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Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2005 12:04 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

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Monday, December 05, 2005
12:04:05 PM

Case: IPC-E-05-28
Name: Bonnie Hansen
Street Address: 3246 E Medgemaple Ct
City: Boise
State: Idaho
ZIP: 83716

Home Telephone: 208-363-9487
E-Mail: omieonly@yahoo.com
Company: Idaho Power

mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: Idaho Power is again making claims to make necessary another increase in usage cost. I am a home owner. I have been in my current home for 8 years. When I first moved to my home in Columbia Village my average electric bill during the winter was \$40-60 a month. I am now paying over \$120 per month. It amazes me with the continued growth and continued income Idaho Power is receiving from a larger base population and steady increase of rates, that they would even consider yet another increase to the consumer. Haven't we, the citizens been hit hard enough. Is it truly necessary to continue the gouging of the general populace? I find it harder and harder to pay my utilities. I can't imagine how hard it must be on the elderly and other fixed income people. Please decline their request. They use to brag on the affordability and clean means of heating. No more. It's time they became more responsible to those they serve by tightening their belts not ours.

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Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2005 8:08 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

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Monday, December 05, 2005
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Case: ?
Name: ben strand
Street_Address: 2851 vollmer loop
City: american falls
State: id
ZIP: 83211

Home_Telephone: 208 226 5480
E-Mail: strand@dcdi.net
Company: idaho power co.

mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: I have been following the energy increases for many years while living in Idaho (+ 30 years). Given the monopoly or oligopoly we have servicing our region how can we create an efficient long term competitive advantage for the region businesses. The cheapest hydro advantage we have enjoyed is becoming more difficult and can not meet future demand, people and business desires to move into Idaho, electronic technology (hi tech) has become the standard and requires cleaner and more consistant electricity, oil and natural gas prices are going up and will be gone in 50 to 100 years, wind and solar appear helpful but limited in their usefulness, while coal and nucular has everyone affraid.

I feel coal gasification with basalt sequesterization of air emmisions has a lot to offer for cost advantage and effective long term energy demand in our region. THERE IS A PROJECT TRYING TO MOVE FORWARD BY POCATELLO, ID and Idaho power has not encouraged it's success from what have seen and heard. THE APPEAR TO SUPPORT HIGHER LONG TERM COST OF NATURAL GAS. Is this because they make more money when they can charge customers more money in a monopoly and/or oligopoly market?

Please place some stong controls of encouraging long term low cost energy in our region (2050 -2100 ENERGY COSTS). I realize normal inflationary and security costs are requirements but not encouraging

more energy plants at the lowest long term cost (+ 100 years) is not what's best for are region. The US has + 200 years of coal and nucular capability. Enviromental issues regarding these low energy cost plants are being and have been much improved. We depend on your guidance to help shape our energy future.

I suggeat you not approve this proposed increase without having Idaho Power present a 15 year plan to meet our energy needs (low cost for a global economy). Transmission lines are being proposed very close to

Pocatello, coal and bassalt sequesterization is nearby, low costland and empolyees are in supply. Timing is everything.

Please keep our costs at a competitive advantage in the long term and build this as a condition into any rate increases. IT CAN BE DONE WITH THE RIGHT BUSINESS PLAN.

Thanks,
Ben Strand

PS Any questions or comments feel free to contact me. Excuses and not having a good long term businss plan to accomplish the above is a regional long term problem. We have the resources.

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Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2005 2:59 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Tuesday, December 06, 2005
2:59:03 PM

Case: IPC-E-5-28
Name: Mr. & Mrs. Clark Higley
Street_Address: 3536 East 3195 North
City: Kimberly
State: ID
ZIP: 83341
Home_Telephone: 208-423-5101
E-Mail: dandydell2002@yahoo.com
Company: Idaho Power

mailing_list_yes_no: no

Comment_description: We want you to know that we object to another Idaho Power rate increase. Is it absolutely, positively necessary? Our health insurance, property taxes, gasoline, dental expenses, food etc. have all increased this year -- in some cases more than 15%. Social Security will raise 4% in January. It is getting very difficult to keep up. Please keep Idaho Power in check as much as possible. Thank you.

