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Dear Idaho PUC;

I have some concerns about this proposal.

Although I have been reading a bit this case on you website, and about the EPA Acid Rain Program and SO allowance trading on the EPA website, I still don't understand enough to make detailed comments. While the EPA Program has reduced total SO2 emissions from power plants nationwide, I fail to see how it protects the public in the vicinity of a plant which buys allowances in order to pollute at rates above its cap.

I am mostly concerned about how this proposal would impact Idaho; whether it would facilitate the construction of any coal-fired power plants in the state. Many people, including myself, think that the advent of coal-fired power plants in Idaho would be a mistake.

I also wonder how much choice you have in deciding this matter, since this is a federal program.

Incidentally, the EPA web page indicates that states are free to set their own SO2 standards and make them more stringent than those of EPA. I would suggest that you consider making recommendations to the Idaho Legislature to do so, keeping a state SO2 limit close to what actual emissions are now.

Thank you

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