



Washington County Idaho



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April 12, 2004

Idaho Public Utilities Commission

PO Box 83720

Boise, Idaho 83720-0074

Re: IPC-E-03-13

Gentlemen:

Thank you, for the ability to comment on Idaho Power Company's proposed rate increase.

It has come to the attention of the Washington County Commissioners that the proposed rate increase will have a detrimental affect on the economy of the County. The rate increase impacts everyone, from agriculture, to seniors on fixed incomes, to retail store operators. Irrigation pumps, domestic activities such as heating and cooking, refrigerating units in stores, are all dependent on electricity. IPUC needs to carefully consider the rate structure's impact on all citizens as well as providing the Company a fair rate of return. The ability of Idaho Power Company to maintain and continually improve service to customers needs to be assured.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

BOARD OF WASHINGTON COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

Diana Thomas, Chairman

Roy Mink

Rick Michael

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UTILITIES COMMISSION

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April 19, 2004

Attention: PUC Commission

Please don't allow Idaho
Power to charge us more
for electricity! I can't
believe that they would
think their old customers
should pay for the extra
costs for their newer
customers. Those newer
customers also pay for
electricity.

Thank you for your
consideration.

Margaret Crill
2028 Kentucky
Tampa, Idaho 83686

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Comments
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Russ & Dorothy Brown
P. O. Box 1091
Middleton, Idaho 83644

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

Re: Idaho Power Rate Increase Request

To Whom It May Concern:

Our understanding is that Idaho Power is requesting the current increase to cover their cost of capital expenditures to run power lines, etc., to new subdivisions and business developments. Our thoughts are as follows:

1. Private business pays for capital expenditures by borrowing the necessary funds and repaying the loan from new income generated. Why can't Idaho Power do the same?
2. As we understand it, Idaho Power also charges hook-up fees which could be increased if necessary.
3. It seems unfair to charge existing customers every time new customers come aboard. We say this in all fairness as next week we will be putting our house on the market and will very likely buy a newly constructed house which would be subject to a hook-up fee.

Sincerely,

Russ & Dorothy Brown

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April 18, 2004

Idaho Public Utilities Commission
PO Box 83720
Boise ID 83720

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UTILITIES COMMISSION

IPC-E-03-13

Commissioners,

These comments are in regard to the proposed rate hike.

1. It seems that with all of the new construction being done everywhere, the added money would be enough to cover everything. Why should everyone else have to pick up the slack.
2. Why is it that the Big people at the top of the parent company Idacorp gets all of those big bonuses. If part of that money comes from Idaho Power customers that is a crock. Let those people make the same money that ordinary citizens make and see how they can manage on these incomes.
3. We live in rural Idaho and the power goes out quite a bit. I don't see Idaho Power paying for food lost in my freezer when the power is out for 11 hours or more.

4. It is hard for us to make it on one income and try and pay the house payment, car insurance our bills and gas. I work some 70 miles from my home and it is hard enough to pay for the gas.
5. Every business has to do repairs, so when lines need replaced, that is part of keeping up their equipment. Why should I have to pay extra for that. They probably make enough every quarter where they aren't hunting.
6. I'm a state employee and look how long it's been since we have had raises. Our insurance has gone up once without a pay increase and I'm sure it will go up again. I have to cut out things since we only have one income like I said earlier.

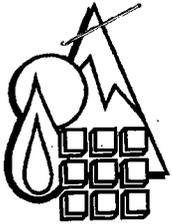
Please don't let them have a rate increase until the economy and every citizen is doing better. I would like to see someone do something about the gas prices.

Sincerely

Ray & Mary Lynn Miller

39801 State Hwy 78

Bruneau ID 83604



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PUBLIC UTILITIES
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Public Workshop

Case No. IPC-E-03-13
January 7, 2004
Caldwell, Idaho

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."

