are on fixed incomes and have no alternative to electrical supply due to the company's monopolistic position. Why Idaho Power even needs a 3% increase is questionable since they are making a profit.

Submit Comment/Inquiry

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Mrs. Florence M. Carignan
809 Chicago St
Nampa, ID 83686

Idaho Public Utilities Commission

3-30-04

PO Box 83720

Boise Idaho 83720-0074

To Whom it May Concern

Please don't allow Idaho Power, to raise their
electricity rates.

I live on social security, + am just barely
managing to keep my bills paid. I need every penny I have
from social security.

Thank you for letting me express my concern.

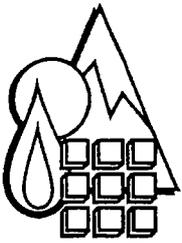
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Henry, Idaho power the increase they want.
I'm like a lot of old folks, on a fixed income.
We got a 14% increase in our social Security.
How are we supposed to pay these increases all the
time. If I got an 18% raise where ever I wanted
it, I wouldn't complain!

Print Name ANTHONY ZAGATA

Sign Name Anthony Zagata

Address 1600 E 3875 N.

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To whom it may concern;

Please don't let the Idaho power company raise their rates. We in Idaho have all these dams. They say they need it for an expanded consumer base. That sounds conflicting to me. An expanded consumer base means more money. Nineteen percent for commercial consumers alone is almost twenty percent. Commercial consumers have all that property tax to pay already. Plus the extra sales tax. Then there's the fuel prices climbing by the day. What were the promises they made when the government built the dams. Then their campaign years back when they got everybody to change over to "cheaper" electricity... I just don't think their rate hikes are justified. Once they get one rate hike they will want another. It's a vicious cycle. See what they did last year. They wanted five percent right off the top. Then they wanted nineteen percent too. Like I said, they have an expanded consumer base. It's just greed. They have more money than they know what to do with. Then they'll turn around and give their CEO a raise. So please don't allow them to take this rate hike. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Brian Reed

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April 1, 2004

Board of Commissioners
Idaho Public Utility Commission
Boise, Idaho

Subject: *Proposed Idaho Power Rate Increase*

Dear Commissioners:

My husband and I were both born and raised in Idaho (now reaching retirement age). Our quality of life is being taken away by the growth in this valley and now we are facing the possibility of paying more for power because of the growth!

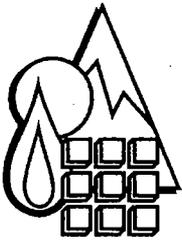
Let the people building new homes or the developers building hundreds of tract homes pay Idaho Power for the cost to provide them service, not the farmers or long time residents.

Hopefully, you will listen to the average citizen and not the money powers in this decision. There are a lot of farmers, retired citizens on a fixed income and people working for minimum wage that can't afford a rate increase.

It seems as though Idaho Power did not plan ahead and charge more for hook-ups to cover their costs (as power companies do in most other states), or is Ida Corp. just taking all the profits, or they felt strongly IPUC would fold and give them a substantial increase.

Sincerely,

Virginia Caldwell
Virginia Caldwell
12577 Galloway Road
Middleton, Idaho 83644



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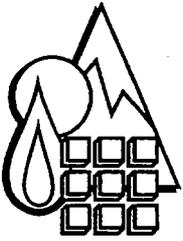
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Being a native of NY State I was made aware
that Idaho was one of the states with the
lowest average salaries for various employment.
It is an outrage that ~~that~~ expenses, specifically
electrical power costs keep rising in Idaho.
It occurs to me that the Idaho Power Co. will be
making increasing profits, given the fact that
the population continues to increase at a remark-
able rate. Consequently, consuming more
electricity.
Validating an increase by stating a need for
\$10,000,000 for pension expenses, when the power company
hasn't put a penny in the pension fund since 1995, is
an outrage. Stating a need for an executive plan in →

Print Name Celeste Norrell Sign Name Celeste Norrell

Address 11626 W. Peak View Ct Phone Number _____
Boise, ID 83709



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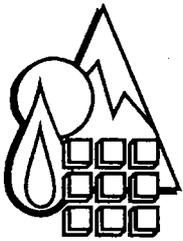
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I live on a fixed income and it is not adjusted each time utilities increase rates. Gasoline prices are up also. With the money Idaho power saved by closing local offices their bottom line grew. I also don't think low income families should have the burden of a higher power bills when the job market is so poor & Boise jobs are few & far between.

