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Regarding PUC Case No. IPC-E-05-22

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Dear Commissioners,

As an Idaho farmer, and someone directly involved in the development of a wind project on my land, I am writing this letter to share thoughts on an immediate issue that will have adverse affects on me as a farmer, the local county where my farm is, as well as other land owners throughout the state of Idaho. Please consider the following thoughts on an issue of immediate consequence to me (as a farmer), and the 20+ other farmers in my close vicinity.

Electricity rates have continuously increased. I testified before the PUC in 2003 that if the electricity rates would continue to increase I would not be able to make a living farming. I urged them not to increase the rates. The rates were increased again in 2004, and I could not afford to irrigate that season.

With our average price per kilowatt gone up 42% from 1999 to my last year of farming in 2003, myself all of the other 20+ farmers in the area decided that we could no longer afford the increased electricity costs and we decided to sell our water.

Since then I have been working on two wind projects. I have invested a significant amount of resources, time and effort into these projects. Both of the projects interconnection applications were submitted before Idaho power made a filing with the PUC Case No. IPC-E-05-22 on 7/17/05.

I have investors and equipment for these projects. As you may know the Production Tax Credit (PTC) is set to expire at year end. I am under time constraint by both the equipment manufacturers and the investors to complete this project this year. Any amount of delay may force my investors to look elsewhere this year. If the PTC is not approved in the future, or is reduced, then it is highly likely that my two projects will never happen.

Because I have put forth significant effort into these projects, I urge that the PUC decide not to allow the delay to affect the projects that were filed before Idaho Power filed their request on 7/17/05.

Furthermore, I urge the Commissioners to deny Idaho Powers request for a delay for further studies before granting future power purchase agreements. I suggest this because of the following

The public supports wind projects. Elected officials passed legislation that encourages construction of new wind farms.

Please deny the delay for further study requested in PUC Case No. IPC-E-05-22

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jared Grover". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the "G".

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