

Idaho Power seeks efficiency rider hike

BOISE - Idaho Power customers have until Feb. 16 to comment on the company's proposal to increase an energy efficiency rider on customer bills.

The company seeks an increase from 30 cents a month for the average residential customer to 85 cents. The rider would become effective June 1. Idaho Power's proposal further requests an increase to \$1.36 per month for an average residential customer beginning in June 2007.

If approved, the energy efficiency rider would help fund six major conservation programs designed to offset the growth in demand for new power plants and to prevent the company from acquiring power from more expensive sources to meet growing customer demand.

The current rider generates \$2.6 million annually. Costs for implementing the six programs from this year through 2009 increase from \$5.5 million to \$10.8 million, the company claims.

Comments should be sent by Feb. 16 to P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074 or faxed to (208) 334-3762.

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IPC Board,

I own Idaho Power stock but for the life of me I don't understand why they make users to pay for conservation programs..

If you multiply the number of their meters read each month by the \$3.92 charged to read them the total is roughly 1,200,000⁰⁰. It does not cost I.P. that much to read meters or buy pick-up trucks.

I suggest that I.P. should use this fund to cover conservation.

My power bill far exceeds dividends derived from stock and I don't need another fee added on.

Conservation is simply one of the costs of doing business.

I realize I.P. didn't create the drought but neither did users. We can't pass on our expenses.

Sincerely
Bernice Westendorf

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