Print Name Kelly Anderson Sign Name Kelly Anderson

Address 2401 S OW Phone Number 345-1740



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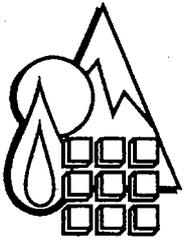
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My Name is Jennifer Hail - My
daughter Sara & I are both disabled.
Sara is severely asthmatic, COPD, emphysema
& grossly overweight. She is on a CPAP
machine & oxygen at night. To go from
a 2.50 charge to \$10 a month - 200% a year
is just much for us to bear. She has
to have the power on or she could
easily die. To raise the rates 20%
is just too hard for poor people
to bear. We have trouble buying
fresh fruit & vegetables all month.
It's not fair for us to have food or
power.

Print Name Jennifer Hail Sign Name Jennifer Hail

Address 2856 Cherry Ln Phone Number 208-353-6400

#2902 Boise Idaho 83725



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We live on a very fix income \$835 a month now
we are on the level plan. Before we power was 90 to
200 dollars we cant afford heat. Please dont
raise the rates. I have a breathing machine, I see
how my sister. If our power goes out we
~~will~~ could die. Please do not raise the
rates.

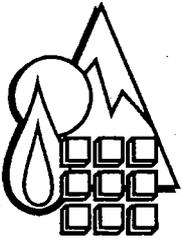
Print Name KAREN McWILLIAMS

Sign Name Karen McWilliams

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Phone Number 377-0526

Boise, ID 83704



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When you are on a fixed income or even a low income it can be very difficult to maintain your household expenses that can allow you to keep the bill paid up to date. Just because social security may give a one or two percent raise it does not give enough for the service charge for that money to make ends meet. The company does not seem to care about how many of the customers pay the bills, they just want a bigger piece of the pie. Its really unfair to make the common people (those who receive ~~less than~~ an income of \$ 2500.00 to about 500.00 a month)

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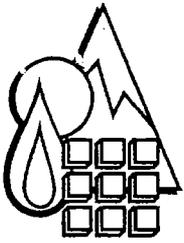
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For the last 40 years Idaho Power has increased their rates. The price of crops, to the farmer, has barely raised. The price of machinery is obscene. The young farmer cannot make it with the cost of machinery, repairs, and gas. You could give the young man a farm and he could hardly make it. Once the young farmers are broke, they can't get back in and believe me, "Not just anybody can farm!" The National Guard would fail.

The percentage of young farmers going out of business is going up every year. Don't put another monkey on their backs!! I am 80 yrs. old and have farmed since I was 12.

Print Name JAKE F. PRUDEK Sign Name Jake F Prudek, FSA

Address 1350 E. 3500 N. Phone Number 208-543-4876

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Public Utilities Commission

Fax # 208-334-3762

Subject Idaho Power Rate Hike
Case # IPC-E-03-13

If at all possible I will attend the hearing on 3/31, however no doubt there will be many who will want to speak, who are more learned than myself. So I would like to send to you my thoughts on this subject.

We moved back to Idaho in 2002 after 56 years away. The main reason for returning was the cost of living. We could no longer afford to pay the utilities in California or Arizona.

We live on a decreasing income, no longer a fixed income, as investments which supplemented the small pension and Social Security were greatly decreased and the remaining giving almost no return. Those individuals fortunate to retire from firms or business that increase pensions with cost of living increases can weather most increases of utilities, but we cannot. We belong or attend 4 local senior centers and meet many people in our same circumstance.

The % of increase may not seem like much to Idaho Power, but the increase in the power bill does not end there. Business's will also be effected, so the grocery store will have to increase their prices as well as all others who operate on power, and make or sell products we must buy to exist.

