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TO: IDAHO PUC COMMISSION (FAX #334-3762)
RE: IDAHO POWER (RATE) INCREASE
FR: MICHAEL / CINDY DOLTON
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DT: MAY 6, 2004

WE OPPOSE IDAHO POWER COMPANY'S REQUEST TO INCREASE THEIR RATES. COMMON SENSE TELLS US TO LOOK AT THE ECONOMY AND HOLD THE LINE UNTIL WE SEE RECOVERY. WE ARE IN THE LOWER MIDDLE CLASS INCOME RANGE, OWN A SMALL FARM AND BOTH OF US WORK OUT. WE HAVEN'T SEEN PAY INCREASES FOR THE PAST 3 YEARS. IN FACT ONE OF US HAS SEEN A DECREASE TO A FIXED INCOME. WE RENT OUT THE FARM AND HAVEN'T SEEN AN INCREASE IN RENT THE PAST 4 YEARS, WHILE SEEING OUR PROPERTY TAXES INCREASE, OUR INSURANCE RATES DOUBLE, ALONG WITH THE SALES TAX INCREASE. WE WILL BE LUCKY TO RENT IT AGAIN WHEN THE LEASE EXPIRES, AGAIN DUE TO THE BAD FARM ECONOMY.

WE ALSO FEEL STRONGLY THAT NEW GROWTH SHOULD PAY FOR ITSELF.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH JUST SAY NO TO IDAHO POWER.

Michael Dolton
Cindy Dolton

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Dear PUC,

We do understand Idaho Powers comments on increase population & more equipment costs.

However, aren't developers charged to put in power for the customers living in new developmnets?

We understand the cost of living raises for their employees for high cost of insurance rates.

But we disagree for Idaho Power customers paying for Idaho Powers lost revenue with past business transactions.

We have level pay.

Idaho Power wanted customers to conserve usage. Which we did & our past bills show this change.

It really bothers us that we were charged an extra $25.00 a month for the possible cold winters or water shortage.

Then each month we have a credit, as of now, our credit is $300.00. If Idaho Power makes interest off our credit, how about multipling this credit with 400,000 plus customers? Or the percentage of level pay customers.

Our economy is in trouble. If Idaho Power is allowed the 14% to 17% increase to customers. That means we will have to cut our costs for groceries-retailers-driving-fishing-camping-restaurants-movies-ect.

We have increasing costs ourselves. Our insurance goes up every year. Our cost of living raise is very minimal. So we are going backwards in total income for all these cost increases, instead of forward.

With gasoline soon to hit the $2.00 & over mark. There will be a ripple effect for all businesses to increase costs to customers.

Plus other utilities want to increase rates to customers.

If you must allow Idaho Power rate increase, we hope you keep it at the 3.4% you stated in the Statesman.

Idaho Power talks of how low rates are in Idaho. But Idaho Power forgets how low rages are for a large percentage of customers.

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Dear Sir:

Every time I read the Weiser paper I get more depressed, sick to my stomach and scared out of my mind. I'm not the only one. There are hundreds of senior citizens that try to live on $500.00 to $700.00 month. Our income only goes up $7.00 a year. Can you imagine what it is like? It was so hot last summer and I couldn't use my air conditioner because I couldn't afford the electricity. Keep my heat down to 68° in the winter, no matter how cold it gets.

Had to cut way back on medications, groceries, only drive the car once a week and flush the toilet once

every 24 hours. It is darn gross, but that is what high prices and high Idaho Power rates and utility rates are doing to us old people and a lot of young people with children.

Seems like Weiser raises utility rates every time the turn around. They over spend and we have to pay for it.

Wish there would be an end to it, I'm so tired of the worry.

Sincerely,
Eunice Rhoads

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

TO WHOM IT SHOULD CONCERN:

I am writing, again, to FORMALLY PROTEST this OUTRAGEOUS rate increase proposal by Idaho Power Company.

I must say again, NOT 19% - NOT NOW! - NOT EVER!

This is ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS!!!!

Indeed, it is EVEN MORE RIDICULOUS in light of the recently disclosed $20,000,000 PROFIT that IdaCorp enjoyed, for ONLY THEIR FIRST QUARTER!!!

Therefore, I propose a DIFFERENT idea:

Perhaps the IdaCorp Executives and shareholders would like to share a tiny fraction of their newly-gotten gains - this $20,000,000 PROFIT MARGIN - by RETURNING a portion of it to the ratepayers that need it most - the thousands of Idahoans who are on a fixed income that is WELL UNDER the POVERTY LEVEL established by the Federal Government - those of us who are disabled, through no fault of our own, and receive FAR LESS THAN $1000 a month, who, EACH AND EVERY MONTH, simply struggle to get by until the next month - those of us for whom even the THOUGHT of ever "getting ahead" is NOTHING MORE THAN A FAR-FETCHED DREAM!

By returning a portion of their "earnings" to those of us (from whence it came, in the first place) who are "lowest on the totem pole" they would be showing that they are, indeed, seriously concerned with, and understanding of, those ratepayers that are least able to pay, and whom will never, ever be able, of their own volition, to increase their incomes.

It is high time the IPUC Commissioners squarely address the issues that face, everyday, that sizable segment of the population who seem to be generally ignored by those in authority - those of us for whom *ANY and ALL* rate increases constitutes a DEFINITE HARDSHIP, and always will!

Any consideration which you might show toward those of who are less fortunate would be like a breath of fresh air, and MOST WELCOME!

It is, after all, the less fortunate of us who also have the least chance of our voice being heard.

I sincerely hope you will give this important issue the consideration it rightly deserves, before it spirals completely out of control, with devastating results.

Thank you,

Ken Walters

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Jean Jewell

From: Jean Jewell
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2004 9:08 AM
To: Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: Idaho Power rate hike

-----Original Message-----
From: larry spurling [mailto:larryspurling@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 08, 2004 2:01 PM
To: Randy Lobb
Subject: Idaho Power rate hike

I would like to come out against the rate hike that is being considered for Idaho Power Company.

Within the Canyon County area, there are a lot of retired people who cannot afford the rates that are now in place. I for one only got a 2 percent raise in my Social Security benefits. Where I work Monday thru Friday where we work with senior people on the Heating Assistance program there are several thousand people whose Social Security benefits are les that $600 per month and even with the help that they get, they are barely struggling to keep up with the high utility bills they have during the winter month.

I agree that the population growth within Southwest Idaho has increased tremendously, but as with other companies,they are not making their customers pay for their expansion that they are going through. If there is such an increase of Idaho Power customers, then why are they not makign those people pay for the expansion that they are creating instead of making the present customer pay for their expansion.

Being a person that has stock with Northwest Natural Gas and Pacific Power and Light Company I am against the utilities that think that they should have a high profit in order to pay for higher dividends.

Also why does the executies of Idaho Power have to have a hughe salary while so many people are unemployed, and with many of them that their unemployment being exhausted because they cannot find work. When they do find work it is for $6 and $7 an hour instead of the $15 to $25 an hour that they were making before they lost their jobs.

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