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IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Re: Idaho Power Co. - New Three Tier- Rate Increase.

Dear Commissioners,

This is a complaint towards the Three Tier System and the 1.61% Rate Increase by Idaho Power, as was allowed by the Commission, as of February 1, 2009.

The Three Tier System only identifies the different users and does not identify the necessity (of electric) of the User. My self as a high user have had no other option for energy as I live outside any city usage area where other options are not available. I must even pump my own water. A premium is usually paid upfront to get lines extended to provide electricity. Why is it that I should pay more for each KWH used out of necessity compared to low users of necessity? Isn't it still cheaper to deliver more goods (electric) than a little? Isn't the return on investment much quicker on delivering three times more goods than a little to a residence? I believe everybody tries to use what electricity they get as a necessity. The Three Tiered System is grossly flawed as put into effect.

The Idaho Power Co. pamphlet states the usage rate would be prorated between the Tiers as used. There is no mention that Idaho Power would use their own proration method rather than what is most commonly used when given the facts. Their method charges more to the customer. One needs a math degree to follow their method. This is deceiving the public.

The 1.61% average rate increase, using the Three Tiered System is highly unfair. This increase should be distributed across all users on an equal basis. As the increase was put into effect, the small necessity user pays little if any increase, whereas the larger necessity user increase was 10%-20%. The difference will be more drastic during the Summer Period. Any conservation suggestions must be addressed to all users, large or small, and the same goes for increasing rates to entice conservation. All must do their part. Telling the small user that their rate may not increase at all does not sponsor any conservation to them. It suggests likewise. I, as a large user (into Tier 3) find it impossible to conserve enough to even drop to Tier 2 as my use is all out of necessity. Grossly unfair to the users that have always in the past, and still at present, relied on all electric necessity use.

I request that the above matters be addressed by the Commission as soon as possible.

Sincerely, Tony Moreda

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