We thank you for your diligent effort in reviewing these requests for rate changes, as we of course have no method of doing so and can only pay what is charged for a service that is needed and no alternative available.

Cleo and Jack Cline
Ada County Resident

Fax 362-6166

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To the Public Utilities Commission

If indeed, the facts in this article are correct I strongly urge you to not allow Idaho Power their 17.7% requested increase.

I do hope the Public Utilities Commission has done their research. It is not only the Idaho Power increase that we the citizens abate, but the spiraling health care increases that may be the demise of all of us.

Thank you for carefully considering an increase in power rates.

Sincerely,

Joan K. Burmester

Joan K. Burmester
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Nampa, ID 83651

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▼ Guest opinion

Pull plug on Idaho Power's rate hike

By Retta Green

Idaho families are having trouble making ends meet. Idaho Power's CEO and President Jan Packwood is apparently no exception. In 2002, Packwood made almost \$800,000, but he has so much trouble paying his bills, apparently, that he wants to ask the ratepayers to pick up the tab for his membership at the Arid Club. Idaho Power included a \$7,200 bill for executive memberships to the exclusive Boise club in its request for a 17.7 percent rate increase from Idaho ratepayers.

Fortunately, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's staff

caught this and many other attempts by Idaho Power to pad the bill. Just a few of the goodies the staff pulled out of Idaho Power's request are:

- Almost \$10 million for pension expenses. As the Commission staff pointed out, though, Idaho Power hasn't put a penny in the pension fund since 1995.

- Over \$5 million for an executive incentive plan, in addition to salaries and a pension plan that the staff evaluated and found to be very generous.

- \$246,048 to a lobbying group whose work benefits

Idacorp shareholders, not the ratepayers.

- \$2,000 to the Democrat and Republican parties and tens of thousands more to charities like the American Lung Association. As the staff explained, ratepayers should be allowed to decide for themselves whether to donate to these groups, not have Idaho Power make those decisions.

- Management expense accounts that included items like green fees at golf courses, purchases at liquor stores and wine purchases.

- Legal costs in a case that's really about Idaho Energy, a dif-

ferent company, which made huge profits during the energy crisis while Idaho Power ratepayers were paying inflated prices.

- Over \$1 million for a cloud seeding experiment that Idaho Power didn't bother to prove had any benefit to the ratepayers.

- A pattern of overestimating costs and trying to charge ratepayers for things that benefit only the shareholders — Packwood among them.

- Idaho Power claims to need an additional \$86 million to get by every year. After cutting all the padding out of Idaho

Power's budget, the Commission staff found that Idaho Power only needs an additional \$15 million a year.

This isn't business as usual. This is just pure greed. While Packwood and his colleagues were enjoying free admission to their exclusive club, Idaho Power disconnected power to close to 1,000 low-income families last year when they could not make their payments. Idaho Power should not be allowed to force families to choose between heating their homes and paying for other basic necessities by padding the heating bill in this way.

The Public Utilities Commission has been holding public hearings on the Idaho Power rate hike across the state this month. There will be a hearing on Wednesday at the Commission's office in Boise at 472 W. Washington St. Please come and help me explain to the commissioners why Idaho Power's rate increase request should be denied.

