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UTILITY COMMISSION

### 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](http://www.puc.state.id.us)), Idaho Power's website ([www.idahopower.com](http://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*

Ric Gale  
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs

EXISTING CUSTOMERS SHOULD NOT BE  
PAYING FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS THAT  
EXTEND SERVICE TO NEW DEVELOPMENTS,  
THAT WE DON'T EVEN WANT!

1570 No. Prestwick Way  
EAGLE, IDAHO

*Pat Chapman*  
(208) 867-9534

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sent by Gene F.

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** Front  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2006 8:34 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell  
**Subject:** FW: Complaint acknowledgement

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

From: Ed Howell  
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2006 5:14 PM  
To: Front; Beverly Barker; Ed Howell; Tonya Clark  
Subject: Complaint acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Wednesday, January 25, 2006  
5:13:36 PM

Name: LANNY BERG  
Street\_Address: 316 FRANKLIN BLVD.  
City: NAMPA  
State: IDAHO  
ZIP: 83687  
Home\_Telephone: 208-442-2984  
Work\_Telephone: 208-454-1984  
E-Mail: ldberg@lannybergsautocenter  
Home\_Business: Both  
Business\_Name: LANNY BERGS AUTO CENTER  
Business\_Street\_Address: 3020 E. CLEVELAND BLVD.  
Business\_Phone: 208-454-1984  
Complaint\_Company: INTERMOUNTAIN GAS CO.  
Local\_Provider:  
Contacted\_utility: No

Complaint\_description: I'M VERY UPSET ABOUT HOW THE GAS COMPANY KEEPS GETTING RATE HIKE AFTER RATE HIKE!!! DOES ANYBODY CARE? DO YOU KNOW HOW HARD IT IS PAY THESE RATES? EVERYONE I TALK TO FEELS THE SAME WAY. WE HAVE 2 BUISNESSES & HOMES, THE BILLS WE MUST INDURE IS UNFAIR!!!!!!!

I WOULD LIKE TO & ASK YOU TO DO A GRAPH FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS & SEE HOW MUCH PERCENT INCREASE - THIS IS NOT RIGHT!!!!!!!

WE ALL WISH WE COULD JUST 'GET' A PAY INCREASE WHEN EVER WE WANTED TO - DOESN'T HAPPEN IN THE REAL WORLD!! AND NOW IDAHO POWER WANTS A RATE INCREASE, PLEASE DON'T LET THEM FOLLOW DOWN THE SAME GREEDY PATH AS INTEMOUNTAIN GAS CO.

THANK YOU  
LANNY BERG

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## Jean Jewell

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**From:** Ed Howell  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2006 8:17 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Saturday, January 28, 2006  
8:17:14 AM

**Case:**

Name: Tammy Foster  
Street Address: 119 Mountain View D.r  
City: Jerome  
State: Idaho  
ZIP: 83338

Home Telephone: 208-324-1912

E-Mail: megan01@onewest.net

Company: Idaho Power

mailing\_list\_yes\_no: yes

Comment\_description: I am writing today because I really don't understand why our utilities need to continue to have these raises, I can't tell you the last time I had a 7% raise in my pay. My family is still reeling from the Intermountain Gas raise. We are the middle class we don't qualify for any assistance but we don't make huge amounts of money. I think I speak for a lot of people when I say we just can't afford any more raises right now. Idaho Power is making plenty of profit. Please can we just not give them more of our hard earned paychecks.

Tammy Foster

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** Ed Howell  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 25, 2006 12:29 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Wednesday, January 25, 2006  
12:29:05 PM

Case:

Name: Nikki Boyd  
Street\_Address: 2105 Carey Place  
City: Nampa  
State: Idaho  
ZIP: 83651  
Home\_Telephone: 208 467 0727  
E-Mail: nikkib@ruralnetwork.net  
Company:

Comment\_description: I am in opposition of the Idaho Power rate increase that is being considered. I am on a fixed income -- the increase approved for Intermountain Gas has made me really wonder what I am going to do in the future as costs keep increasing. Utilities can spin their numbers whatever way makes their case justifiable -- how much profit do they need to make. Many of us can't afford it.

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## Jean Jewell

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**From:** Ed Howell  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 25, 2006 11:00 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Wednesday, January 25, 2006  
11:00:10 AM

**Case:**

Name: Charlotte Sanderson  
Street Address: 515 6th Ave, So.  
City: Nampa  
State: Idaho  
ZIP: 83651

Home Telephone: 208-465-0196

E-Mail: chajunsan@juno.com

Company: Idaho Power

mailing\_list\_yes\_no: yes

Comment\_description: NO MORE RATE INCREASES!! I AM ON DISABILITY AND PAYING ALL AF YOU ENERGY COMPANIES IS WRONG!! IT IS LIKE YOU AND THE GAS COMPANY ARE IN ACONREST TO SEE WHO GETS THE MONEY!!

Transaction ID: 1251100.10

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