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From information received in my last Idaho Power statement I learned that they had filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission in December of last year. They asked that \$.30 being charged for the Conservation Program be increased to about \$.85 (approximately 2.75% to 2.80% increase) to become effective on June 1, 2005. They further asked for another increase of 2.4% in June of 2007 to be approximately \$1.36 monthly. Also received was their newsletter "Consumer Connection" directed to their Irrigators informing them that they could save from \$2.01 per kilowatt to \$2.76 per kilowatt just for changing their irrigating between 4 and 8 p.m. to other times. The money would come from this money from everyone else. They could easily change that 4 hour time to earlier in the day and not have to work at too early of a starting time. Why must they be paid to do what is reasonable and right. The water company asks customers to alternate watering days according to address, odd number water one day, even number the next day, also not to water during the hot daytime hours. To my knowledge this seems to work with most people.

The point I'm trying to put across is that 2% here and 2% there doesn't seem like much but if you live on Social Security you might get a cost of living increase of 2.7% with a significant amount of that going to Medicare premiums. My raise per month was \$9.00, \$1.36 would be quite a lot especially when Idaho Power, Intermountain Gas and United Water Idaho get much more when you grant them increases.

We old people and I'm sure many working poor, unemployed and others depend on the IPUC to think of our plight when bill paying time comes each month.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted.

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