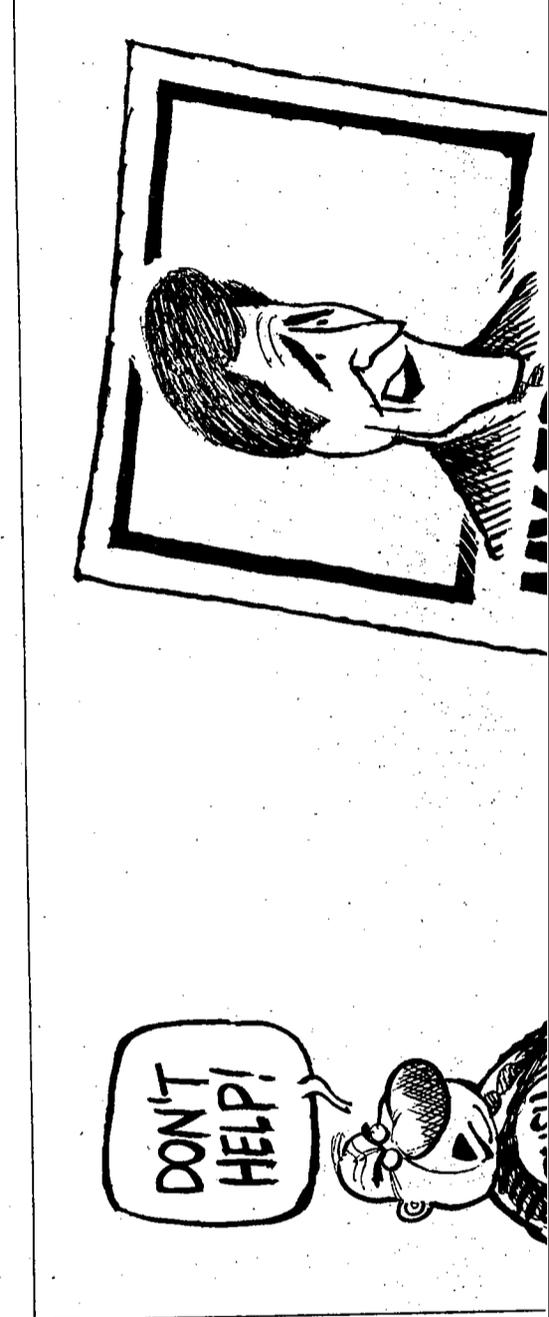
- Retta Green, Caldwell, is a longtime Canyon County resident and grassroots leader with Idaho Community Action Network, a community organization that works on social, economic and racial justice issues.

▼ Your views

Free pet ads attract harmful pet owners

I was distressed at the number of "Free Pets to Good Homes" ads in the newspaper today and just had to write to let people know what happens to many of the pets obtained through such ads. Much too frequently, the Humane Societies and other animal rescue organizations are called in to rescue former free-to-good-home pets — if the pets are lucky.

There are very good reasons that Animal Rescue, the Humane Society and Animal Control all charge an adoption fee for their animals. These small fees in no way cover the cost incurred for the medical treatment and upkeep of the pets that



most important thing, we have to learn is to share with what God has given us to enjoy and not to keep killing.

I think it is time for everyone to start using a little more common sense and stop this needless killing. Let's be a little bit more understanding of the word "respect" for these beautiful animals. Remember what Chief Seattle said: "When all the animals are gone, so is man."

The big question is: What in the world do people get out of killing all these animals? If they turned a gun on another person, they would land in jail. So they take it out on the animals, who cannot fight back. Maybe they should start wearing a pistol on their hips and then it would be an even fight for sur-

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Dear Ms. Jewell:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Idaho Power rate proposal. I oppose their request because the rate payer is subsidizing the Idaho Power stockholder even after the belated, inadequate common stock dividend reduction. According to the latest (Feb. 13, 2004) Value Line Investment Survey, which is available in the Boise Public Library, Idaho Power pays out a HIGHER percentage of their profits in the form of dividends, than ANY electric utility company in the west.

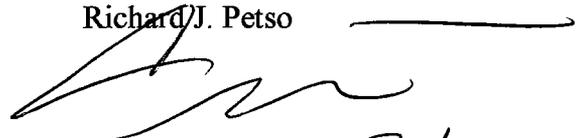
The table below shows the projected dividend payout as a percent of profits for 2004, and for the period 2006-2008, as reported by Value Line.

	All dividend payouts as % of net profits	
	2004	2006-08
Avista	46%	44%
Black Hills Corp.	60%	55%
Edison International	38%	48%
El Paso Electric	0	0
Hawaiian Electric	63%	58%
*** Idaho Power	68%	65%
MDU Resources	43%	41%
PG&E Corp.	0	0
PNM Resources	48%	50%
Pinnacle West	61%	63%
Puget Energy	58%	57%
Sempra Energy	39%	33%
Sierra Pacific	0	6%
UniSource Energy	48%	private
Xcel Energy	64%	65%

If Idaho Power took a more normal industry view on dividend policy, they would have less need for a rate case, and more dollars available for investing in the power business.

