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Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2004 3:32 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

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Case:

Name: Mark Kollars
Street Address: 5062 Elizabeth rd.
City: Chubbuck
State: ID
ZIP: 83202
Home Telephone: 208-238-8369
E-Mail: bonehead1012@msn.com
Company: Idaho Power
mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: I am a current Idaho power customer and have been reading about the proposed rate hike Idaho power is wanting. My question is why raise the rate when they are providing no better service or quality of service to the customer? I have many friends and coworkers that live 20-30 miles to the south of Pocatello and are on the Utah Power system they have for years enjoyed MUCH less expensive power than us. The homes they live in are the same type as they are here there family sizes are the same and yet they pay anywhere from 40-70 dollars a month less than we do. Why is it that power prices from Utah power are so much more affordable than they are here?

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Jean Jewell

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> Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2004 2:37:01 PM
> To: secretary
> Subject: Case Number: IPC-E-03-13
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Clinton & Betty Inskeep
2874 W 700 S
Aberdeen, ID 83210

April 29, 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.

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To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
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Thursday, April 29, 2004
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Case:

Name: Clayton Armstrong
Street Address: 13246 W. Trail Creek Rd.
City: Pocatello
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83204

Home Telephone: 208-232-8476
E-Mail: armstrcl@d25.k12.id.us
Company: Idaho Power

mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: Please do not raise power rates. With gas prices soaring, a power hike in prices will put a great burden on families and businesses in general. I am a school teacher and small business owner. I wish I were a big business or government entity that could raise my salary or rates when ever I wanted. But, I cannot. When big business or government raises taxes or rates, my salary stays the same. So, when you choose to raise these power rates, could you also convince the legislature to raise teachers salaries so I can pay my power bill. Do you see the delemma that is created when you raise rates? Who raises our salaries? No one. In fact, legislation is cutting the amount of funding given to education, yet I will still have to pay for the power increase so the power company employees can get a raise. Someone needs to help put a stop to all these increases. Please help.
Sincerely, Clayton H. Armstrong

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Jean Jewell

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To: Jean Jewell
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To: Front; Beverly Barker; Ed Howell; Tonya Clark
Subject: Complaint acknowledgement

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Name: LARRY G. WILSON
Street Address: 930 N. HAYES
City: POCA TELLO
State: IDAHO
ZIP: 83204
Home Telephone: 232-1677
Work Telephone:
E-Mail: lgw55@msn.com
Home Business: Home
Business Name:
Business Street Address:
Business Phone:
Complaint Company: idaho power
Local Provider:
Contacted utility: No
Complaint description: please stop the rate increase. I am retired an have a fixed income and can not pay out any more.
thank you
Larry G. Wilson

Transaction ID: 429850.46
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Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2004 9:50 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Thursday, April 29, 2004
8:50:15 AM

Case: unknown
Name: James McAndrew
Street Address: 551 South University Ave
City: Blackfoot
State: ID
ZIP: 83221
Home Telephone: 208-785-6296
E-Mail: shamus551@yahoo.com
Company: Idaho Power Company
mailing_list_yes_no: yes
Comment_description: Dear Idaho Public Utility Commission:

I write to express my opposition to the Idaho Power Company application to raise residential electric rates by nearly 20 percent.

While I believe a rate increase for Idaho Power is likely warranted, the size of the increase should be limited to about 5 percent. I do not believe Idaho Power needs the amount of money that its rate hike application requests.

The parent company of Idaho Power -- Idacorp -- is healthy and getting along just fine. New Idaho Power customers should be bearing the cost of hooking up to the Idaho Power grid in the form of higher connection fees. Current customers should not be paying for connection charges which they have already satisfied once. And thirdly, Idaho Power should improve service as part of earning a rate increase. Here in the Blackfoot, Idaho area, we've experienced more outages than usual in the last several years.