1. Why does I.P. need to raise rates when their customer base has grown so much here in So West Idaho? the more customers the more profit! right!
2. How did Eldorado come about? This looks like a parasite living off Idaho Power. At our expense!
3. Is I.P. going to fix the Hells Canyon damms so I can fish for salmon at Marsing Id?
4. Why do ^{us} little people have to bare the blunt of the power increase while billionaire J.R. Simplot will only pay a pentence of an increase?
5. Why the huge cost change in the meter reading rate? meters donot need to be read every month! + there are systems on the market that can read the meters by ^{radio} signals!
6. I have had more power outages here in Idaho than any place I have ever lived in 50th.

Print Name KEN ARCHER

Sign Name Ken Archer

Address 18394 MARSING RD

Phone Number 208 455 1624

CALDWELL ID 83607

I plan to plan in 50th.

Caldwell, Idaho
May 16th, 04

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P.O. Box 83720
 Boise Idaho 83720-0074

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Members of the Commission:
We are writing to protest the
request by Idaho Power for the
large rate increase. It does not
seem right that we who have been
customers for many years should have
to pay for expenses of new customers.
We are on a fixed income and
each year must tighten our budget
more and more. We feel Idaho
Power should tighten theirs and
have some consideration for their
customers.

Sincerely,
Ray & Lina Pentecost
521 E Ash St.
Caldwell, Idaho, 83605

April 6, 04

Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 8370
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Re: The Idaho Power rate increase.

Sorry, I don't have a computer or a typewriter. I am a 71 year old widow on a fixed income. We bought our all Electric house in the middle of the 1970s. The house and land were in the country. Now we are surrounded by hugh homes in subdivisions.

Our property tax has gone from \$500.⁰⁰ to \$2300+ this year.

Idaho Power collects money from all the new houses. That should take care of the Hugh Bonus's to the CEO's & Chairmen. Please don't try to pass all your wish list for goodies on to us. Even a 3% is large to me.

Sincerely,
Mrs. John Ruppel
4770 Park Lane
Eagle, ID 83616
939-8367

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UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Burley Idaho
April 8 2004

Dear I. P. U. C. Commission Secretary:

In regards to Idaho Power increase
I and my renter Scott Beck. Had 160 acres
of sugar Beets and 37 acres ^{Burley} year 2003
+ the Power bill, Idaho Power was
\$24,900.00 or \$126.40 acre. and I don't
think we can stand a power increase
It will put us out business. see what
you can do to help us Farmers.

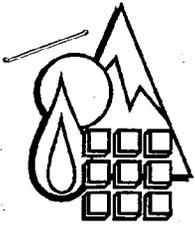
Thank you. Yours Truly
Eugene F. Price
2331 W. 16th st.
Burley Idaho

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Public Hearing

Case No. IPC-E-03-13
March 31, 2004
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The Idaho PUC Staff has done a tremendous job in their analysis of Idaho Power demands. Their work has caused Idaho Power to back-off on millions of dollars of their demands for rate increase.

Idaho Power has plenty of cash according to their financial statements and will now have even more cash increased by their cut in dividends.

Idaho Power's guaranteed return on fixed asset investment should never exceed 10%.

Their cost of fixed asset investment should be scrutinized in detail.

Print Name IRENE U. VICTORY Sign Name Irene U. Victory

Address 6809 Baron Avenue Phone Number 208/853-9216

Boise, Idaho 83714

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April 13, 2004
28495 Harvey Road
Caldwell, ID 83607

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

RE: Idaho Power Rate Hike

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regards to Idaho Power's proposed rate increase for irrigators. I feel the increase is unfair for farmers. The farmers are being asked to shoulder the increase power burden, due to the large growth of subdivisions. These subdivisions eliminate the farm ground and the remaining farmers are being asked to cover the power cost incurred by the growth.

I can't afford the increase. My operation is small, and if the power hike goes through, it becomes unfeasible for me to continue farming.

Please remember the farmer, when you consider Idaho Power's rate hike increase proposal. Thank you.

Sincerely,



David Michaelis

Idaho Public Utilities
Commission
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Boise, Idaho 83720-0074

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UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the matter of the application of
Idaho Power Company for
Authority to increase it's interim
base rates and charges for
electric service.

