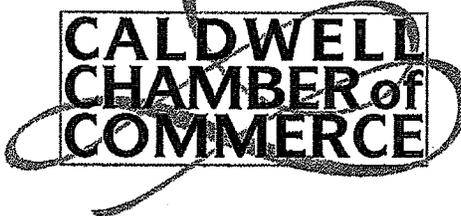


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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
472 West Washington Street
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RE: Case No. IPC-E-09-03
Langley Gulch Power Plant

Commissioners:

The Caldwell Chamber of Commerce strongly urges the IPUC to approve Idaho Power's proposed Langley Gulch Power Plant. It is our sincere belief that this project is essential to the continued growth and prosperity of our community and others in southwest Idaho.

For more than a decade southwest Idaho has experienced unprecedented growth. This growth has placed considerable strain on the infrastructure available to meet the needs of those new residents and businesses in the region. As the power requirements of the region continue to expand it is essential that the infrastructure is developed to meet current and future power needs. A failure to do so may result in economic stagnation in many communities and will serve as an impediment to future growth and development.

The approval of the Langley Gulch Power Plant will dramatically improve the carrying capacity of the grid serving our region. The Langley Gulch Power Plant will provide jobs for hundreds of citizens and will serve as a significant boost to the economies of the region during the difficult times we find ourselves in. Most importantly, this much needed addition to the infrastructure of the region will help ensure that all of the families and businesses of the region, current and future, will continue to enjoy the clean, efficient, reliable and inexpensive power that remains one of Idaho's greatest advantages.

The Caldwell Chamber of Commerce joins with the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce, the Fruitland Chamber of Commerce and many other concerned entities in support of Idaho Power's efforts to serve our region with the development of the Langley Gulch Power Plant. We urge the IPUC to do the same.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diana L. Brown".

Diana L. Brown
President/CEO
Caldwell Chamber of Commerce

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Jean D. Jewell, Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
472 West Washington Street
PO Box 83720
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RE: Case No. IPC-E-09-03 Langley Gulch Power Plant

Dear Commissioners:

The City of Caldwell supports Idaho Power's proposed Langley Gulch Power Plant project. The project will provide needed power through a clean, safe and efficient approach to meet the needs of the Treasure Valley now and well into the future.

We understand there is an increasing demand on Idaho Power's energy supply and recognize the need for expansion. The Langley Gulch Project offers a reliable power supply, creates jobs and tax revenues to the valley, is environmentally responsible, and provides economic stimulus to the area. The proposed location is great and the time to build is now.

We support Idaho Power's efforts to develop the Langley Gulch Power Plant and encourage the Commission to grant the company's request to move forward. We are grateful for the outstanding partnership Idaho Power has with our cities, counties and rural areas.

Sincerely,

Garret Nancolas, Mayor
City of Caldwell

cc: Mike Ybarguen, Idaho Power Company



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Idaho PUC
Boise, Idaho

Langley Gulch Power Plant

Commissioners,

I am writing this letter of support fro Idaho Power Langley Gulch Power Plant project. As an elected official, it is important that we plan for future needs of our city in all aspects, and this includes a reliable, and adequate power supply.

As this country moves more and more towards environmental projects, Langley Gulch will be clean and efficient. I like the design that includes using the exhaust steam of power a 2nd turbine, rather than simply venting it out.

The Langley Gulch project will also benefit the entire area with short term employment. The construction phase is estimated to take up to 2 years and possibly more, allowing some local citizens to gain employment. Idaho Power has always used local services, and workers wherever possible.

Langley Gulch will benefit many citizens with reliable, future power. The uninterrupted delivery of power to homes and businesses is important to the future of our economy. None of us would enjoy the brown outs that my daughter experiences in Southern California.

Respectfully

John Bechtel, Mayor
Wilder, Idaho

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Re: Case No. IPC-E-09-03
LANGLEY GULCH POWER PLANT

Commissioners:

The Nampa Chamber of Commerce strongly supports Idaho Power's proposed Langley Gulch Power Plant project. This project will provide many benefits including opportunity for growth, local jobs, and a more reliable current power system.

This expansion is vital to continued growth in the Western Treasure Valley area. Our power system is currently strained and we lack the ability to substantially provide power needs for new industries and commercial opportunities.

This project will give an economic boost to the local community and Treasure Valley area. Idaho Power will be using local businesses to construct the facility. The project will provide over 100 local jobs during construction and about 18 permanent positions to maintain the facility. The ability to provide more power will allow commercial growth, which will provide a long-lasting significant economic impact.

Idaho Power has proven to be responsible in maintaining a diversified and environmental approach to power sources. The proposed site should have minimal impact on the environment and local community. The location is unobtrusive on undeveloped land but close to nearby gas and transmission lines.

We fully support Idaho Power's Langley Gulch project as it will meet the current and future needs of the demand for more efficient power.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Georgia Bowman", is written over a horizontal line.

Georgia Bowman
President/CEO
Nampa Chamber of Commerce
312 13th Avenue South
Nampa, ID 83651
208-880-2299

CC: Idaho Power
Mike Ybarguen, Community Relations
2420 Chacartegui Ln.
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Case # IPC-E-09-03 – IDAHO POWER—CPCN FOR THE LANGLEY GULCH POWER

Commissioners,

Bannock Development Corporation supports the timely construction and operation of the Langley Gulch plant. This project is in line with our position to support public policy that encourages energy efficiency through responsible use of energy, as well as the development of additional energy infrastructure, including distribution and transmission facilities, and environmentally responsible generation to meet current and future demands. Available and reliable power is vital to economic development in eastern Idaho and the state.

