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From: Ed Howell
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2004 7:35 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Thursday, April 08, 2004
6:34:45 PM

Case: IPC-E-03-13
Name: Eugene Peterson
Street Address: 4 East Ross Avenud
City: Parma
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83660
Home Telephone: 208 722 6300
E-Mail: pete2pete@cableone.net
Company: Idaho Power Company

mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: As senior citizens on fixed income, we vigorously oppose the 19.9 percent increase sought by Idaho Power Company. Idaho Power Company should be able to find means to cut their expenses as do most of the senior citizens have to do. We know what we can afford to buy, and we have already tighten the belt due to other skyrocketing expenses that we have to bear. No one gives us a large annual bonus, nor pays any dues for us to belong socially to organizations. No 19.9%increase, please. The smallest increase we may be able to bear.

Transaction ID: 481834.45
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From: Ed Howell
Sent: Friday, April 16, 2004 10:26 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Friday, April 16, 2004
9:26:25 AM

Case: Idaho Power Rate Increase
Name: Ryan Wahlen
Street Address: 495 S. Main St.
City: Aberdeen
State: ID
ZIP: 83210
Home Telephone: 208-397-3064
E-Mail: rwahlen@pleasantvalleypotato.com

Company: Idaho Power
mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: I'm very concerned that a 25% power rate increase to farmers would severely impact our local economy here in Aberdeen. Nearly every business, in particular the company I work for, is dependent upon agriculture in Aberdeen. From potato packing company's like Pleasant Valley Potato, which I work for, to the local drugstore, the main some of income is derived ultimately from the local farming operations. With the huge increase in fuel prices recently, the rising price of steel, the local property tax increase due to the construction of a badly needed middle school, and the rising labor costs, the budgets of the local are stretched about as thin as they possibly can be. An increase of that magnitude in their power bill would, I believe, potentially lead to more farm foreclosures and ultimately a loss of jobs in the Aberdeen area. I'm certain that Aberdeen is not the only community facing this problem. Please deny the proposed rate increase, or at least make the rate charged to irrigators equal to that being charged large businesses.

Transaction ID: 416926.25
Referred by: <http://www.puc.state.id.us/scripts/polyform.dll/ipuc>
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From: Ed Howell
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2004 9:28 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Wednesday, April 14, 2004
8:27:44 AM

Case: IPC-E-01-13
Name: Katherine Browning
Street Address: 3280 N. Whistler Lane, #202
City: Boise
State: ID
ZIP: 83703
Home Telephone: 208-854-1270
E-Mail: alixbrowning@hotmail.com
Company: Idaho Power

mailing_list_yes_no: no
Comment_description: ID Power must learn to live within its means. Just like everybody else has to. I absolutely refuse to pay for Pension Plan recovery and Employee Incentive programs. These things in NO WAY benefit my family or me and I will not pay for ID Power's poor financial planning or decisions. Their inability to control and deal with their finances properly is not the concern of ID Power customers. If they want to recover these costs have them take more money out of the Employees paychecks, the people who actually do benefit from these programs should be made to pay for them, NOT the ID Power customer. I will not pay \$10.00 a month for nonexistent "service". They come and read the meter and nothing more. \$2.51 is plenty. ID Power offers me no services of any kind. They turn own my power I pay the bill. Period. They charge outrageously to come and "repair" their lines and their "Customer Service Representatives" are so rude and uncooperative it's unbelievable. Does ID Power train them to behave in such manner?

If they really want to improve their financial standing they should stop printing the "Consumer Connection", it is nothing more than garbage can fodder for most people and a waste of paper, a natural resource. They could stop running the commercials. They're the only power company in town, it's not like we can get power from another company and the ads are little more than "False Advertising."

When I first moved here six years ago, my power bill was about \$37.00 a month, I joined level pay, my bill shot up to \$115.00 a month whether I used that amount of power or not and I never say a credit in my favor on the bill. They always managed to work it out so I paid more than the actual usage charged to me. I got off level pay with some difficulty. My bill is now about \$57.00 a month and soon to go up with summer months coming. During the winter it averages about \$75.00 a month). I have no more money in my budget to throw at ID Power because the company is whining about its financial problems. This request for an increase MUST be denied and they must deal with their financial problems internally and not try to force the public to bail them out.