13 April 2004;

RE: case #IPC-03-13

Dear Commissioner's,

In response to Idaho Power's request for a rate increase. I wish to put in my two cents worth on this issue. I am opposed to the rates requested by Idaho Power, and believe they should be denied.

I give as my reasons, the following. Idaho Power requires anyone wanting to use their electricity, to pay in advance, for any transmission lines required to deliver service to the proposed customer. They also require monthly payments for the use of any power used by that customer. It would be my understanding, that the payments recieved were for the building of transmission equipment, and the monthly payments would pay for the generation of the elictricity used by that customer, whether it is one customer, or a million customers.

In any other business, it would seem silly to charge the customer for building the car, then for buying the car. (as an example). I can give many similar examples. The point I am trying to make, is, in normal businesses, they don't show on a receipt, that they cahrged for the making of the product, as well as the delivery of the product, even though they are, but that is all covered in the cost of the purchase, of the final goods, or service. They don't charge a customer both, when they order the item, and when the pick it up.

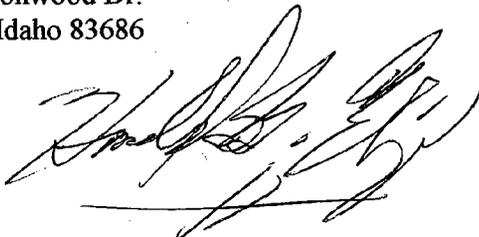
I daho Power is trying to do just that, and that, I believe would be chargeing twice for the same thing.

I think they are like so many companies in the market place today. They see the oil companies making 300, and 500% profets, and they want to also. I don't think it is right for the oil companies, and I don't think it is right for any other's either.

I agree with the rate icrease that the commission staff, and the intervenors have set as the one they would like to see approved.

If any increase is approved, I would like it to be the one the commission staff, and the intervenors have proposed. Thank you for looking at my proposal.

Sincerely,
Harold G. Elgin
324 Cottonwood Dr.
Nampa, Idaho 83686



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IDAHO PUBLIC
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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
472 W. Washington
Boise ID 83702

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Thank you for considering our comments.

*Kent & Cardyn Craig - 535 W Galloway, Weiser, ID 83672
(208) 549-1049*

*I manage the Parkview Center Apartments
and these are senior subsidized apartments
for senior population on low income. They
not only use electric heat but it is very
necessary that they use air conditioning
in the heat of the summer. They can
not afford the 17% raise in the power cost.*
Cardyn

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*Robert W + Joy King
1063 Haas Rd
Weiser, Idaho 83672*

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Thank you for considering our comments.

The the people over 80 years and living on a fixed income are hit by all of the increases in every-day living of groceries and medical supplies as necessities.

Surely you could share some of your profits by not raising our rates.

Thank you.

*Mrs. Hattie Wagnon
815 E. 5th St.*

Wesley, Idaho 83672

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Sincerely
Edith & Norman Warren
190 E Butterfield
Weiser, ID 83672

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Charlotte Hayesley
46 West Park St.
Weiser Idaho

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Rene J. Smit
Margaret L. Smit

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Galdes M. Mann
320 East Commercial
Boise, ID 83702

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Edward T. Gillispie
By *EAG/P/A*
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*I am on a fixed income & live in
an all electric manufactured home. I cannot
pay an extra increase.*

Mrs. Mafine Clark

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Sonja Johnson

1792 Cove Rd.

Weiser, Id. 83672

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A. Forrest Shelby
Tommy Shelby
Carol Zeller
Molly Frazier

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*Martha Eisenboeth
641 - W. Butterfield
Weiser Idaho 83692*

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Melba Woodard
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Bernice Noble
John Hancock
Mr & Mrs Raymond Harryman
Raymond Harryman

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Ernie W. Hall
Mrs. Mrs. Raymond Harverson

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Thank you for considering our comments.