Please join me in supporting a five percent increase limit on Idaho Power's rate hike application.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

James McAndrew

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To: Jean Jewell
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From: Ed Howell
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2004 8:47 AM
To: Front; Beverly Barker; Ed Howell; Tonya Clark
Subject: Complaint acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Thursday, April 29, 2004
7:46:47 AM

Name: Michael Geller
Street Address: 745 Rocky Point Road
City: Pocatello
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83204

Home Telephone: 232-0953
Work Telephone: 241-3790
E-Mail: yanks-ny@juno.com

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

Complaint description: Please, no rate hike for Idaho Power!! I am sick and tired with there always increasing utility hikes. First it's Intermountain Gas, now Idaho Power. C'mon, it's getting to the point where we are struggling to pay our utilities. Wouldn't it be nice if we could get constant rate hikes from our employers when needed???? We get a 3% raise at work and Idaho Power is asking for a double digit increase. TELL THEM NO!!! They need to make due just like the rest of us.

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Wednesday, April 28, 2004
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Case: IPC-E-03-13
Name: Knight C Duerig
Street Address: 4199 N Meridian
City: King Hill
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83633
Home Telephone: 208-366-2519
E-Mail: kcduerig@nonconsumersdigest.com

Company: Idaho Power
mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description:
No matter how much money Idaho Power spends on advertising on the radio, t.v., newspapers, etc. to convince you that the proposed base-rate increase that they are asking for is really good for you, don't believe them.

Let's take a closer look at the effects that their proposed 25% increase for irrigators is going to have on the folks who farm in the King Hill Irrigation District.

Something that needs to be understood is that this 25% increase is in reality much greater because of its' cumulative effects.

For example, I talked to a small landowner the other day and he is irrigating 9 acres of pasture for his horses. He said that it cost him \$28 an acre to pump the water to water his ground. That means he paid \$252 for power this past season. Now, he also has to pay for his water, which cost him \$82.50 an acre, or a total of \$742.50, so the total cost to water his 9 acres was \$994.50 or \$110.50 per acre, and he doesn't generate any income from that pasture.

With a 25% increase, his power cost is going to increase to \$315.

The cost of the water is going to be a little harder to figure, but we can rough it out. It costs \$407,379 this past season to provide the water for the 11,000 + acres in the district. This works out to be roughly \$37.03 per acre. A 25% increase is going to jump the District pumping costs by \$101,845 and increase the cost per acre by approximately \$9.26, which, all other factors remaining equal, will result in a per acre cost next year of approximately \$91.76...an increase of 11.22%.

So now our small landowner is looking at a 25% increase in his pumping costs and an 11.22% increase in the cost of his water for a total increase in his watering costs of 36.22% to water his 9 acres.

Now, take those same projections and apply them to the farmer who has 100 or 1000 acres. I'm sure that nobody, least of all Idaho Power, is going to increase the price he gets paid for his crops by 36% to compensate for the rate increase.

The small commercial (21%), large commercial (15%), and industrial (13.9%) users will all pass their increased costs along to the consumers.

One of Idaho Powers reasons for the rate increase is to recover the costs for new development, but if you ask any sub-division developer if they have to pay up front to get the power into their development and they will answer in the positive. The same with any new residential service. Does Idaho Power charge places like Micron for new services?

Idaho Power is also requesting a 19% increase in residential rates, which will take a very large bite out of the fixed income of folks like my Grandmother who will be 100 years old in June.

Couple this rate increase with the probable rise in prices for many necessitates and this rate increase will have a very devastating impact on many of our senior citizens.

Please reign Idaho Power's greed in and hold them to a realistic increase, if you have to give them one at all.

Sincerely,
Knight C Duerig

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To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Wednesday, April 28, 2004
2:55:33 PM

Case:

Name: Jeff Struthers
Street Address: 2514 Carriage Way
City: Twin Falls
State: ID
ZIP: 83301
Home Telephone:
E-Mail: strut2@cableone.net

Company: Idaho Power
mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment description: I don't feel that it is fair for the general public to be forced to subsidise irrigation rates. We are paying (from what I have been able to find out) for about 65% of irrigators costs. I feel that they should be paying their share of the bill. It is unfair to people on fixed or low income to have to foot their bills. I think that residential bills should go down and the irrigators should go up to true cost pricing. This would only be fair.

I have also heard that you may force teared rates onto the customers again. This is also unfair to people on fixed and low incomes. You will force them to keep their allready poorly insulated old homes and trailers even colder than they allready are. This is true. Teared rates favor middle income homes and are unfair to poor and wealthy. It is unfair to poor houses because it costs them so much to heat their old homes and it is unfair to people with big homes because they are being punished for spending money which helps our poor economy. You would not have to worry about this so much if you just did what you know is right and charge irrigators true cost for their mass consumption of electricity.

