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OPEN LETTER TO Idaho Public Utilities Commission

July 23, 2008

Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
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Regarding Idaho Power's request for a rate hike:

The Vice President for Regulatory Affairs, Mr. Ric Gale states the two forces driving this increase are the growing number of customers and the growing demand for electricity. This statement in itself seems to be the answer to covering costs. As all current customers use power, we pay for it. So likewise will future customers.

The fact that base rates may be increased or decreased based on water levels in hydropower dams, the general public will probably be understanding. And whether or not Idaho Power gets the full rate increase they request, the rates DO go up every year no matter what the water level is.

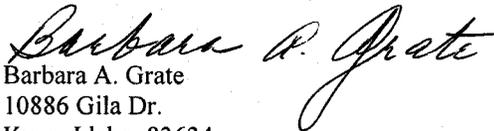
I cannot speak for the irrigation farmers since I'm not in that capacity but will agree with a statement made by Lynn Tominaga, Executive Director of the Idaho Groundwater Appropriators Assoc., "We're paying for the growth of others." I believe this is true in the residential areas also.

It's comforting to know Idaho Power rates are among the lowest in the nation. This makes me wonder how elderly folks like us, on fixed incomes, manage living expenses in other states.

Idaho Power spent upward of \$2 billion dollars purchasing wind & geo thermal resources. Are these resources not paying for themselves? They also increased the generating capacity by an additional 180 megawatts compared to 2005. If a single megawatt can power 650 homes (as I understand from the report in the Idaho Statesman) then those homes should be able to support themselves without Idaho Power raising rates for everyone.

Perhaps Idaho Power, as well as other utilities should learn to operate on a more realistic budget instead of continually expanding and expecting customers to pick up the balance.

Respectfully,

  
Barbara A. Grate  
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Kuna, Idaho 83634

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Paul & Gayle Roberts  
140 North 400 West  
Blackfoot, ID 83221

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing in regards to Idaho Power's request for a 9.9 percent rate increase. We are asking you to deny their request.

Due to the present status of the economy we know of many people who are already stretched to the limit and we feel that an electricity rate increase would be devastating to them. We are being gouged for gasoline and diesel. All commodities are being priced higher and higher to make up for these fuel increases. The Governor wants to raise taxes on fuel, driver's licenses, and registrations. When and where will it stop?

Most prices are way up, some as much as 80 to 90%. Cost of living and pay raises average 3%. The consumer is being squeezed from every direction. Increasing the power rate for irrigation will again eventually mean higher consumer prices. We need to cut the vicious circle and the PUC can be the first step in this process. Help the consumer for a change.

Once again we strongly request that you deny Idaho Power's request for a rate increase.

Sincerely  
Paul & Gayle Roberts

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** Jean Jewell  
**Sent:** Friday, August 01, 2008 11:35 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell  
**Subject:** FW: Jessie May FW: Consumer Complaint/Inquiry Form

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

**From:** jesselmay@yahoo.com [mailto:jesselmay@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 25, 2008 8:06 AM  
**To:** Tonya Clark; Front; Beverly Barker; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** Consumer Complaint/Inquiry Form

A Complaint/Inquiry from Jesse May follows:

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**Name:** Jesse May  
**Contact E-Mail:** [jesselmay@yahoo.com](mailto:jesselmay@yahoo.com)  
**Daytime Telephone:** 208-703-7710  
**Home Address:** 10448 lockwood  
**City:** boise  
**State:** id  
**Zipcode:** 83709  
**If this concerns a Business, Business Name:**  
**Business Address:**  
**Business Phone:**  
**Name of Utility Company:** idaho power  
**Have you contacted the utility regarding your concern?:** No

Please describe your question or complaint briefly:

I think its time that the community stop getting hit with all the increases that idaho power is getting away with due to i.p.u.c. approving, i believe as a consumer they should have to deal with these issues just like everyone else, ' Its time for these high paid people to feel the squeeze themselves instead of passing it on to the consumer'! As a resident mt bill has risen way too high in the last year. Not more than 6 months or so ago we were paying 80\$ a month level pay , now as of July 26, 2008 we currently are paying almost 130\$ a month level pay, i hate to see what none level pay looks like!  
I would just like to see something done about businesses taking advantage of people now adays , especially with the rest of the economy as bad as it is . Thanks for taking the time to read my complaint #IPC-E-08-10 Sincerely Jesse May

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/cons/cons.html>  
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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** adobejewelry@cableone.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 24, 2008 9:18 AM  
**To:** Tonya Clark; Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from J. B. Knudson follows:

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Case Number: ~~avu E-08-01~~ IPC-E-08-10  
Name: J. B. Knudson  
Address: 228 E. 8th ave.  
City: Jerome  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83338  
Daytime Telephone: 208-324-1493  
Contact E-Mail: adobejewelry@cableone.net Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

Reading the information sent me from Idaho power and why they need a rate increase doesn't seem fair to me. They list that one reason is the size of the homes we are building, all the t.v.'s they have and the power they use. I live in 900 sq ft. and have for more then 20 years, and I don't want to subsize larger homes power bill. If these people can afford a large home and all the other trapings, than let them pay the own power bill for what they use. The older folks don't need to pay part of the president of the banks bill.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>  
IP address is 72.24.195.9

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