JIM & CAROLE STINNETT
504 W. GALLOWAY
WEISER
Jim Stinnett

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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
472 W. Washington
Boise ID 83702

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*Esther Baker
1360 Pioneer Road
Weiser, Idaho
83672*

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Diana Waggoner
325 E. Main
Weiser, IDA. 83672
549-0400

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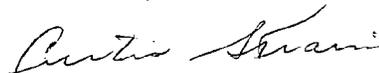
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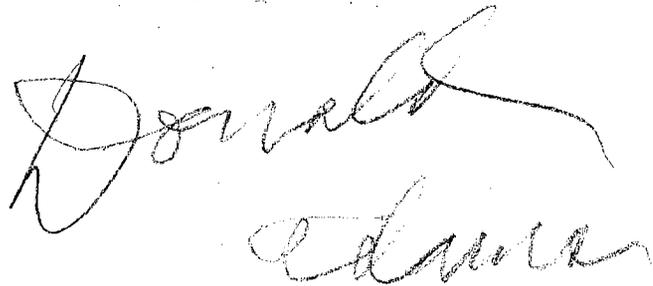
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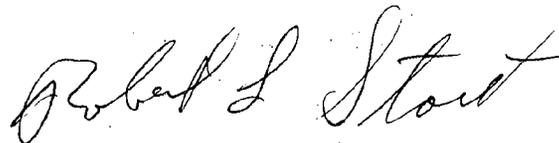
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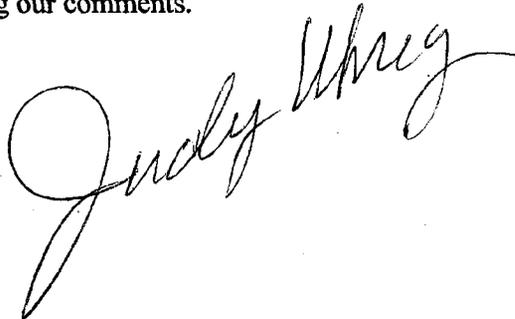
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Elsie Whaley

No rate increase

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Public Utilities Commission

April 18, 2004

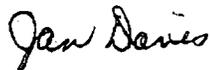
To Whom It May Concern:

I am alarmed at the high increase that Idaho Power is asking in our power bills. I feel that the customers should not be paying for this increase.

I'm aware that Idaho power customers paid indirectly for Enron extortion scheme through Ida Corp.

Please consider my request to deny Idaho Power's request for this increase.

Sincerely,



Jan Davis

Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2004 10:02 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Thursday, April 15, 2004
9:01:46 PM

Case: ipc-e-03-13
Name: nancy johnson
Street Address: 1400 cow hores dr.
City: kuna
State: id
ZIP: 83634
Home Telephone: 208-362-2960
E-Mail:

Company: idaho power co.

mailing_list_yes_no: no

Comment description: I believe that IPC is asking for an unreasonably high rate increase. We should not be asked to pay for structures that have nothing to do with gen. or delv. electricity to its customers, or employee incentive pay programs, pension costs, or even their legal fees for a SISTER co. IdaCorp Energy. Also, things like annual dues to organizations such as Boise's Arid club and Chambers of Com. If they can't have enough for thought to cut back on their end of the year bonus's which they have given out for some time, (freely, too I might add), in such high pkgs. then they certainly don't need any double didget rate increase. I live in an irrigated subdivision, and we already pay plenty for our power to run our pumps. To increase our bill by 25% or even a 15% (Cloverdale Ridge Water Corp), our electric bill for the season (\$25,923.00 in 2003) will go up by \$6,480.75; and all of us (in the subdvsn) will have to pay a higher assessment per share. It's very difficult to enjoy the great Idaho country life when prices rise like that. We are a one income family of 6. Our Budget is getting tighter and tighter. Every year, just keeping up with the cost of living is harder and harder. We are not one of these neighboring states who has larger power rates, lets keep it this way. If you lived here in our subdvsn., I'm possitive you would feel the same way we do here. Your budget is probably stretched to the limits too. Lets keep the power rates down and make IPC reconize that if they have a financial problem that they created, then they need to have a lot more fore thought when running their business. We can't dump our financial problems on them, so I would expect the same good business courtesy. I can see a small increase for gen. and delv. electricity, but I refuse to pay for annual dues, IdaCorp screw ups, pension costs and employees incentive programs. Lets get real.