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WWW Form Submission:

Wednesday, April 28, 2004
1:49:09 PM

Case:

Name: Carolyn Elexpuru
Street Address: P. O. Box 466
City: Gooding
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83330
Home Telephone: 208 934-8355
E-Mail: celexpuru@hotmail.com
Company: Idaho Power

mailing_list_yes_no: no

Comment_description: My husband and I farm and raise cattle, the power bills have gotten higher and higher and another 15% would be out of the question. Idaho Powers growth seems to be in the commercial and residential areas of the larger cities such as Boise and Twin Falls, why penalize the agricultural entities. Agriculture, with the shortage of water, and higher energy costs will suffer the most with increased irrigation costs. We pay for the extension of new lines when they are installed. Why do we have to pay again?

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To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Thursday, April 29, 2004
10:28:10 AM

Case: Idaho Power average base rate
Name: Larry L. Kohntopp
Street Address: 16 Toponce
City: Pocatello
State: ID
ZIP: 83204

Home Telephone: 208-478-2089
E-Mail: kohnlarr@ci.chubbuck.id.us
Company: Idaho Power Co.

mailing_list_yes_no: no

Comment_description: I am in favor of an average Idaho Power base rate increase of 3.06 percent as recommended by IPUC staff to a maximum of 10 percent. I am a firm believer that as agriculture prospers, the State of Idaho and, hence, the nation prospers. This proposed, significant increase to agricultural users could have a very delterious effect on one of our prime industries and the overall economy of our state!

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Jean Jewell

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To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

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Thursday, April 29, 2004
10:20:25 AM

Case: RATE HIKES
Name: Phil Quinton
Street Address: 5372 Lori Lane
City: Chubbuck
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83202
Home Telephone: 208 238-008-
E-Mail: BIGFEET1987@MSN.COM
Company: Idaho Power

Comment_description: I have had to live on disability for the last 17 years. I receive just enough money to survive. I pay my bills first and with whatever is left I need to guard it carefully to be able to eat. My wife and daughter understand when we can't do some of the things other people do and for that I am truly grateful.

Having to watch every penny is stressful. While understanding the need to upgrade your systems, couldn't you do a little at a time? If you had a hike now of say 9% and in a few years had another one of 9% that would put you where you want to get. It would also allow me to budget my finances to better accomodate the hikes. Every business needs to make money of they fail. Just don't hurt those of us who due to accident or illness struggle with what little we make.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Phil Quinton

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Subject: Complaint acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Thursday, April 29, 2004
9:47:26 AM

Name: Scott Keller
Street Address: 2077 Faye Lane
City: Pocatello
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83201
Home Telephone: 209-237-4334
Work Telephone: 208-317-2365
E-Mail: kellersc@d25.k12.id.us
Home Business: Home
Business Name:
Business Street Address:
Business Phone:
Complaint Company: Idaho Power
Local Provider: Quest
Contacted utility: No
Complaint description: To Whom it may concern:

I am writing in regard to the IPUC increase that is to be addressed on May 28. I feel like we are in difficult times. Governor Kempthorne and told me, "We all need to tighten our belt when it comes to spending" I think we all have.

I am aware that with time all things will need to generate more income, however an almost 20% increase in one session is a hard blow to many in my town.

Please realize we are all trying to do our best in this economy. I know this letter my have no effect on a decision to raise the cost of electricity, but I would like to those who are the powers that be, that several in Bannock County will feel the effect of a twenty percent increase.

Please consider a less intrusive increase if there need be one. We are already are paying extremely high property taxes here and our doing our best to make ends meet. I have a modest home adn my property taxes increased \$200.00 last year alone.

Thank you for asking for comment in the Idaho State Journal. I hope this letter is considered when making a decision.