Very truly yours,

Richard J. Petso



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Re: IPC-E-03-13

Dear Folks:

I tried to send this by email but the address in the newspaper did not work for me. I and my husband are both retired but were raised on farms and our hearts are still with the farmers. We read you article in the South Idaho Press and totally agree with you about the unfairness to farmers. The cost of the increase should be shouldered by the people who stand to gain from the project. Idaho Power even though in the beginning will have to spend dollars will still gain from the revenue created from the project. The new businesses or homes that are have the need for the power should have to pay for them even if this is done the way you suggest for connection fees. It should not be the responsibility of the people who are already established with Idaho Powers. Idaho Powers just raised their rates about a year ago by 30%. We need to have some government control on Idaho Powers.

The way it looks to me the Idaho farmers are getting picked on from all sides from River water, pumped water, and electric bills. Since when should fish be more important than the well fare of our farmers and our Idaho citizens. Every Idaho farmer that is forced out of business by inflation is a big loss to Idaho. We need to do all we can to keep the Idaho farmers in business not make legislation that is putting them out of business. Idaho is a farming state. We need farmers in our Idaho congress and our federal congress to stick up for the rights of the farmers in our state. It is not necessary to have an attorney represent Idaho. I do not believe that Craig and Crapo are doing the job we need done in Washington DC since they both voted for tax cuts and refunds targeted for the rich. I do not believe Kempthorn has the best interests of Idaho farmers at heart when he supports the people that vote to line the pockets of the rich. We need to find a farmer that can represent Idaho by finding someone to run against these people. We can do this by getting behind the Democratic Party to find some to represent Idaho interests for Idaho. The large corporations are going to take over Idaho if we do not do this. We need the Idaho farmers to come to the democratic meetings to help find these farmers to represent Idaho. I know that the majority of the farmers have been Republicans in the past but it is no longer the Democrats against the Republicans but the Democrats against the Large rich and powerful Corporation. If the farmers of Idaho don't get organized some way even if it is with the Democratic Party, the large corporations will take over Idaho. The Republicans we have serving our state at this time will help this to happen.

Sincerely
Tom & Lois Jobe

2121 Yale Ave.
Burley, ID 83318
Phone: 208-878-9901

P.S.

I will also send letters I have sent to the editors of our local newspapers.
For residents of Mini-Cassia our Democratic meetings are held every 3rd. Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the Paul Fire Station.

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Jean Jewell

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From: Ed Howell
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2004 2:22 PM
To: Front; Beverly Barker; Ed Howell; Tonya Clark
Subject: Complaint acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

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Street Address: 2121 Yale Ave.
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State: ID
ZIP: 83318
Home Telephone: 208-878-9901
Work Telephone: same
E-Mail: lmjobe@pmt.org
Home Business: Home
Business Name:
Business Street Address:
Business Phone:
Complaint Company: City of Burley owns company
Local Provider:
Contacted utility: No

Complaint description: I am concerned about the State of Idaho. The majority of businesses and residents of Idaho cannot afford these raises that are being inflicted on us. I think we need to have some control over Idaho Power and that the Micron and building projects should pay their own power bill. I also think Idaho the one that receives the revenue from these expanding businesses and building projects should be the ones that help pay for the expansions but Idaho Power should stand most of the expense.

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Boise, Idaho 83720-0074

Re: CASE NO. IPC-E-03-13? ...IDAHO POWER...INCREASE...FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE."

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing in support of the recommendation of the IPUC staff regarding the rate increase for Idaho Power residential customers. It is my understanding that the staff recommended increase would be a 2.5 % rate increase for residential customers.

I am supporting the "staff recommend" because the Commission staff has carefully reviewed the proposal and considered the pros and cons of the issue. I believe the PUC staff has tried to strike a balance that is in the best interest of the consumers and the investors of the Idaho Power Company.

