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A Comment from Joyce Day follows:

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Please describe your comment briefly:

I received a mail insert from Idaho Power outlining Idaho Power's filing with the IPUC to adjust its prices and raise consumer rates. Three of these initiative are of concern to me. One of these is the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) proposal, designed in part to reduce operating costs associated with meter reading and generate new revenue. The initiative proposes an increase of 1.37% of monthly charges in order to produce an estimatd \$11.2M in additional revenue. It seems that a business case would justify implementing such a program based cost savings and revenue generation without having to ask for a rate increase. Why does the consumer need to pay for a measures that will reduce operating costs and generate new revenue? Raising rates during this troubled economic period shows no moral conscience. Property values have plumeted but property taxes have not decreased; jobs are lost; and Idaho Power wants to charge consumers for implementing plans that reduce their operating expenses and increase revenue. Given these claims, there should be a decrease in rates, NOT an increase. Please do not permit a rate increase of any kind.

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