Scott Keller

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To: Jean Jewell
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From: Ed Howell
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2004 11:54 AM
To: Front; Beverly Barker; Ed Howell; Tonya Clark
Subject: Complaint acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Thursday, April 29, 2004
10:54:11 AM

Name: Roger Turner
Street_Address: 307 N. Buchanan
City: Pocatello
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83204
Home_Telephone: 208 233-9526
Work_Telephone:
E-Mail: RKTURNER71@MSN.COM
Home_Business: Home
Business_Name:
Business_Street_Address:
Business_Phone:
Complaint_Company: IDAHO POWER
Local_Provider:
Contacted_utility: No
Complaint_description: IPUC Commission:

Comment on Idaho Power's Proposed Rate Hike:

I want to go on record as opposing the proposed rate increase by Idaho Power; specifically insofar as the proposed 19.9 % increase in residential rates. I believe that the Residential rates have subsidized commercial users and irrigators too long. I have seen the rates charged "interruptable commercial users" by Idaho Power, for example, and there is no justification for allowing such low rates for these users (given the rare number of times their power is interrupted). I propose that the Residential rate be increased no more than 5%, with the other class of users absorbing the additional costs, if they are deemed justifiable by the Commission.

Thank-you

Roger Turner

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WWW Form Submission:

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Case: IPC-E-03-13
Name: Jim Yearsley
Street Address: 1730 W. Quinn #36
City: Pocatello
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83202

Home Telephone: 208-237-4184
E-Mail: jimyearsley@msn.com

Company: Idaho Power Co.
mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: Idaho Power has indicted that more than 10,000 new customers have created a need for this increase. If they have that many new customers, isn't it reasonable to assume that their profits will also increase? I am retired and on a fixed income. Increases such as that of Idaho Power are highly inflationary and unreasonable.

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To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Thursday, April 29, 2004
11:47:05 AM

Case: UNKNOWN
Name: ELWIN & DAWNA CHRISTENSEN
Street Address: R.T. #2 BOX 81, BALLARD ROAD
City: POCATELLO
State: IDAHO
ZIP: 83202

Home Telephone: 208-237-1165
E-Mail: elledawds@wmconnect.com
Company: IDAHO POWER COMPANY

mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: NO MORE RATE HIKES FOR IDAHO POWER!!!! WE HAVE NO CHOICE IN THESE MATTERS, ONLY TO DO WITHOUT POWER. SO WHAT DO WE DO? USE HIGH PRICED POWER OR BUY FOOD, MEDICATIONS, AND PAY SHELTER COSTS? WE LIVE ON DISABILITY INCOME AND DON'T GET THE KIND OF MONEY THAT IDAHO POWER EXECUTIVES GET. WE CANNOT AFFORD ANY MORE. IF THIS LETTER COULD BE VOCAL, YOU WOULD HEAR ME SCREAM AND YELL. WE ARE SICK TO DEATH OF PAYING MORE AND MORE AND NOT GETTING MORE AND MORE. IDAHO POWER DOESN'T CARE ABOUT THOSE OF US WHO ARE STRUGGLING FROM DAY TO DAY JUST TO MAINTAIN WHAT LITTLE HEALTH WE HAVE LEFT (WE'RE ONLY 52). WE WOULD BE WILLING TO BET THAT NOT ONE EXECUTIVE IS WILLING TO TAKE A CUT IN THEIR WAGES TO OFFSET WHAT IDAHO POWER IS REQUESTING IN INCREASED RATES.

SINCERELY,
SOON TO BE WITHOUT POWER,
ELWIN & DAWNA CHRISTENSEN

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Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
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To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Friday, April 30, 2004
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Case: IPC-E-03-13
Name: cody swensen
Street_Address: 625 w. hayden
City: pocatello,
State: id
ZIP: 83204
Home_Telephone: 234-7093
E-Mail: cody@nightwingmotorcycle.com
Company: idaho power

mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: as a resident and a small business owner and customer of idaho power, this rate hike will be devastating, as a home owner with a 19% hike and a 21% hike at my business, how can we hope to make ends meet. I only wish I could raise my prices by that much and hope to still have my customer base. It's not our fault that they are short-sighted in their loss of revenue and increased infrastructure. Hey, they need to plan ahead. Thank you, Cody Swensen.

