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Jean Jewell

From: jtrotter04@msn.com
Sent: Saturday, December 26, 2009 2:45 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Kay Trotter follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-08-10, Order No. 30722
Name: Kay Trotter
Address: 2523 NE Reservoir Road
City: Mountain Home
State: ID
Zip: 83647
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: jtrotter04@msn.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

We have an all electric home where other fuel sources are not readily available. We have always done everything we could to reduce our bills. How do you justify the current tiered rate structure for us.

My husband is currently among the unemployed and we have been able to make ends meet but this increase is such that we might just have to turn the heat off. Last month we turned the thermostat down to 60 (Normally left at 68) and my bill was still \$100 more than normal for this time of year. Something else I don't really understand is how we turned the thermostat down, sit in the dark and my usage went up?

Everyone should pay the same amount for what they use. People shouldn't have to choose between heat and food and people shouldn't have to be cold and sit in the dark.

I believe Idaho will continue to have population growth, does that mean because they can not meet the demand I will pay higher and higher bills to support the growing population. Not right! Not right at all.

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From: hdwright@citlink.net
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2009 8:25 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Howard Wright follows:

Case Number: *IPC-E-08-10*
Name: Howard Wright
Address: PO Box 1094
City: McCall
State: Idaho
Zip: 83638
Daytime Telephone: 208-634-4955
Contact E-Mail: hdwright@citlink.net
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

I am writing about a concern I have regarding the new tiered rate billing system that was implemented in the winter of 2009.

I live in McCall Idaho and everything in my home is powered and heated by electricity.

I have done a straight across calculation of the increase this has caused to my electric utility bill. Compared to the rates before the tiered rates were implemented I have have seen a 30% increase in my electric bills in the winter. I have seen a 20%-25% increase in my electric bills in the spring and fall months. This factor is based on a kWh to kWh comparison before and after the tiered rate system was implemented. It is not based on a monthly comparison of bills, I understand that weather conditions from year to year change. For example, my April 2008 electric bill (before the tiered rate implementation) was \$197.87 for 3202 kWh hours of electricity use, my December 2009 bill (after the tiered rate system was implemented) was \$293.68 with 3376 kWh used. This is a 29% cost / kWh increase.

McCall and several other small communities in Idaho does not provide very many options for economical heating in the winter and there are more than 6 months in the year that require a significant usage of heat. Many people in McCall are stuck with electricity as a heating option. This new rate system will really hurt people that have these similiar circumstances.

I implore you to stop this horrendous tiered rate system. This type of rate increase could not have come at a worse time. Allowing a rate system like this that increases certain peoples bills as much as 20%-30% is ridiculous. A straight across 5%-10% increase would be much more reasonable for people that have these similiar circumstances.

I ask you to immediately put a stop to this tiered system and go back to a straight 5%-10% increase.

Thank You for your attention and I look for an immediate response to this very critical issue.

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