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Commission Secretary
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PO Box 83720
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RE: Idaho Power Rate Case #IPC-E-05-10 / Bennett Mountain Project
Schedule 41 / Street Light Service

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Dear Commissioners:

The City of Boise has concerns regarding the street light tariffs proposed in the referenced case. Our understanding is that the Bennett Mountain Project was needed due to increasing power requirements, especially at peak periods. The City has three primary concerns:

1. The cost of power is only one component of street light rates. A significant portion of the cost is related to the operation and maintenance costs, and for company owned lights, for the capital component. City staff believes that in the range of half of the schedule costs are not related to power. The rate for components not related to power costs should not be increased by this project.
2. Our understanding is that the need for the Bennett Mountain Project was primarily driven by peak load demands. Street lights only operate during non-peak periods, so power costs should either not be increased or increased at a lower rate.
3. The latest cost of service study we have found (from Case IPC-E- 03-13) indicates that street light revenue is 26% more than the cost of street light service. This inequity should be corrected.

The City of Boise paid roughly \$480,000 under the Schedule 41 tariff last year, and thus has a significant interest in these rates. This also affects all other cities served by Idaho Power under this schedule. The City requests your consideration of our concerns. Should you have questions or wish to discuss, please contact me at 384-3903.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charles Mickelson, PE
Director

cc: Dave Bieter, Mayor of Boise
Barton L. Kline, Senior Attorney - Idaho Power Company
Gregory W. Said, Manager – Idaho Power Company
Don Reading, Boise Public Works Commission member
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From: Ed Howell
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To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

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Friday, April 29, 2005
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Case: Idaho Power Plants & Rates - IPC-E-05-10
Name: Robert Weis
Street Address: 120 West 210 North
City: Blackfoot
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83221
Home Telephone: 208-785-6146
E-Mail: robert@weis.myrf.net
Company: Idaho Power

Comment_description: You should not approve a Natural Gas fired Power plant for Idaho. It is a waste of gas and money to make Electricity from Gas. It is just too 'Exotic' and a poor use of Gas. And, you should not approve a coal-fired plant in Idaho due to the extreme pollution generated by all Coal fired generation facilities. You should be supporting and pushing for an ultra-modern Nuclear Power facility for Idaho at the INEL. Bonneville power is government power so what is the objection? The best & finest personnel in the Nuclear Power Industry are in Eastern Idaho and the INEL was ther first Nuclear Power Plant to generate electricity in the world. What is the issue?

Thank you for listening and reponding promptly.

Robert Weis

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WWW Form Submission:

Monday, May 02, 2005
10:26:18 AM

Case: *IPC-E-05-10*
Name: W. Ron Myers AIA
Street Address: PO Box 130
City: Inkom
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83245
Home Telephone: 2087754413
E-Mail: wrm3333@aol.com
Company: Idaho power
mailing_list_yes_no: yes
Comment_description: PUC Members,

Thank you for your attention on the following. I am concerned about and do not think that your should approve the base rate increase of 9.6 Million Dollars for the Bennett Mountain Power Plant. This increase should be passed on to the farm/ranch irrigation and air conditioning users. The Idaho Power is presently giving brakes of \$7.00 to air conditioner users (in the hot part of the state) and lower rates to irrigation users. Irrigators also remove water from the rivers that generate electricity at a critical time of the year.

I do not use air conditioning or irrigate therefore I should not be subsidizing those activities.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter,
W. Ron Myers AIA

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Sunday, May 01, 2005
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Case: Idaho Power PCA - ~~IPC-E-05-15~~ / IPC-E-05-10
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City: Boise
State: ID
ZIP: 83705-2138
Home Telephone: 208-343-0166
E-Mail: ivasoreass@gmail.com
Company: Idaho Power

Comment description: Idaho power wants to raise the consumers' rates to pay for additional power plants or increased production. This sounds just plain wrong to me.

Idaho Power gets a return on their investment by having more power to sell at a profit!

Why should I have to invest into a moneymaking venture with Idaho Power if I don't get a return on my investment? They certainly won't be issuing stocks or bonds for this venture, and they will certainly be making a profit (or asking for a rate increase to cover their bad investments...)

Other businesses don't get to charge every consumer an extra amount to invest in capital expenditures for the purpose of increasing sales at a profit.

Base rates need to stay the same in Idaho. Idaho Power is trying to raise their rates to expand their coverage and to be able to sell more electricity at a profit - not meet a need that isn't already being met.

Jeff Taylor

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