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Jean Jewell

From: Tonya Clark
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2004 7:42 AM
To: Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: ID POWER % INCREASE

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From: Stan Williams [mailto:wmsentna@cableone.net]
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2004 7:38 AM
To: Tonya Clark
Subject: ID POWER % INCREASE

To whom it may concern:

My name is Stanton (Stan) A. Williams, I live at 3743 Flamingo Dr., Pocatello, ID, 83201, email - wmsentna@cableone.net- phone, (208) - 237-1925.

My concern is the proposed and almost approved 19.9% increase (for residential customers) that Idaho Power is asking for. First they give my an 18.0% decrease - then turn around and ask for a 19.9% increase - what do you see wrong with that equation. The residential customer takes it in the shorts.

I am disabled and on a fixed income; but for my wife teaching at a Christian school we would loose everything, now comes Idaho Power and wants us (the residents) to move ever closer to that tragedy, if not in fact over or at that fact.

You are our only defense not to mention HOPE!

Please, and I will pray unceasingly for, denial of this rate increase, I understand their so called dilemma, but they fail to understand our, and seem not willing to even try!

PLEASE DENY THIS INCREASE, SUMMARILY!

**Yours sincerely
Stan Williams**

4/30/2004

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From: Ed Howell
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2004 2:02 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Friday, April 30, 2004
1:02:24 AM

Case: IPC-E-03-13
Name: June M Gates
Street Address: 1960 SW 3rd Avenue
City: Fruitland
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83619
Home Telephone: 208-452-4598
E-Mail: junemari@fmtc.com
Company: Idaho Power
mailing_list_yes_no: yes
Comment_description: Dear Commission Members:

I am against rate increases of all types at this time.
Companies have a responsibility to be factual, to the best of their ability. After reading pages and pages on your website, I do not find credible statements that support that they need more money. It appears they want more money, but I do not feel they prove that money is needed for their continuity.
Please refuse the increase.

Thank you,
June M. Gates

Transaction ID: 430102.24
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Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2004 11:10 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Thursday, April 29, 2004
10:10:09 PM

Case: IPC-E-03-13
Name: Howard & Patricia Schutte
Street Address: 5212 N. Can-Ada Rd.
City: Nampa
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83687-9001

Home Telephone: 208 466-4759
E-Mail: heschutte@juno.com

Company: Idaho Power
mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: We are concerned about the proposed 25 per cent increase by Idaho Power for irrigation users. We feel that the growth in Idaho, which we have been told is the reason for the needed increase, has nothing to do with farm irrigation rates. Growth should pay its own way. The farmer should not have to take the brunt of the problem. The farm use has remained the same over the years. Why should the farmer pay more to help meet the increased usage by companies such as Micron? When we first started using our irrigation well pump in 1988 we were paying approximately \$14 a day. In recent years it has gone up to as much as \$50 a day. We are being priced out of the market!

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Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2004 9:29 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Thursday, April 29, 2004
8:29:16 PM

Case: IPC-E-04-9
Name: J&C Land & Livestock / Jerry Strickland
Street Address: 1738 E 3400 S
City: Wendell
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83355
Home Telephone: (208) 536-2743
E-Mail: PRIESTERCHERYL_685@msn.com
Company: Idaho Power
mailing_list_yes_no: yes
Comment_description: Dear P.U.C.
4-29-04

I want to protest the Idaho Power requested 25% increase for irrigation. I know many of my neighbors feel the same way as myself. I sold most of my property in 2000 but, I still have 45 acres, which has a small pivot that irrigates 35 to 36 acres. Idaho Power put a meter on it that tells time and date when you run the pump. I went on their program in 2002 to run from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. the next day but, I couldn't keep my 35 to 36 acres of pasture wet enough to keep it producing grass. In 2003, I irrigated it when it needed it. My cost for that year was \$3141.92 or approximately \$87.27 per acre. To add another 25% to that would be approximately \$785.48 for a total of \$3927.74 or \$109.09 per acre. In 2002 my irrigation cost was \$3008.89.

A little history, In 1974 my father and I developed approximately 340 acres. We put in a well and paid Idaho Power for the construction of the power lines to get electricity to that well. I put a home on the property and paid for the construction of the power lines to it also. Now Idaho Power is wanting us to pay a large increase to pay for the construction costs for all the construction that they have done in the recent years. It seems to me they should make their newer add-ons pay for their own. We should not have to pay for their management mistakes they made in the Enron Era.