Transaction ID: 1261459.3
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Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2005 4:00 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Tuesday, December 06, 2005
3:59:33 PM

Case: IPC-E-05-28
Name: A.C. LIKES
Street Address: PO BOX 572
City: GLENN'S FERRY
State: IDAHO
ZIP: 83623
Home Telephone: 2083632518
E-Mail: aclikes@earthlink.net
Company: IDAHO POWER

mailing_list_yes_no: yes

Comment_description: I totally object to the proposed 7.8% increase by Idaho Power to residential users. This proposal is nothing more than to cover their expenses for the new natural gas plants that they have build and/or planning to build.

The IPUC recently approved a 27% increase to Intermountain Gas Co. based on their claim towards "Supply and Demand"; these plants huge volume use of natural gas plays a major part of the grounds for gas cost increases and their increases have in turn supplied Idaho Power artificial reasons to likewise increase their residential rates...

This 7.8% increase on residential usage is bad enough during the winter months, but when added in with the artificial increases for summer usage, this is totally un-acceptable. There are thousands of users in Idaho that are on fixed incomes and can not endure this continuation of the IPUC to continue to grant whatever utility groups in this state request.....

Transaction ID: 1261559.33
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Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2005 11:53 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
Subject: Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Monday, December 05, 2005
11:52:42 AM

Case: don't know number ~~-IPC-E-05-28~~

Name: Don Boss
Street Address: 2250 6th Ave S
City: Payette
State: ID
ZIP: 83661
Home Telephone: 208.642.8294
E-Mail:

Company: Idaho Power

Comment description: I received a notice of rate increase presented to IPUC of 7.8% on 10/28/05 and if I had any comments to contact IPUC. My comment is that I am opposed to this rate increase. They state it is to offset operating costs and capital investments (I assume new generating plants. I have read in other documents that there is a need for increased capacity. Well, with more electricity being sold at or near capacity, this should be a substantial increase in revenues, and with the increase of production with new generation plants, that will be even more revenues for Idaho Power. Yes expenses will go up, but it has always cost money to make money. Idaho Power has a monopoly in the Electricity Supply Industry in our area; we have no other source of electricity that I am aware of; therefore no need to be competitive. If anything, since our economy in our area is depressed, rates should be going down, not up.

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Jean Jewell

From: Front
Sent: Friday, December 02, 2005 4:55 PM
To: CJ Cooper
Cc: Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: Complaint acknowledgement

-----Original Message-----

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Friday, December 02, 2005 3:00 PM
To: Front; bev; barker@puc.idaho.gov; Ed Howell; Tonya Clark
Subject: Complaint acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Friday, December 02, 2005
2:59:55 PM

Name: Henry Hibbert
Street_Address: PO Box 935
City: Glens Ferry
State: ID
ZIP: 83623
Home_Telephone: 366-7097
Work_Telephone: 514-8169
E-Mail: hhibbert1@msn.com
Home_Business: Home
Business_Name:
Business_Street_Address:
Business_Phone:
Complaint_Company: Idaho Power
Local_Provider:
Contacted_utility: yes

Complaint_description: I am sure that Idaho Power needs the rate increase. I oppose any rate increase to residential customers. According to their graph my rate will increase as a home owner is \$.45 cents and small business owners is \$.56 cents. But Industrial is \$.24 cents and large commercial is \$.31 cents. Why are home owners and small business taking the brunt of this rate increase its almost double. Some home owners are on a fixed income and can't afford this increase. Why can't the Industrial, Large Commercial and ag take the brunt of this increase this time? Give the Residential and Small Business owners a break this time. Thanks for your time.

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Idaho Public Utilities Commission

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RE: CASE NO. IPC-E-05-28

Idaho Power application to increase rates for electricity service in Idaho.