I hope the Commissioners will follow the recommendation of their staff.

Sincerely,



Bill Oldham
131 Redwood Rd.
Salmon, Idaho 83467



Howard Cobler
4963 Willow Ln.
Boise, ID 83703-4353

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DEAR SIR

I AM AGAINST IDAHO POWER'S RATE INCREASE IN IT'S PRESENT FORM, CASE NUMBER IPC-E-03-12. THE PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE MONTHLY FEE FROM \$2.51 TO \$10.00 A MONTH IS UNFAIR TO PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF WHOSE BILL IS UNDER \$30.00 A MONTH. I WOULD PROPOSE A CONNECTION FEE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION, TO MAKE GROWTH PAY IT'S FAIR SHARE OF THE INCREASED COSTS.

YOUR TRULY
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Attached is copy of letter I sent last November. I still feel many costs can be cut before a large increase in rates is necessary. They need to operate in a much more conservative manner as most businesses must and also their customers have to to survive.

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Boise, Idaho

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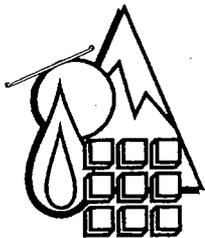
I was appalled to hear of the large increase in rates Idaho Power is asking for. I feel they need to look at their frivolous and outlandish spending and change their ways before asking to increase their customers' rates, many of whom cannot afford the current rates.

I have a relative that is a retiree from Idaho Power and was told about the lavish weekend they were invited to spend in Boise with all expenses paid. This included motel room, banquet, other meals and entertainment, whatever they wanted to do such as golf or whatever. This was a full weekend of fun on Idaho Power. It included current employees and retirees and their families. This was summer before last but believe this probably happens every year and would amount to a tremendous amount of spending. I feel this is very unnecessary and the millions I am sure that is spent could help decrease everyone's bills rather than increase them. I know of no other company that treats their employees and former employees so well and lavishly and feel it should stop or be curtailed.

I think these types of things need to be checked into before an increase in rates is granted them.

Sincerely,

Anonymous



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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:

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

You may also post comments on our WebSite.

www.puc.state.id.us

click on "comments & questions."

Name: Howard A. Van Slyke
Business Name: Van Slyke Farms Inc.
Address: 17491 Van Slyke Rd.
Wildor, ID 83676
Phone # (208) 250-1398

Thank you for offering this option to express my opinion. I agree with everything Terry Ketterling expressed at the public hearing on March 31, 2004. I am a grower-member of Snake River Sugar Co. and want to express my opposition to the huge rate increase Flako Power is requesting. Farmers are being ask to bear the brunt of rate increases, while irrigation usage as remained flat over the last 10 years. I think a 3% rate increase would be more than enough! Thanks!

Print Name Howard A. Van Slyke Sign Name HA. Van Slyke

Address 17491 Van Slyke Rd Phone Number (208) 250-1398

Wildor, ID 83676

✓ No address provided *✓ To Comments*
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208-334-3762

March 31, 2004 COMMENTS

Re: IPC-E-03-13 Idaho Power Request for 17% Rate Increase!

No! They have manipulated, overcharged and covered up! Riazzi, Packwood, Gale, Fadness, Bellessa, etc.---

An emphatic NO!

1. Paying for lobbyists--Edison Electric Institute--NOOOOOOOOOOO
2. Arid Club memberships-- NOOOOOOO
3. Past bad investments--NOOOOOOO
4. Pensions-NOOOOOOOOO (they're negotiated when hired!)
5. Employee incentive program-NOOOOOOOOO
6. Plant and infrastructure improvements NOOOOOOO
7. Legal costs for manipulating the markets and getting caught? We have already paid for that with higher costs---NOOOOOOO --

Idaho Statesman May 17, 2003: FERC reaches agreement with IdaCorp Inc. that its unregulated subsidiary IdaCorp Energy/Rich Riazzi denied benefits from energy trades to Idaho Power ratepayers. "IdaCorp Energy/Rich Riazzi admits that the improper sales were caused by a lack of oversight." IdaCorp President Jan Packwood admits violating the Federal Power act. As part of the settlement, Packwood was to appoint "compliance officers."

Idaho Statesman May 23, 2003: Regulators said IdaCorp Energy/Rich Riazzi should have paid Idaho Power for the use of its facilities, and those payments SHOULD have flowed back to Idaho Power's CUSTOMERS.

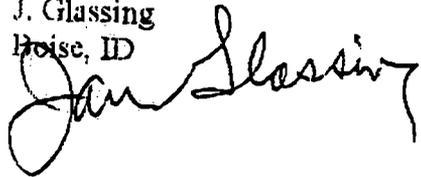
Idaho Statesman June 26, 2003: FERC "punished" Enron for its role in manipulation of the power markets two years ago --including IDAHO POWER CO. -- that did business with Enron.

Idaho Statesman August 16, 2003: Later this fall, IdaCorp Inc. will be out of the energy trading business... and ITS MAIN SOURCE OF REVENUE MUST NOW COME FROM IDAHO POWER, ITS REGULATED UTILITY.

In 2001, IdaCorp Energy. contributed \$4.7 BILLION to IdaCorp --80% of the company's overall revenue that year. Ken Lay/Enron admitted manipulating the energy market to inflate prices, prices that IdaCorp Energy/Rich Riazzi profited from. (Riazzi got at least \$2 million). The FERC investigated. Packwood/IdaCorp denied any wrongdoing and now, Packwood/IdaCorp are being sued.

Thank you Idaho Power staff for exposing those who are so obviously and utterly corrupt!

J. Glassing
Boise, ID



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Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Thursday, April 01, 2004 8:32 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Thursday, April 01, 2004
8:31:36 AM

Case: ipc-e-03-13
Name: dean larson
Street Address: 8894 w. martha ave
City: Mountain Home
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83647
Home Telephone: 208 796 2191
E-Mail:

Company: idaho power
mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: I am an irrigator, with a pivot near Kuna and a well at Mountain Home, I am try to bring 3 phase power to the well and irrigate with electricity, however this increase, coupled with the cost of installing the extra lines for 3-phase, has stopped this upgrade again!! I firmly believe that over the past years all these rate increases have unfairly affected the farmers of Idaho. why do we pay the way for urban sprawl while our farm ground is being assaulted. These rate increases have made me consider joining the ranks of my fellow farmers who are forced to sell their valued farm ground and quit farming as the continued assault on our way of life is becoming too overwhelming. Remember, those of you who sit the board, that ther is more at stake than whether or not an urban homeowner pays alittle more on his monthly bill, your decision controls the very survival of the Idaho Family Farm. Idaho Power's excessive lifestyle does not equate to any rate increase at all!! Think about it!!

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Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Thursday, April 01, 2004 10:26 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Thursday, April 01, 2004
10:25:33 AM

Case: IPC-E-03-13
Name: Billie Barnack
Street Address: 1821 S. Rustic Mill Pl.
City: Boise
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83709
Home Telephone: 658-0896
E-Mail:

Company: Idaho Power

mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: As a senior, I also have a problem with increasing costs. Idaho Power comments on the additional 800 customers. Why isn't the fees charged the new customers adequate to cover the increased costs?

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Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Friday, April 02, 2004 8:38 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Friday, April 02, 2004
8:38:08 AM

Case: IPC-E-03-13
Name: shirley reed
Street Address: 790 riviera Dr. # 57
City: Boise
State: idaho
ZIP: 83703
Home Telephone: 331-1353
E-Mail:
Company: iDAHO POWER CO.
mailing_list_yes_no: yes
Comment_description: PLEASE DO NOT RAISE OUR POWER BILL. PLEASE. THANKS

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Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Friday, March 26, 2004 3:20 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Friday, March 26, 2004
3:19:44 PM

Case: ipc-e-03-13
Name: Jim donerkiel
Street_Address: 750 cow horse drive
City: kuna
State: id
ZIP: 83634
Home_Telephone: 208-388-1780
E-Mail: na

Company: Idaho Power

mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: I do not believe the utility company should have the right to increase rates to cover losses suffered in other business transactions. Ida Corp is very profitable and there is no need to increase their profits. In addition, I am a single working father with two small children. Our land uses irrigation water. The increase would be a double whammy. Both my household and my irrigation costs would increase substantially. this would create a financial burden for my family.

