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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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Dear Commissioners:

In reading the brochure sent out by Idaho Power regarding Electricity Rates April 2005, I was surprised and very angered to find out that the IPUC had granted a 2.25% increase for Idaho Power's Federal Income Tax Expense.

Why in the world should the customers have to pay the business' income tax? If they have that much taxes it must be because of their income as with everyone of us. It seems to me that the shareholders should have to pay some of their company's expenses instead of passing them on to the customers. The IPUC seems to be on the side of the utility companies, granting them increases for everything they ask for -new facilities, special rates for special customers, etc. Now the Idaho Power wants another 1.84% to pay for the Bennett Mountain Power Plant. The plant is for more power for air conditioning and irrigating in the summer. We are already paying extra for summer months. The total would be 4.09%. My Social Security COA was 2.1% but with the increase in Medicare premium my net increase was \$8.00 per month. The amount if Idaho Power gets what they've asked for would be approximately half of my \$8.00 raise. The leftover \$4.00 doesn't go very far when you figure other utilities that have been granted increases plus rising costs in necessities such as food, transportation, doctors/hospitals/drugs, etc.

What makes it worse is that the utilities here are monopolies. We have no recourse but to pay these ever increasing costs and the IPUC doesn't seem to understand or care about the customers' plight.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

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I am writing this in response to the current rate increases requested by Idaho Power. In reviewing the ongoing rate increase requests that we are seeing, it appears to me that Idaho Power needs to take a hard look at their fiscal management of revenues.

I am particularly opposed to an increase to pay taxes. I realize that utilities are supposed to be non-profit, but taxes should be paid out of profits, which Idaho Power does have. No individual can acquire a pay increase for the sole purpose of paying taxes. No private corporation can get their consumers to pay their taxes. Granted, they can increase the price of their product, but competition does not allow that. Unfortunately, Idaho Power does not have competition. They are a monopoly.

I recommend these increases be denied. It seems that the people from Idaho Power keep coming at you with rate increases and eventually wear you down. They need to be good stewards of their revenues, and it appears they are not.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.

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Furthermen:

I strenuously object to a
tax related adjustment for
Idaho Power.

Why don't you allow Idaho
Power to charge home developers
to connect to Power when
they build their subdivisions?
It seems to me this would
be a good thing.

Sincerely,
Wedge Anderson

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