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Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
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I am writing regarding the proposed increase requested by Idaho Power. According to the article in the Idaho Statesman on January 24, 2008, Idaho Power has settled with its larger customers who said the proposed rate increases were too high. It also states that the settlement reached by Idaho Power and those companies and the staff of Idaho Public Utilities Commission would increase residential customers bills even more than Idaho Power had proposed.

It seems that this settlement is pretty well cut and dried and that the new rate would be permanent, not adjustable based on water available to generate electricity and the cost of buying electricity. Therefore the up-coming public hearings to be held are just a formality and that since Idaho Public Utilities Commission staff has already approved this deal that they will hold the hearings then go ahead and give Idaho Power what it wants including the change to permanent instead of adjustable and want it now as it looks like we will have plenty of water due to current snow packs which would mean not having to adjust rates down.

I am in my eighties and my Social Security cost of living increase doesn't go too far by the time they deduct for Medicare insurance premium increases.

As I mentioned above, this deal has been made and no matter what the hearings produce, it will all be just to satisfy that they were held. Being of my age and other concerns I will be unable to attend the Boise hearing and this is my way of expressing my thoughts, but I doubt any of the commission members will even see this letter and it is just an effort of futility.

Respectfully submitted,

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