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**From:** drozdarl@spro.net  
**Sent:** Friday, October 27, 2006 5:00 AM  
**To:** Tonya Clark; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness  
**Subject:** PUC Comment/Inquiry Form

A Comment from Bob Drozda follows:

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Case Number: IPC-E-06-21  
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State: ID  
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Add to Mailing List: no

Please describe your question or comment briefly:  
The case should be decided as quickly as possible. A drawn out hearing should not be required.

Cassia was originally trying to build the projects by the fall of 2005. It is not fair for Cassia to bear additional burden of some \$700,000 in turbine cost increase, as they wait for a policy decision of who is responsible for maintaining the Backup Transmission system to Idaho Powers Backbone Grid.

Stonewalling seems to be occurring. Remember that Idaho Power insisted that the Cassia Projects were not exempt from the ;\$moratorium; or PURPA Cap on Wind projects filed in June 2005. After Idaho Power had successfully delayed Cassia for months, the Commission ruled in Jan 2006 that it was exempt. Whether Idaho Power is trying to or not, It seems they have found other means to stop, via delays, PURPA projects such as Cassia's from being built.

- ;½ Allowing Idaho Power to use stonewalling tactics will do several things.
  - fÜ delay/ eliminate the benefits to Idaho Ratepayers
  - fñ around \$300,000 per year in property taxes to Twin Falls County with over 70% going to local schools and highway districts. Income taxes to the state are also a benefit.
  - fñ delaying projects ultimately leads to higher costs to developers and consumers.
- Wind turbines 3 years ago were 30% cheaper than they are now.
- fñ 6 cents a kW seems like a good rate for Idaho Power to be able to lock into for 20 years. Especially when comparing it against more expensive and fluctuating natural gas, and potentially hidden costs of coal when carbon emissions are required in the US, like they are in Europe.
  - fñ New Idaho generation means more Idaho jobs, and a more robust economy.

fÜ Idaho Power should be required to pay for their own ;\$Backbone System;”  
fñ Idaho Power is a growing company and will need transmission upgrades to the backbone system for any new generation whether it be a small PURPA project, Coal fired plants, or natural gas plants.

fñ The Cassia projects are willing to pay for all of the local interconnection upgrades. These are the only costs that PURPA projects have ever been required to pay for.

;½ includes a new substation, feeder lines, and protection packages to the tune of several million dollars.

fñ The Backbone system is used by Idaho Power in conjunction with many different projects including ;\$wheeling;” for other utilities

;½ It is quite possible for Idaho Power to earn addition revenue by wheeling more power across their backbone network because of these upgrades.

fñ According to the FERC filings it appears that Idaho Power had even said it was planning on upgrading its backbone transmission system in the area.

fñ There is actually room on the transmission system without any upgrades under normal

operating conditions (N-0 conditions). The System impact study was run under Worst Case N-1 conditions. The assumptions of the study assumed that 1) the biggest line between Boise and Midpoint go down (an very rare event), and it happens 2) during the heaviest transmission loads (springtime with heavy water flows), and 3) that the Wind at the projects are blowing ;\$full force.;" That is a lot of ;\$IF's;" and also, there are a lot of ;\$how to's;" when it comes to addressing fixing a N-1 contingency. Aside from paying for the expensive upgrades, and depending on the actual ;\$emergency;" these remedies could include Demand Side Management responses, temporarily reducing hydro flows or energy resources, and as necessary curtailing network resources including QF wind (which, as you may know, is already included in the PURPA contracts in case of such an emergency). These are a few ways that protect PURPA projects from being responsible to pay for Idaho Power's ;\$backup plan.;"

fÜ PURPA projects that qualify, such as the Cassia projects, are paid the Avoided Cost Rates which were determined by the Commission. These rates equal the cost of what Idaho Power's next generation source would be (the surrogate resource which was decided to be a natural gas plant).

fñ Cassia should have to pay for the transmission costs IF transmission costs were included as part of the Avoided Cost Rates.

fñ If transmission was not a component of the Avoided Cost Rates, and if even the new Peaking Plants are built in places that need transmission upgrades, it is clear that Idaho Power would be responsible to build the transmission as necessary to get the surrogate resource online, and that they have always had the responsibility of maintaining their own transmission system.

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**From:** davidblox@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, October 27, 2006 5:19 AM  
**To:** Tonya Clark; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness  
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A Comment from DavidBloxham follows:

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Case Number: IPC-E-06-2/  
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City: pocatello  
State: id  
Zip: 83202  
Home Telephone:  
Contact E-Mail: davidblox@gmail.com  
Name of Utility Company:  
Add to Mailing List: no

Please describe your question or comment briefly:

I believe that this case should be decided as quickly as possible, it has cost Mr. Grover alot of money in delays already. Idaho power should be required to pay for their own backbone system. I believe that idaho power is willfully trying to undermine all wind projects by manipulation of the puc. I hope that the puc will rule in favor of Mr. Grover and allow this project to proceed as planned.