Truly,

Jerry Strickland

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From: Ed Howell
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2004 8:18 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Thursday, April 29, 2004
7:17:45 PM

Case:

Name: TERESA SCHMIDT
Street_Address: 5227 STUART AVE
City: CHUBBUCK
State: IDAHO
ZIP: 83202

Home_Telephone: 2082375049

E-Mail: TL5227@MSN.COM

Company: IDAHO POWER COMPANY

mailing_list_yes_no: no

Comment_description: I DO NOT WANT POWER RATES TO GO UP AT DOUBLE DIGIT RATES. I THINK THE IPUC HAS THE RIGHT IDEA, TO ONLY ALLOW 3 PERCENTAGE POINTS AT THE MOST FOR A RATE INCREASE...DON'T LET THE BIG IDAHO POWER COMPANY GET AWAY WITH THIS!!!!

Transaction ID: 4291917.45

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Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2004 8:15 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Thursday, April 29, 2004
7:15:07 PM

Case:

Name: TERESA SCHMIDT

Street Address: 5

City: POCATELLO

State: IDAHO

ZIP: 83201

Home Telephone: 2082321427

E-Mail:

Company: IDAHO POWER COMPANY

mailing_list_yes_no: no

Comment_description: WE ARE RETIRED AND THE RATES FOR EVERYTING WE NEED ARE GOING UP SO FAST THAT WE HAVE NOT GOT THE MONEY TO PAY FOR THEM ALL. PLEASE, FOR ALL THE RETIREES OUT THERE, HOLD THE INCREASE FOR IDAHO POWER TO 3 PERCENT OR LESS.

Transaction ID: 4291915.7

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Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2004 8:13 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Thursday, April 29, 2004
7:12:42 PM

Case:

Name: Jimmy Schmidt
Street_Address: 5227 STUART AVE
City: CHUBBUCK
State: IDAHO
ZIP: 83202
Home_Telephone: 2082375049
E-Mail: JW5227OK@MSN.COM
Company: IDAHO POWER COMPANY
mailing_list_yes_no: no

Comment_description: I AGREE WITH THE COMMISSIONS FINDINGS THAT IDAHO POWER COMPANY SHOULD ONLY RECEIVE A 3% INCREASE IN RATES. IDAHO POWER SHOULD BE BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE AS IT GOES AND NOT EXPECT THE RATE PAYERS TO BAIL THEM OUT. I WOULD SUBMIT THAT THE EXEC'S OF THAT COMPANY ARE WELL COMPENSATED AND THEY ARE TAKING NO SALARY CUT TO HELP THE COMPANY CAUSE. WE HAVE ELDERLY ON FIXED INCOMES AND RATES FOR EVERYTING FROM GAS, FOOD, NATURAL GAS, ETC, RISING AT DOUBLE DIGIT RATES. KEEP THE COSTS DOWN...WE ARE FLOUNDERING IN A SEA OF CORPORATE GREED.

Transaction ID: 4291912.42
Referred by: <http://www.puc.state.id.us/scripts/polyform.dll/ipuc>
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Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2004 5:58 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Thursday, April 29, 2004
4:58:23 PM

Case: IPC-E-03-13
Name: Carl and Florence Sowell
Street Address: 1365 Paramount Ave.
City: Pocatello,
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83201

Home Telephone: 208-232-2165

E-Mail: carso7@sisna.com

Company: Idaho Power Co.

mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: We are elderly retiree's concerned about Idaho Power Co.'s proposed increase of 19.9% for residential electricity rates. We are on an early fixed retirement income which makes it difficult to cope with rising costs in all commodities. We have an all electric powered and heated home. We were allowed special rates and this was an incentive

to have an all electric home. Now we are restricted by rising costs during to heat only 3 or so rooms during winter months unless more are absolutely needed.

For the above stated reasons we are OPPOSED TO THE IDAHO POWER CO. RATE INCREASES. Thank you for your kind consideration

Sincerely, Carl and Florence Sowell

Transaction ID: 4291658.23

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Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2004 5:22 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Thursday, April 29, 2004
4:22:23 PM

Case: Proposed Idaho Power Rate Increase
Name: Rebecca
Street Address: Ponkow
City: Chubbuck
State: ID
ZIP: 83202

Home Telephone: 208-238-9347
E-Mail: ponkow@if.rmci.net
Company: Idaho Power

mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: Idaho is just recently starting to emerge from economic hard times. The current economic conditions appear to show that Dairy and Produce Prices will be increasing significantly. These increases are driven mainly through a shortage of livestock and increased fuel costs. Idaho Power's increased rate schedule will fuel even higher prices and hurt the low income class directly through farmers and ranchers needing to increase their prices, as well as, the increased cost of summer energy.

The 3% increase the commission originally spoke about was an amount that could be absorbed, eventhough for some it would cause hardship. The combined private citizen increase of 19.9% coupled with the 25% increase to irrigators makes this particularly hard to bear and impossible to budget for.

I urge the commission to either reject any increase or give Idaho Power the 3% increase originally discussed.

Thank you for your time in this matter.
Becky Ponkow

Transaction ID: 4291622.23
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Jean Jewell

From: Front
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2004 3:57 PM
To: Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: Complaint acknowledgement

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

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2004 4:51 PM
To: Front; Beverly Barker; Ed Howell; Tonya Clark
Subject: Complaint acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Thursday, April 29, 2004
3:51:00 PM

Name: Dan Thompson
Street Address: 4200 Philbin Rd. # 75
City: Pocatello
State: ID
ZIP: 83202

Home Telephone: 208-237-2134
Work Telephone: 208-478-3824
E-Mail: DLSEVN@peoplepc.com
Home Business: Home

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

Complaint description: I am concerned with the rerquested rate increase proposed by Idaho Power. The advertised justification is that it now costs much more to supply us with electricity for our homes and businesses. They claim that the burdon comes from not charging farmers and large businesses the appropriate amounts throughout the years. As a home owner and a citizen of Idaho I do not feel it is my place to subsidize Idaho Power for their lack of sound business practices. It is not my responsibility to subsidize the farmers and other large business that Idaho Power forgot to charge appropriately for services. I pay taxes. I buy gasoline, groceries, close, etc. All these increase their prices too. Yet, My income does not increase to accomidate all these needy businesses. Idaho Power has a monopoly in our area. They seem to believe that they tell the Commission what and when to do what Idaho Power wants.. I am tired of this compaining by the Utility. They were involved with the scam in California and apparently lost a tidly sum of money. Again, part of life.

I think the Commission should be more concerned with citizens and communities instead of special interest groups. I think Idaho Power should learn to manage their resources instead of squandering for the special interest groups. I want the Commission to deny Idaho Powers petition for a rate increase of this magnitude. A reasonable amount would be in line with any cost of living increases to citizens, about 3% as a maximum.

Thank you for hearing me out.

Sincerely,

Dan Thompson

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

From: Dean Moreno [mailto:libertycare@onewest.net]

Sent: Friday, April 30, 2004 12:22 PM

To: Tonya Clark

Subject: Rate Hike

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Dear Sirs/Madams:

I recognize that all aspects of the world are experiencing an increase in costs; however, my paycheck has not received commensurate increases. I will soon run out of 'excess' monies with which to pay all the extra hikes because of increased costs.....then where will these agencies get their monies? I could support the 2.5 % raise that has been suggested....grudgingly. Any more than that will be considered as highway robbery....not because I am unreasonable, but because I cannot increase my take home and must pay my bills and taxes so as to contribute to the welfare of all. Please recognize that the alleged economy turn around has not hit the majority of us and that when it does.....there will remain many of us that do not profit from it. Also, please consider those that are on fixed income such as the elderly, those mentally ill and disabled, and those chronically ill and please recognize they will never really see an economy turn around...it is from this population that I derive my income, thus my income is as static as theirs. If everyone would stop trying to make high profits and instead consider conservation, alternative sources, and constraint, we would all be better off....it is time that this economy stop spending as if there will always be thousands of millions of dollars available for the taking and recognize that we all should be grateful if we have money with which to meet our bills and basic needs.....which I will not have if there is a 14 to 20 percent raise in prices. Thank you for taking the time to read this email....I generally do not take the time to 'complain', but my checkbook is as stretched as it can be. Again, thank you. Sincerely, Frances J. Wright Libertycare@onewest.net

4/30/2004