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December 11, 2008

IPC-E-08-10

LaMont Keen
Idaho Power Company
P.O. Box 70
Boise, Idaho 83707

Dear Mr. Keen,

The rise in electricity demand from consumption and population growth in the last twenty years dramatically impacts everything we do, from keeping our roads in good condition to ensuring a quality education for our children. As elected community leaders, we work to ensure the communities we serve grow and prosper without sacrificing our quality of life. We understand Idaho Power does the same for our citizens and those efforts require capital investment.

Supporting our growing communities takes commitment from Idaho Power, regulators and local community leaders to improve and expand all types of generating capacity and our electrical delivery system. The businesses, homes, schools and hospitals you power are essential to the economic health and vitality of our communities. A secure energy future requires more than energy efficiency programs. New generation sources, transmission lines and improvements to existing infrastructure are also required. Therefore, we urge you to invest in and expand our electric system ensuring economic opportunities and a high quality of life for future generations.

All of us working together to define and build our energy future ensures our communities' long-term stability and success.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Fred Tilman in black ink.

Fred Tilman, Chairman

Handwritten signature of Paul R. Woods in black ink.

Paul R. Woods, Commissioner

Handwritten signature of Rick Yzaguirre in black ink.

Rick Yzaguirre, Commissioner

cc: Idaho Public Utilities Commission

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Jean Jewell

From: Normea@clearwire.net
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2008 11:20 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Norman Appell follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-08-10
Name: Norman Appell
Address: 3020 E. Frankln Rd.
City: Meridian
State: ID
Zip: 83642
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: Normea@clearwire.net
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

Please be advised that many of us are struggling to pay the current rates and that an increase at this time would push us to the point of having to disconnect. This would, of course, reduce their revenue!

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
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Jean Jewell

From: cabryant@live.com
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2008 9:37 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Chris Bryant follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-08-10
Name: Chris Bryant
Address: PO Box 82
City: Glens Ferry
State: ID
Zip: 83623
Daytime Telephone: 208-366-2435
Contact E-Mail: cabryant@live.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Company Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

I am a farmer in Glens Ferry, ID representing Black Mesa Farms, LLC. We are a potato operation which utilizes a high-lift irrigation system to deliver water from the Snake River. The 500 ft. lift makes our power bill with Idaho Power Co. one of our largest input costs and one of our greatest concerns.

I am writing in opposition to the 15% increase to the Irrigation Class proposed by Idaho Power Co. The residential and commercial growth in the Treasure Valley has been the principal driver of increased costs on Idaho Power's system. Growth in the Irrigation Class, however, has been flat for the past 25 yrs. It is my understanding that the IPC's cost-of-service study assigns a disproportionate amount of growth costs to the Irrigation Class due to the assumption that all customer classes grow at the same rate. With this unfair methodology and with each successive rate increase, customers in the Irrigation Class are falling further behind. It is true that agriculture has experienced a dramatic boost in commodity prices over the past two years. Energy and input costs, however, have risen at an alarming rate as well. Our fuel, fertilizer, and labor costs all hit record levels during 2008. Now, with the current trend of declining commodity prices, growers are left with lower farm receipts and lingering high costs, particularly in the fertilizer market. As the current market conditions stand today, our operation would be hard pressed to sustain a 15% increase to its power rates. It is our recommendation that the Irrigation Class receive a maximum increase of 2-3% or no increase at all.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
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Jean Jewell

From: rlamica@msn.com
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2008 9:14 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Rick Lamica follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-08_10
Name: Rick Lamica
Address: 6 Conifer Cir
City: Boise
State: Idaho
Zip: 83716
Daytime Telephone: 208 396-5460
Contact E-Mail: rlamica@msn.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Add to Mailing List: no

Please describe your comment briefly:
Why do they need the increase for growth? There is a recession and an absence of commercial and residential expansion. We just get a little relief from gas prices and IDAHO POWER wants that extra change rolling around in our pockets. A small increase is appropriate but not this much.

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