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December 9, 2008

Idaho Public Utilities Commission
PO Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Attention: President Mack A. Redford
Commissioner Marsha H. Smith
Commissioner Jim D. Kempton

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Building Contractors Association of Southwestern Idaho (BCASWI) I am contacting you concerning IPUC Case Numbers IPC-E-08-22, Idaho Power's application to modify their Rule H Tariff. The BCASWI is very concerned with the possible impacts of the proposed modifications upon the development industry as well as the timing in which they are being brought about.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Martinez", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Steve Martinez, President
Building Contractors Association of Southwestern Idaho

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Dear Commissioners,

I write regarding Idaho Power's application to alter its rates under IPUC Case No. IPC - E - 08 - 22. My understanding is that Idaho Power proposes to increase the cost for line service installation, eliminate the current \$800 per lot refund on subdivisions and reduce vested interest refunds from a 5 year to a 4 year period.

Idaho Power's proposals are cloaked in the rubric of making "growth pay for itself". With all due respect, I believe this to be a sham. While I have no doubt that the proposed changes would benefit Idaho Power and its shareholders, these changes would be substantially harmful to the real estate development and home construction industry. At a time when this critical industry is under siege, severely depressed and its members struggling for economic survival, this is clearly the wrong time to impose additional costs on real estate development and home construction.

In particular, I am offended by the proposed sudden total elimination of the \$800 lot refund. Many projects are already entitled and in some cases built, with the justified expectation that the \$800 refund would be paid as lots are sold. At a minimum, any change in the lot refund (if any change is justified at all) should occur gradually (as opposed to going from \$800 to zero all at once) and should recognize vested rights, grandfathering in any projects which are already entitled through the preliminary plat stage.

Thank you for your consideration and service.

Sincerely,

Donald E. Knickrehm
Managing Member
Paradigm Development, LLC

Paradigm Development
229 W. River Meadow Dr.
Eagle, ID 83616
Tel. (208) 867-7284
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Jerry Nemecek
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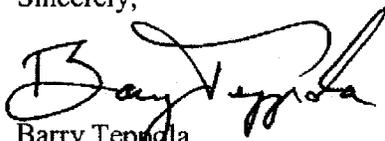
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Barry Teppola

Member Manager

The Legend Company, LLC

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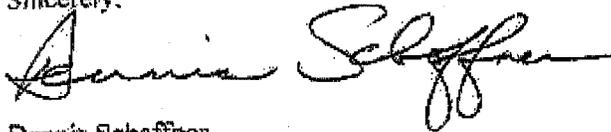
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Sincerely,



Dennis Schaffner
The Legend Company, LLC
3120 E. Chinden Blvd. Suite 115-218
Eagle, Idaho 83616

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Jean Jewell

From: elombard@q.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2008 5:20 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Ernest J Lombard follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-08-22
Name: Ernest J Lombard
Address: 3590 N. Ballantyne Ln.
City: Eagle
State: Idaho
Zip: 83616
Daytime Telephone: 208-939-3311
Contact E-Mail: elombard@q.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Co.
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

I strongly object to the proposed change by Idaho Power Co. to Rule H. The real estate market is already suffering the biggest downturn in history with over 12,000 built lots sitting vacant here in the valley. All Idaho Power is doing is looking for a windfall at others expense. Because of the unique situation of 12,000 built lots and a very slow absorption rate of less than 2,000 lots per year it will take a long time to play out, so the time for the reimbursement should be extended not shortened or eliminated.

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From: karenellisrealestate@msn.com
Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2008 10:06 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Karen Ellis follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-08-22
Name: Karen Ellis
Address: 169 E. Stonewater Ct
City: Eagle
State: Idaho
Zip: 83616
Daytime Telephone: 208-830-1717
Contact E-Mail: karenellisrealestate@msn.com Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Add to
Mailing List: no

Please describe your comment briefly:

Increasing the fees will prevent some prospective buyers from buying a home which will have a snowball effect on food for realtors, mortgage personnel, subcontractors, excavators, surveyors, etc. We cannot keep asking the public to pay more. It is time for Idaho Power to do some cost accounting.

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From: kevin.wentland@suncorID.com
Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2008 10:09 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Kevin A Wentland follows:

Case Number: IPUC Case Numbers IPC-E-08-22
Name: Kevin A Wentland
Address: 485 E. Riverside Drive, Suite 300
City: Eagle
State: Idaho
Zip: 83616
Daytime Telephone: 2089390343
Contact E-Mail: kevin.wentland@suncorID.com Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Add to
Mailing List: yes

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From: steve@rothhomes.com
Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2008 2:25 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Steven E. Roth follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-08-22
Name: Steven E. Roth
Address: PO box 140677
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip: 83714
Daytime Telephone: 208 323 2233
Contact E-Mail: steve@rothhomes.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Add to Mailing List: no

Please describe your comment briefly:

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From: arnoldsteven@stanleygroup.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2008 2:00 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Steve Arnold follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-08-22
Name: Steve Arnold
Address: 2264 S. Bonito Way, Suite 150
City: Meridian
State: Idaho
Zip: 83642
Daytime Telephone: 855-5600
Contact E-Mail: arnoldsteven@stanleygroup.com Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Company
Add to Mailing List: yes

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