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**From:** neil.14@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2006 5:10 PM  
**To:** Tonya Clark; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness  
**Subject:** PUC Comment/Inquiry Form

A Comment from Neil Ashcraft follows:

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Case Number:  
Name: Neil Ashcraft  
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City: Meridian  
State: ID  
Zip: 83462  
Home Telephone: 208-871-5900  
Contact E-Mail: neil.14@gmail.com  
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Add to Mailing List: no

Please describe your question or comment briefly:  
To whom it may concern;

I believe that wind power is a part of our future. It's an important, reliable resource that we could use to our advantage in a state like ours where it is so prevalent. I believe that Idaho Power is only abusing the system in trying to keep it from coming forth. That they are attempting to make small wind farms pay for their upgrades is not only absurd but out of the question. Why should they have to pay for upgrades that are not necessary for their wind farms and that Idaho Power needs to do anyways? It sounds to me like Idaho Power is stalling and in the meantime costing these small farms hundreds of thousands of dollars while IP sits back and just keeps making more and more money. I would hope that we could count on our state to put an end to the Idaho Power tyranny and help to further our future instead of stall it out. I appreciate your time. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Neil Ashcraft

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**From:** elysianna.crazymom@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2006 5:01 PM  
**To:** Tonya Clark; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness  
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A Comment from Elysianna Ashcraft follows:

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Case Number:  
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City: Meridian  
State: ID  
Zip: 83642  
Home Telephone: 208-884-8087  
Contact E-Mail: elysianna.crazymom@gmail.com  
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Add to Mailing List: no

Please describe your question or comment briefly:

I believe that the case Idaho Power is attempting to file against Cassia Wind and other wind projects is ridiculous. It is a feeble attempt to hoarde money and keep their insane monopoly on the utility market in place. They've driven numerous farmers out of the business and are now trying to keep them from doing the only useful thing their land has left. If wind power is not THE reliable and inexpensive source of power for the future of Idaho and many other windy states, I don't know what is. I've lived here a long time and think that it would be nice for the wind to be useful for a change and for Idaho Power to be put in check! Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Elysianna Ashcraft

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**From:** hvsw@magiclink.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2006 4:33 PM  
**To:** Tonya Clark; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness  
**Subject:** PUC Comment/Inquiry Form

A Comment from David Tupper follows:

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Case Number: IPC-E-06-21  
Name: David Tupper  
Address: 1114 E. 2700 S.  
City: Hagerman  
State: ID  
Zip: 83332  
Home Telephone: 208-837-4078  
Contact E-Mail: hvsw@magiclink.com  
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power or Cassia Power  
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your question or comment briefly:

I feel that Idaho Power should build it's own Backbone Supply line. Idaho needs the extra power generated by these wind projects. With all the talk in the short past about coal plants in the magic valley, it was never brought up about having to upgrade the backbone supply line. This is a stall tactic by IP to try and dissuade wind energy. Your position is to do what's right for Idaho, not Idaho Power!! Let's get off our butts' and get producing some green energy. There is a 43 tower wind project in Idaho Falls. Their system works just fine with current supply lines. Let's get these wind projects working with clean, wind energy. thank you David Tupper

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**From:** lzirker@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2006 3:23 PM  
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A Comment from Larry Zirker follows:

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Name: Larry Zirker  
Address: 3155 Rawson  
City: Ammon  
State: ID  
Zip: 83406  
Home Telephone: 208-524-3051  
Contact E-Mail: lzirker@yahoo.com  
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Co  
Add to Mailing List: no

Please describe your question or comment briefly:  
With the global warming and increased natural gas costs, I find it hard to understand that the Idaho Power Co. puts road block after road block in the way of PURPA wind farms. I wish they would do something good for Idaho and help these small wind farms.

Larry Zirker

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2006 9:34 AM  
**To:** Tonya Clark; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness  
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A Comment from Martin Franklin follows:

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Case Number: IPC-E-06-21  
Name: Martin Franklin  
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City: Boise  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83704  
Home Telephone: 283 5804  
Contact E-Mail: zyx987xyz@yahoo.com  
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your question or comment briefly:

As we try to reduce our dependence on foreign sources of energy by developing domestic renewable resources, it is very counter productive for Idaho Power to employ every obstructive tactic they can think of to discourage development of wind power in Idaho.

Asking the developer of 38 megawatts of generation to pay \$60 million for transmission line upgrades, on the premise these upgrades are required for the full 400 megawatts being considered for development at Bell Rapids is disingenuous at best and totally unrealistic.

I urge the commission to hear the case quickly and render a decision in favor of developing alternative sources of energy for the people of our state.

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