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IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

April 23, 2009

Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 93720
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Re: Idaho Power request for a rate increase

Dear Sirs:

Caldwell Irrigation Lateral District is concerned about the frequent rate increases granted to Idaho Power. As with all businesses, farmers or government agencies, Caldwell Irrigation Lateral District creates a budget once a year. We planned on a rate increase in power, but with Idaho Power being granted rate increases every two or three months, our budget just doesn't stretch that far. We have taken steps to cut back, but have seen little evidence of Idaho Power doing any cutbacks. Is it really necessary for each monthly billing to have two or three professionally designed advertisements in it? Is it really a benefit to include an envelope when a large part of the patrons are paying on-line? We realize that these are small items, but in this economy, it's the small items that help.

Caldwell Irrigation Lateral District would like to ask you to encourage Idaho Power to set a yearly budget with only one yearly rate increase. This would allow their patrons to budget accordingly. We are also asking that the current request be postponed until later this year.

Thank you for your time to consider our concerns.

Sincerely,

Janice Schaefer
Secretary/Treasurer

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Jean Jewell

From: Front
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2009 10:00 AM
To: Gene Fadness; Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: Consumer Complaint/Inquiry Form

IPC-E-09-11

-----Original Message-----

From: ----- [mailto:-----]
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2009 3:55 AM
To: Front; Beverly Barker; Ed Howell
Subject: Consumer Complaint/Inquiry Form

A Complaint/Inquiry from Verna Johnson follows:

Name: Verna Johnson
Contact E-Mail: -----
Daytime Telephone: 208-362-0456
Home Address: 3230 Victory View Drive
City: Boise
State: ID
Zipcode: 83709
If this concerns a Business, Business Name:
Business Address:
Business Phone:
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Have you contacted the utility regarding your concern?: No

Please describe your question or complaint briefly:

My husband and I are Sr. citizens trying to get along on our Social Security and what little savings we have left and you want to increase our power bill AGAIN! PLEASE, PLEASE, listen to the 'little people this time, the 'nobodys' and DON'T increase our power bill.

This time please don't buy new furniture, wait a year or so to buy your next airplane - do whatever it takes to keep our power rate the same, no increase AT ALL. We have plenty of water this year, USE IT!

Thank you for listening and reading - Please reconsider the raise.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/cons/cons.html>
IP address is 209.86.226.16
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Jean Jewell

From: lkwaterstim@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2009 3:19 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Tim Waters follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-09-11
Name: Tim Waters
Address: 1931 Hunt Rd.
City: Jerome
State: Idaho
Zip: 83338
Daytime Telephone: 208-825-4275
Contact E-Mail: lkwaterstim@yahoo.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

We are all struggling during this economic down turn. It seems Idaho Power asks for a hike in power costs every year. This year commodity prices are down but our expences are still very high. We have a good water year for hydropower and natural gas prices have fallen quite a lot since last year. It seems Idaho Power is continually increasing infrastructure which is good but they always take it out on the farmer. I don't think the farms are causing more demand I think it is more buisnesses and residential. Irrigation rates seem to get hit the hardest.
Thank you

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Jean Jewell

From: jkirk@spro.net
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2009 5:38 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

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A Comment from JO KIRKPATRICK follows:

Case Number: annual Power Cost Adjustment (PCA)
Name: JO KIRKPATRICK
Address: 2005 N 17TH ST
City: BOISE
State: ID
Zip: 83702
Daytime Telephone: 383-0548
Contact E-Mail: jkirk@spro.net
Name of Utility Company: IDAHO POWER
Add to Mailing List:

Please describe your comment briefly:
KEEP ME ON YOUR MAILING LIST FOR ALL RATE ISSUES.

I AM AGAINST THE PROPOSED 9.3% RATE INCREASE FOR RESIDENTIAL. THIS PAST YEAR WATER IN THE SNOW PACK IS UP TO NORMAL, WATER HAS BEEN ALLOWED OVER SHOSHONE FALLS, AND SPRING CONTINUES TO BE PRODUCING MORE RAIN OVER THE STATE. THE TENDENCY WITH ELECTRIC UTILITY COMPANIES IS MORE RATE INCREASES THAN DECREASES. THAT IS CONTRARY TO THE NEEDS OF CUSTOMERS NOW AFFLICTED BY ECONOMIC DEPRESSION--ESPECIALLY LOSS OF JOBS OR INCOME.

I AM 100% OPPOSED TO ANY RATE INCREASES THIS YEAR. THIS YEAR IS NOT THE TIME TO RAISE RATES. LEAVE THEM AS THEY ARE. LET THE STOCK HOLDERS LOSE A BIT JUST AS THE REST OF US HAVE BEEN FORCED TO LOSE. THEY ARE NOT GOING TO SELL YOUR STOCK!!! UTILITY STOCKS ARE OBVIOUSLY, AND YOU KNOW THIS, AMONG THE SAFEST MOST STEADY INVESTMENTS IN TIMES LIKE THIS. EVERYBODY HAS TO PAY, NOT JUST ID POWER'S CUSTOMERS!

EVER HEAR OF FAIRNESS? AS REGULATORS, THAT IS YOUR JOB TOO.

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

From: carolyn1white@msn.com
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2009 8:45 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Carolyn White follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-09-11
Name: Carolyn White
Address: 1737 Maplewood Dr.
City: Twin Falls
State: Id
Zip: 83301
Daytime Telephone: 733-1700
Contact E-Mail: carolyn1white@msn.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Add to Mailing List: no

Please describe your comment briefly:

I am concerned about Idaho Powers annual rate adjustment increase (11.4% - 9.3% or up to 15.4% for residential customers) request, especially in such a severe economic recession. I understand that they have invested heavily in capital improvements but should those not have been budgeted for on a more accurate basis? Idaho Power should not rely on it's customer base to recoup increased expense or loss of revenue by their own doing at a time when most of their client base is living either on a limited or fixed income with layoffs and cutbacks everywhere. They have a monopoly and we, the customer have no recourse. Idaho Power should review their own fiscal decisions and try to reduce some of these costs and expenses internally.

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