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Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2004 2:15 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Wednesday, April 14, 2004
1:14:49 PM

Case: IPC-E-03-13
Name: Otto Tiede
Street Address: 614 Calder
City: American Falls
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83211
Home Telephone: 208-2265795
E-Mail:

Company: Idaho Power

mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: Any increase would be devistating to the Idaho agriculture industry, as commodity prices hve been static for the last two decades. At the same time operating costs costs have risen extensively; for instance fuel, equipment, labor, fertilizer, etc. The farm economy economy simply can not stand any increase in operating costs. I would urge you to deny any rate increase for agriculture.

Sincerely
Otto Tiede
a concerned Idaho Farmer

Transaction ID: 4141314.49
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Jean Jewell

From: Front
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2004 8:09 AM
To: Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: Complaint acknowledgement

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

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Saturday, April 10, 2004 10:40 PM
To: Front; Beverly Barker; Ed Howell; Tonya Clark
Subject: Complaint acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Saturday, April 10, 2004
9:40:12 PM

Name: Gary Huck
Street_Address: 2407 Cherry St.
City: Caldwell
State: ID.
ZIP: 83605
Home_Telephone: 209-459-3114
Work_Telephone: NA
E-Mail:
Home_Business: Home
Business_Name:
Business_Street_Address:
Business_Phone:
Complaint_Company: Idaho Power
Local_Provider:
Contacted utility: No
Complaint_description:

I have heard on the news recently that Idaho Power is asking IPUC for a 19% increase. They are never happy, they always want an increase, no matter who is affected. If they get this increase, the poor will be forced to decide whether to pay their power bill and not buy groceries, or buy groceries and not pay their power bill. Some of the poor exist on a very small income provided by Social Security or a Veterans Pension. They only receive one increase (Cost-of-Living-Adjustment: C.O.L.A) once a year, and it is usually very small. The Idaho Power company receives a large income from all of their customers every month. The only people hurting will be the poor if IPUC grants Idaho Power the increase. Does IPUC want to be a part of forcing the poor to decide which to pay (their power bill or groceries)? Does IPUC care about the poor at all?

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User Hostname: 63.187.97.250

Jean Jewell

From: Front
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2004 8:08 AM
To: Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: Complaint acknowledgement

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From: Ed Howell
Sent: Saturday, April 10, 2004 10:52 PM
To: Front; Beverly Barker; Ed Howell; Tonya Clark
Subject: Complaint acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Saturday, April 10, 2004
9:51:52 PM

Name: Gary Huck
Street_Address: 2407 Cherry St.
City: Caldwell
State: Id.
ZIP: 83605
Home_Telephone: 208-459-3114
Work_Telephone: NA
E-Mail: ghuck@peoplepc.com
Home_Business: Home
Business_Name:
Business_Street_Address:
Business_Phone:
Complaint_Company: ID Power
Local_Provider:
Contacted_utility: No
Complaint_description:

Regarding ID Power's request for a 19% increase: If Idaho Power managed their money better, they wouldn't need another increase. They get paid every month from their customers. The poor are forced to exist on a fixed income, and are forced to pay rising costs of food, and other necessities that rise during the month and year, while receiving only one increase a year. not enough to cover the rising costs they had to endure. The poor would be able to exist on their small incomes if the utility companies and the cost of food didn't go up all the time. The Power company does NOT deserve a raise. The poor are barely existing on their income as it is now, we can't afford an increase.