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In reviewing material before the IPUC related to Idaho Power's request to increase rates charged for electricity service for residential customers, I am quite confident the Public Utilities staff will be able to determine whether a rate increase for Idaho Power is justified. However, Idaho Power is also trying to increase the customer service charge from \$3.30 to \$8.00 per month for residential customers such as myself. This is the same "end men" used by Idaho Power during the previous request for a rate increase. I do not believe the customer "service charge" should be increased at all for now. This charge has nothing to do with costs to provide electric service, and it's not related to the amount of monthly electricity consumption (kWh or kWhrs) by residential households using electric power.

I have inclosed a copy of the letter Idaho Power sent to residential customers with current electricity billings. I can see nothing in this letter referring to a customer charge proposed increase to \$6.00 per month, and thus I seriously doubt the "average" residential customer would only experience a \$3.00 per month increase on power bills.

Idaho has an excellent PUC staff, quite capable of determining whether Idaho Power's rate increase request is justifiable, and I can abide by the Commission's findings and final decision as to rate increases based on costs and consumption patterns at this time. However I am very strongly against Idaho Power being allowed to increase the customer service charge per month. There was a small increase allowed during the previous rate hearings, thankfully not the \$10.00 per month Idaho Power initially requested. The current service charge of \$3.30 does not need to be increased. Again the monthly service charge is not related to Idaho Power operations costs as a provider and certainly doesn't relate to the amounts of electricity consumption per month by Idaho Power's residential customers.
Thank you for considering my input
Sincerely, Tim Hodus

2121 Roosevelt St
Boise, ID 83705



Notice of Application To Increase Rates

Dear Idaho Power Customer:

On Oct. 28, Idaho Power filed a request with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC) for a 7.8 percent increase in the base rates we charge all of our Idaho customers. There are many reasons for this request and this letter is my opportunity to share some of them with you.

The proposed increase would apply to Idaho customers' base rates, the portion that pays for Idaho Power's actual cost of conducting business such as maintenance and operating expenses and capital investments. The new rate could become effective June 1, 2006 should the IPUC take the maximum amount of time to process the request.

Many of the issues within this case were closely reviewed by the IPUC as part of the company's last general rate request filing two years ago. This filing represents adjustments to the company's operating requirements since that time.

There were several issues that delayed our 2003 general rate filing including an energy crisis here in the Northwest. Not filing for such a prolonged period resulted in our company having to seek a double-digit rate increase. In the wake of our last case, Idaho Power decided that it was in the best interest of its customers to file more frequent but smaller cases, such as the one we filed last month.

With IPUC approval, the proposed price change would result in an annual revenue increase of \$44 million to help offset the company's yearly operating costs of approximately \$606 million to provide electrical service to its customers in Idaho.

The proposed rate changes vary for each customer group, although the same overall increase of 7.8 percent has been requested for each customer group. The chart below shows the average of all rate components for our major customer groups. However, the current and proposed "average base rate" does not include the annual Power Cost Adjustment component, which can increase or decrease the overall rate depending on the company's energy costs through April 2006.

Customer Group	Current Average Base Rate	Proposed Average Base Rate
Residential	5.74 cents	6.19 cents
Small Commercial	7.16 cents	7.72 cents
Large Commercial	3.91 cents	4.22 cents
Industrial	2.99 cents	3.23 cents
Irrigation	4.42 cents	4.76cents

If this request is fully authorized by the IPUC, the additional amount we are seeking would mean an increase of approximately \$5 a month on the power bill of an average Idaho Power residential customer who uses 1,200 kilowatt-hours per month.

It is important to understand that Idaho Power's application is a proposal subject to public review and a Public Utilities Commission decision. Copies of the filing are available on the IPUC website (www.puc.state.id.us), Idaho Power's website (www.idahopower.com) or at the commission office, 472 W. Washington St. Copies also are available at Idaho Power's corporate headquarters, 1221 W. Idaho St., Boise or at Idaho Power offices in Boise, Nampa, Emmett, Payette, McCall, Mountain Home, Gooding, Hailey, Twin Falls, Heyburn, American Falls, Pocatello, Blackfoot or Salmon.

Best wishes,

Ric Gale
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs