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**From:** concernedcitizen@jwmhome.com  
**Sent:** Friday, May 04, 2007 6:11 AM  
**To:** Tonya Clark; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment/Inquiry Form

A Comment from follows:

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Case Number: IPC-E-07-09  
Name:  
Address:  
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Zip:  
Home Telephone:  
Contact E-Mail: concernedcitizen@jwmhome.com  
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your question or comment briefly:  
I am a high-ranking officer at a nonprofit organization that contracts with Idaho Power and its weatherization program. I prefer to remain anonymous.

I do not agree with the increase of funding from \$200,000 to \$1.2 million through 2007. The program is over funded and a profit is realized due to Idaho Power's billing format. There is a scramble by the nonprofit agency to find enough customers to spend out the contract money. This program needs to be cut back to a minimal level and the excess dollars given back to Idaho Power's customers.

In addition, tighter guidelines need to be implemented concerning the weatherization of illegal aliens or homes that have both legal and illegal alien residents. The nonprofit agencies that implement the Idaho Power weatherization program should be held to higher standards concerning using this money for legal residents only. The agencies should have the freedom to question residency of applicants and the ability to turn illegal alien applicants in to the authorities when discovered.

Income verification should also follow strict guidelines. Word of mouth by the client should not be used since many lie about their income. Instead, each client should be required to submit their 1040 for income verification. In this manner, no income can be excluded.

Idaho Power is asking for a 14% rate increase. Low-income legal residents that do not qualify for special programs are being burdened with a huge rate hike. Instead of a 14% rate increase, the Idaho Power weatherization program should be cut down to the \$200,000 level.

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**From:** jwm\_idpower@jm-squared.com  
**Sent:** Friday, May 04, 2007 6:06 AM  
**To:** Tonya Clark; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
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A Comment from Justin Malinosky follows:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your question or comment briefly:

The idea of this program being increased is ridiculous. I'm completely fed up with the power company's and the state's willingness to provide freebies to illegal immigrants, criminals, and people that are simply willing to lie. At the same time, the people that really do need the help are constantly neglected.

Anyone who wants this assistance simply needs to request it and state that they earn some low amount of income. They should be required to show proof of income through a filed 1040. At least a random portion, if not all, of those 1040s should be verified with the federal government. Once the people who are dishonestly receiving benefit under this program have been stopped, a significant amount of money should be freed up in order to raise the income limits, allowing those that are still just scraping by to be able to qualify.

Illegal aliens should never qualify for this program. We should not be paying money to a utility in order to provide welfare to people who should not be here in the first place. In addition to that general principle, don't you think that if someone is willing to break the law just to be here, break federal and state laws to gain employment, and evade state and federal income taxes, that they would be willing to lie through their teeth in order to get all the freebies that they can?

Finally, tighter controls should be placed on how the money is spent by the 'non-profit' agencies that are responsible for the program's implementation. These agencies should be reimbursed for their direct costs to perform their weatherization jobs. There should be neither vagueness in fund distribution nor loop holes allowing them to make a profit.

I'm already fed up with how much of our money is being wasted. To ask for a large increase in how much can be blown in an already out of control program is unbelievable. The program should be rolled back to the funding levels it had in the past.

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**From:** jdwertz@msn.com  
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**To:** Tonya Clark; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment/Inquiry Form

A Comment from JoAnne Wertz follows:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Add to Mailing List: no

Please describe your question or comment briefly:

I urge continuation of the Weatherization program. In addition to the energy savings, this program has enhanced the quality of life for thousands of families who did not have the financial resources to make their homes more livable. The program is efficiently administered by the Community Action Partnerships. I am the Executive Director of a not-for-profit organization that has, in the past, sponsored a life-safety repair program for pre-1976 mobile homes, which dovetailed with the Weatherization program.

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