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Jean Jewell

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From: Ed Howell
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2004 12:07 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Monday, April 19, 2004
11:07:11 AM

Case: IPC-E-03-13
Name: Ruth Gillette
Street Address: 8921 W. Landmark Ct.
City: Boise
State: ID
ZIP: 83704

Home Telephone: (208)375-0515
E-Mail: jrgillett@juno.com
Company: Idaho Power

mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: As a recent widow on a fixed income, I feel Idaho Power is asking for too high a percent increase. What the PUC recommends seems much more reasonable. Thank you.

Transaction ID: 4191107.11

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User Address: 208.187.55.203

User Hostname: 208.187.55.203

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Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2004 11:17 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Monday, April 19, 2004
10:17:26 AM

Case: ipc-e-03-13
Name: Theresa M. Stone
Street Address: 5649 E. Mineral Dr.
City: Boise
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83716
Home Telephone: 208-368-0844
E-Mail: tessam.stone@hotmail.com
Company: Idaho Power, United Water

mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: The Proposed Rated hikes that will effect everyone, to pay for the growth of the area, is wrong. I grew up on a farm, farming is a costly enough but very needed and necessary industry, the small farms especially that are already in trouble should be protected. When new subdivisions go in requiring new substations then the costs should go to the developers which trickles down to home purchasers.

I live next to Harris Ranch. Because of that development, my costs of living have gone up. Why should I pay for someone else? My property taxes have gone up to pay for schools, I don't choose to have children why should I pay for those who make that choice? The water rates have gone up, the water quality is very poor, just because it meets Federal Standards doesn't mean it tastes good, and they have community pools that I can't utilize.

Please consider the individuals that don't deserve higher costs.

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Jean Jewell

From: Front
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2004 8:07 AM
To: Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: Complaint acknowledgement

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

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2004 5:29 PM
To: Front; Beverly Barker; Ed Howell; Tonya Clark
Subject: Complaint acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Sunday, April 18, 2004
4:29:19 PM

Name: Pat Jarvis
Street_Address: 314 W Cherry Lane # 53
City: Meridian
State: ID
ZIP: 83642
Home_Telephone: 208.888.3850
Work_Telephone:
E-Mail: mrsjarvis@aol.com
Home_Business: Home
Business_Name:
Business_Street_Address:
Business_Phone:
Complaint_Company: Idaho Power
Local_Provider:

Contacted_utility: No
Complaint_description: Ladies and Gentleman, I am a 62 year old widow who deeply resents developers from or coming into Idaho and creating traffic jams because they are not required to provide turn lanes into their properties. As a tax payer, I must pay for road enhancements for these expensive subdivisions. Now I learn that Idaho Power expects me to pay to build electrical plants, etc. to provide power for them! Water costs will also increase.

I am barely surviving as it is. I live in a modest trailer court. Recently I had to stop seeing my sister in the nursing home every week because of the increase in gasoline. I simply cannot afford more and more taxes and increased utility costs because local officials have not done their jobs and corporate executives have not made proper plans!

It has to stop somewhere and if you have the power to do it, now is the time. I implore you to please deny the request by Idaho Power and any other utility to increase their rates. People who can afford to move into new homes should have to share those expenses with the developers.

Thank you for listening. May you be guided with your hearts as well as your minds when you make this decision.

Respectfully,

Pat Jarvis

My best friend is a 78 year old widow. She takes in \$500 a month.

Transaction ID: 4181629.19
Referred by: <http://www.puc.state.id.us/scripts/polyform.dll/cons>

✓ Helen Ack
sent 4/19/04

✓ To Comments
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Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2004 8:38 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Sunday, April 18, 2004
7:37:38 PM

Case: ipc-e-03-13
Name: Helen Hendricks
Street_Address: 6244 Coach Royal Lane
City: Boise
State: Id
ZIP: 83704
Home_Telephone: 208/377-1605`
E-Mail: helenjh@peoplepc.com
Company: Idaho Power

mailing_list_yes_no: no

Comment_description: I am a retired senior citizen and can barely make ends meet. If you raise the rates as high as you want to it will less food in my mouth. Have a heart and let the investors cool their heels. Do a percentage rate increase if you must, - the higher the income the more you pay. I am conservative with my power use and often sat in a cold house this past winter to cut costs. Do we regally live in a society where nobody cares about anything but MONEY????

