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To Whom it may concern,
I'm writing this in response to the 20% Rate increase by Idaho Power.

I've written before when Intermountain Gas had the multiple rate increases. It didn't do any good then, And I'm sure it won't do any good now, however, I feel I have an obligation to those less fortunate, to at least make a Christian effort.

I understand Idaho Power needs to have an increase to meet the expenses, what I object to is the amount all at one time.

The Valley has grown by Leaps and bounds, and I find it impossible to believe, with the increase in Revenue, they need a 20% increase.

People on a set income may find themselves having to prioritize their needs, Do I buy groceries, my medicine or do I go without both as I have to pay my power bill.

At this point in the year they don't have to worry about heat, but the time will come when they will.

Idaho Power has to keep in mind this is Idaho, we have more cold months than warm.

Will the less fortunate be cold

this winter because they can't afford to do anything else?

Everything is increasing, gas, food, Intermountain gas and the list goes on. The only thing that is not going up is wages, or Social Security for those who are on it.

This world is being controlled by the wealthy, who obviously could care less what happens to the little guy.

They can point out all they want that Idaho has the cheapest rates, but that's not going to help someone who can't pay their bill feel better, or make it easier for them.

I only have 9 years until I retire myself, however, I doubt very seriously I'll ever be able to retire as I won't be able to afford to live. It's a scary thought for me now, I can't imagine how those on a fixed income, or minimum wage are feeling.

What has happened is cruel, and someday, someone, or a lot of someones, are going to have to answer for it.

What happened to watching out for your fellowman?

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