We support the project, not only in its strength in diversifying Idaho Power's resource portfolio, but also in its ability to increase the reliable power supply. We understand that recent, un-projected industrial and residential growth have placed a constraint in the company's excess power availability and has curtailed the company's ability to encourage short-term large industrial developments in the state. It is extremely critical that the project be completed in the proposed time frame. It is vital to the success of our state that we continue to have reliable, available, and competitively priced power to continue to recruit and grow existing companies. Historically, our low power rates, coupled with excellent reliability, have made Idaho very attractive to businesses and very competitive in the recruiting market. Our state needs projects such as this to remain competitive.

As a representative of one of the economic development entities for the state, we strongly support Idaho Power's long term plan to develop generation and transmission projects to address the growing residential, commercial and industrial needs. We also strongly support Idaho Power's move towards diversifying its energy resource portfolio to include wind power, clean burning gas, and other alternative energy resources. It fits, not only with both the national and global move to increase alternate energy use to decrease CO2 emissions and decrease reliance on fossil fuels, but also fits with southeastern Idaho's goal to create jobs by building an alternate energy industry cluster in the state.

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We appreciate the thoughtful effort that Idaho Power has put into determining the need to construct the Langley Gulch plant. In addition to its projected contribution to economic development in terms of investment and job creation during both the construction and operations phases, it will also provide the needed capacity to continue to recruit and grow businesses in Idaho. Additionally, we also appreciate that this project will provide the necessary reserves to reliably operate Idaho Power's transmission and generation systems during peak demand when reliability is critical to its existing industrial, commercial, and residential customers.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter of support for Idaho Power's Langley Gulch project.

Sincerely,



Gynii A. Gilliam
Executive Director
Bannock Development Corporation

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Jean Jewell

From: lonr Stewart@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2009 5:48 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Lon Stewart follows:

Case Number: docket IPC-E-09-03
Name: Lon Stewart
Address: 4610 N Shirley
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip: 83703
Daytime Telephone: 208-841-3929
Contact E-Mail: lonr Stewart@yahoo.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:
Dear Commissioners:

I urge you to reject Idaho Power's request for the proposed Langley Gulch power plant.

The proposed plant is estimated to cost \$427 million to construct. That's a lot of money. It is the second largest plant Idaho Power would own and be 25% of their rate base. A huge gamble to put into one plant, especially since Idaho Power has not demonstrated a need for the gas plant at this time. Idaho Power recently suspended the process of updating its Integrated Resource Plan after recognizing that it's economic and load forecast are outdated. Forecasting is hard at best, but without accurate and accessible data to evaluate the resources needed by Idaho Power to meet load growth, it would be premature to make a decision on the Langley Gulch plant. Pacificorp recently cancelled their plans for a gas plant in the same area, what do they know that Idaho Power does not know?

The IDACORP shareholders on May 21, 2009 directed the company to prepare a plan by September 30, 2009 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, which means that is the direction that shareholders want the company to head. The product of combustion in a natural gas plant is carbon dioxide. This is in direct opposition to the directives of the shareholders to have a more environmentally conscious company.

Energy efficiency and energy conservation are much more cost effective than building a new power plant. The cheapest power plant is the one you never have to build and the cheapest power is that which is never used. If Idaho Power put just a fraction of the \$427 million towards energy efficient product or conservation programs, they could probably save the 330 megawatts that the plant would have generated.

If Idaho Power were to be more aggressive towards reducing the air conditioning load through a mandatory, rather than a voluntary, program and if irrigation pumping were reduced during the peak use time of day, Idaho Power's peak load could be significantly reduced to the point that peak load could be handled by existing generation capacity. Implementing programs of this sort and other "smart grid" technologies could eliminate the need for another fossil fuel power plant.

Idaho Power's Integrated Resource Plan and the 2007 State Energy Plan state that energy conservation and efficiency is the cheapest way to not use energy. Renewable energy, such as wind and geothermal, generation is the next best way to create power and lastly building a standard fossil fuel plant as the last alternative for power. I read about 3 proposed wind farms in Idaho this week. The combinations of energy efficiencies, renewable generation, and smart grid technologies, the possibility of brown outs or a lack of energy can be virtually eliminated.

The PUC should follow the State Energy Plan in its decision making process for the Langley Gulch plant. The PUC should also make Idaho Power follow its Integrated Resource Plan, even though it is in the process of being updated, to implement energy efficiency and conservation measures and purchase renewable energies prior to constructing an outdated, costly, inefficient power plant. Construction of the Langley Gulch plant would remove any incentive for Idaho Power to purchase or produce less expensive renewable forms of energy.

If the plant is constructed, the rate payers of Idaho will be paying for this plant for a long time, which I do not want either.

Than you for your consideration,
Respectfully submitted,

Lon Stewart
4610 N Shirley
Boise, ID, 83703
208-841-3929

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

From: mstohr@boisestate.edu
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2009 11:12 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Mary K. Stohr follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-09-03
Name: Mary K. Stohr
Address: 1011 N. 5th St.
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip: 83702
Daytime Telephone: 208-426-1378
Contact E-Mail: mstohr@boisestate.edu
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Add to Mailing List: no

Please describe your comment briefly:

Please do not allow the Langley Gulch Permit for Idaho Power. We do not need this gas facility or the power. Alternative sources of energy would be much much cheaper for Idahoans and would provide sufficient power. Idaho Power needs to rethink their business plan and start reacting to the realities of this economy and our need to generate less pollution. For the sake of all Idahoans, please deny this permit. Thank you!

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