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Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2004 11:27 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Sunday, April 18, 2004
10:26:37 AM

Case: IPC-E-03-13
Name: SANDRA JACQUES
Street Address: 9265 SUNFLOWER LANE
City: BOISE
State: ID
ZIP: 83704

Home Telephone: 208-376-9155
E-Mail: cs417@worldnet.att.net
Company: Idaho Power

mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment description: I think Idaho Power should not ask for a 14.5 rate increase. Corporate America should stop asking the middle/lower class to pay for everything. I recently retired not by choice but due to necessity and every penny counts as it does for millions of Americans. The gap between the have and the have nots is getting larger all the time and it is time for the have everything group to stop asking the rest of us to pay for everything, we should only pay for what we actually use with a small increase due to inflation, etc. We do not get increases we just constantly pay higher fees for everything.

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Jean Jewell

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From: Front
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2004 2:48 PM
To: Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: Complaint acknowledgement

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

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2004 3:38 PM
To: Front; Beverly Barker; Ed Howell; Tonya Clark
Subject: Complaint acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Monday, April 19, 2004
2:38:00 PM

Name: Susan Hamilton
Street Address: 1205 Chicago St.
City: Nampa
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83686
Home Telephone: 208-466-0253
Work Telephone:
E-Mail: wah-seh@msn.com

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

Contacted utility: No
Complaint description: Before allowing Idaho Power to drastically increase rates of it's customers. PLEASE address the conservation issues. It would seem that there wre ways to cut expenses and waste in the company. We all have to live within the budgets of our households....company's can do the same should they Choose to.
Power diversary should be their main objective.
The poor are doublely disadvantaged: Not only are they short on means but often must reside in homes not properly insulated. There by using and wasting power.
All customers should pay for what they use.....yes business too. They can also look at means of conserving.
Do not allow the rates to raise.....

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User Hostname: 4.164.204.42

Jean Jewell

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From: secretary
Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2004 10:14 AM
To: Barb Barrows; Ed Howell; Janet Bahora; Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: Case Number: IPC-E-03-13

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>From: Ryan Robertson[SMTP:RYANROBERTSON@SAFELINK.NET]
>Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2004 10:13:36 AM
>To: secretary
>Subject: Case Number: IPC-E-03-13
>Auto forwarded by a Rule
>
Ryan Robertson
1762N 1775W
Paul, ID 83347

April 18, 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. Our family farm consists of 3000 acres. If these rate increases our achieved it will be devastating to our farm and family. With the recent increases already we can't afford any more power rate increases. If the cost of power goes up we won't be able to keep farming with out a increase in our crop prices.

Irrigators have not changed their systems or expanded power usage. Charge the customers that are growing and making you expand. I think the deal with Micron is sheepish and shows poor loyalty to the farmers who have been customers for many years.

Sincerely,

Ryan Robertson

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Jean Jewell

From: secretary
Sent: Saturday, April 17, 2004 10:38 AM
To: Barb Barrows; Ed Howell; Janet Bahora; Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: Case Number: IPC-E-03-13

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>From: Bill DeVeny[SMTP:BDEVENY@SPRO.NET]
>Sent: Saturday, April 17, 2004 10:37:28 AM
>To: secretary
>Subject: Case Number: IPC-E-03-13
>Auto forwarded by a Rule
>

Bill DeVeny
Box 1160
Riggins, Idaho 83549

April 17, 2004

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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.

Recently there was an article in Capital Press concerning onion production in Nevada. Higher irrigation costs might force onion out of Idaho. 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,

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RE: Idaho Power Increase

17.7% to Idaho Power on the heels of Intermountain Gas 33% hike! And then, the cost of gasoline.

We, the existing consumers should not be heavily penalized for new growth. Let the developers and the new-hookups bear the brunt of this and not us.

I vote no on this one.

Thanks,

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