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JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 365

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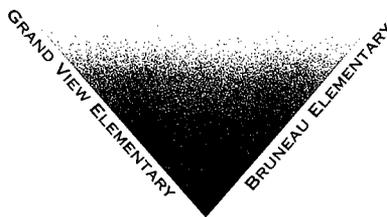
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IDAHO PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION



March 31, 2004

Idaho Public Utilities Commission
472 West Washington 83702
PO Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0074

Dear Sir,

This letter comes to you on a matter of great concern to the Bruneau-Grand View Jt. School District #365. The Board of Trustees would like this letter read into public comments regarding the 17.7 percent rate hike proposed by the Idaho Power Company.

The district maintains two elementary schools and one high school serving the communities of Oreana, Bruneau, and Grand View. During the last fiscal year, July 1, 2002 to July 1, 2003 we paid Idaho Power \$78,689.00, an average of \$6,557.41 a month. This average was down slightly from the year before because the district has implemented every measure possible to conserve electricity. These efforts include not turning the air conditioning or heating on until absolutely necessary and closing down all buildings during the summer months to further conserve energy.

Adding 17.7 percent to our yearly cost would raise our electricity bill a substantial \$14,164.02. This is the third year in a row our district will cut staff, programs, and materials in response to severely dwindling resources provided for us by the Idaho Legislature. Adding additional power costs will directly affect the district's ability to provide a quality education for the students of our communities since the additional funds would have to come directly from the per classroom allocation we receive from the legislature.

Please consider our plea and do not raise the electricity rates as a show of support for the children of Idaho.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dallas Taylor
Superintendent

cc: Rick Gale, Rates and Regulatory

P.O. Box 310
GRAND VIEW, ID 83624

PHONE (208) 834-2253 FAX (208) 834-2293

POWER COUNTY
STATE OF IDAHO



AM 8:17

PUBLIC
COMMISSION

Ken Estep, Chairman
Vicki L. Meadows
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543 Bannock Avenue
American Falls, Idaho 83211
Phone: (208) 226-7610
Fax: (208) 226-7612

March 18, 2004

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

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are writing concerning the proposed rate hike for the Idaho Power Company. There are several areas of the rate increases we feel need to be looked at very carefully.

The rate increase in general will affect our county, but appears to affect our irrigated farmers dramatically. We understand the need to spread the increases fairly over customers by usage and needs and that the company needs to be able to pay it's bills; however, it appears that the rate increases are being unfairly targeted at irrigation even though their usage hasn't gone up measurably and there have been very few new wells dug in our County in recent years. It seems the large residential growth in some parts of the State is probably the reason for increased needs in production and for handling spikes in power usage.

In reading comments from some advisors, we see a real need to keep the division between Idaho Power and Ida Corp separate. It has to be very hard to be sure the customer is not paying for the needs and infrastructure of the Ida Corp (for profit) side of the company.

At this time, Power County also has to question the new power plant in Elmore County. We were to be the site of a 600-MW plant until the natural gas prices ran away and now they have dropped the project here, as it can't be competitive in the market place. It makes us wonder how a smaller plant can be okayed under this program and who is going to pay for it's higher cost of power because of it's size and the higher natural gas prices.

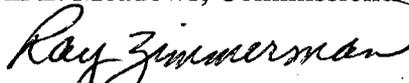
We ask you to scrutinize the rate increase requests very carefully. In reading staff reports there may be many of the costs put in the request that have no business being

passed on to the customer. We hope you study very hard on the irrigated power increase, as it appears to be very heavy on a small part of the State's population who has no ability to pass it on to the consumer.

Sincerely,
POWER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Ken Estep, Chairman


Vicki L. Meadows, Commissioner


Ray Zimmerman, Commissioner

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