Transaction ID: 414827.44
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From: Ed Howell
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2004 8:27 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Tuesday, April 13, 2004
7:26:40 AM

Case:

Name: Greg Troost
Street Address: 30540 Sabin Rd
City: Parma
State: ID
ZIP: 83660
Home Telephone: 208 722 7325
E-Mail: milkhog@aol.com
Company: ID POWER
mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: Just writing to say that ID Power proposed increase is unfair to the farmers around here. We hav'nt increased water or power usage in many years unless we purchased more land & water from other farmers. If my power bills get any higher than they are now, I'm not sure I can economically be a farmer any longer. I've already laid off 1 man to make ends meet. I farm 1200 acres in corn, alfalfa, & double crop wheat in winter with only 2 hired men to help me. A rate increase would force me to cut back even more (probably acreage). Hopefully more farmers are writing in & taken seriously on this important issue. Thanks, Greg Troost Parma, ID

Transaction ID: 413726.40
Referred by: <http://www.puc.state.id.us/scripts/polyform.dll/ipuc>
User Address: 198.81.26.78
User Hostname: 198.81.26.78

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From: Ed Howell
Sent: Saturday, April 10, 2004 2:06 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Saturday, April 10, 2004
1:06:20 PM

Case: 1PC-E-03-13
Name: Patricia Dustin
Street Address: 4214 W.Dawson Drive
City: Meridian
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83642

Home Telephone: 208 888-1632
E-Mail: pdustin@msn.com
Company: Idaho Power

mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: We are strongly opposed to the outlandish rate increase asked for by Idaho Power.
Myles and Patricia Dustin

Transaction ID: 4101306.19
Referred by: <http://www.puc.state.id.us/scripts/polyform.dll/ipuc>
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This letter was sent by 22 people in response to a posting on the Farm Bureau's Web site.

From: secretary
Sent: Friday, April 09, 2004 11:41 AM
To: Barb Barrows; Ed Howell; Janet Bahora; Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: Case Number: IPC-E-03-13

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>From: Dennis Brower[SMTP:DBROWER@IDAHOFB.ORG]
>Sent: Friday, April 09, 2004 11:40:03 AM
>To: secretary
>Subject: Case Number: IPC-E-03-13
>Auto forwarded by a Rule
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Dennis Brower
P.O. Box 147
Tetonia, ID 83452

April 9, 2004

Public Utilities Commissioners
PO Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to urge you to deny the rate increase proposed for Idaho Power irrigation customers.

It is unfair to single out irrigation customers for significant increases, while other customer classes receive more favorable treatment. Any rate increases should be the same across the board, and at the lowest possible rate.

Farmers cannot pass on increased operating costs as many other businesses can. If irrigation rates are not kept to the absolute minimum, many who are already suffering from prolonged low commodity prices will be forced out of business. This will cause a tremendous negative ripple effect throughout the rural communities of the state.

The increases proposed by Idaho Power are unrealistic. As a regulated entity, they have been covering expenses and making a profit every year. As a sound business practice, Idaho Power should have been planning ahead and including upgrades to infrastructure and replacement costs for equipment and other necessary items. I find it hard to believe that they have not done this.

I strongly oppose the proposed increase in the customer charge from \$2.51 to \$10.00. With new innovations such as remote meter reading and electronic billing, the customer charge should be decreasing, not increasing.

Many of the expenses Idaho Power is asking ratepayers to cover should be disallowed. Only items that directly relate to the generation and delivery of electricity should be allowed in the base rate.

Please do not approve Idaho Power's request. The PUC staff proposal is much more realistic, although it too is unfair to irrigators. Farming is an important part of the economy in Idaho. An increase in rates of this size will be a significant blow to the continued viability of agriculture

in the state.

I urge you to keep power rates for irrigation as low as possible. Do not allow irrigation rates to increase by a higher percentage than other rates.

Sincerely,

Dennis Brower