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February 1, 2011

Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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Re: IPCO Irrigation Peak Rewards Program

Commissioners:

The purpose of this letter is to request that you take necessary measures to protect or increase the benefits of the Peak Rewards program for Idaho farms and ranches.

Irrigation uses were in place long before many of the electric service demands we see today. As evidenced by this program, farmers and ranchers have been willing to do their share to reduce demand—even though this occurs at the worst possible time of day for agriculture. The Peak Rewards program is a terrific effort by both irrigators and Idaho Power. However, the proposed changes are going the wrong direction. Because these interruptions significantly impact critical operations, we believe you will start to see irrigators opt out of the program if benefits are reduced below their current status.

As mentioned above, Peak Rewards is an excellent program. Please see to it that the benefits are not reduced so agriculture can continue to work with the good folks at Idaho Power to operate efficiently and cost-effectively for all users.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William J. Mulder", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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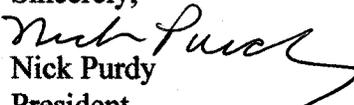
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RE: IPCO irrigation Peak Rewards program change

Dear Commission:

My farm, with over 20 meters on the IPCO Peak Rewards Program, has been enrolled since the Peak Rewards Program's inception several years ago. I have expended considerable effort and modification of my electrical systems to accommodate their program. It is functioning better after many modifications and the credits offered make the effort worthwhile. However, with the proposed changes in the amount of credit offered I don't think the program will be worthwhile to participate in next year. Also the proposal by IP "to replace the program with existing thermal resources or purchase power" further erodes the value of the program for conservation purposes.

This program was devised by IP and instituted by them after careful consideration; therefore they should have to operate the program. They must have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars equipping systems with devices and developing software to run the system and all this expense born by the rate payer and now it will be diminished or lost altogether. I object to any substantial changes like those being proposed.

Sincerely,

Nick Purdy
President

cc: Lynn Tominaga, IIPA



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To Whom It May Concern:

We urge the PUC to keep the Peak Rewards Program in place. We think it is environmentally smart. Lowering the payment value might reduce our willingness to participate.

Feel free to contact me should you want to discuss this further.

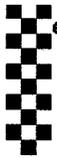
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on the proposed changes to the Id. Power's Irrigation peak rewards program. It was my understanding that the rewards program was to be around as first started, for several years. On this understanding we went out and made over \$30,000.00 worth of improvements on some of our irrigation systems. These improvements would make it so our irrigation systems would be efficient. We could deliver the water to produce the crops, with less time running. This made it also possible for Id. Power to put off building more power generating plants.

With these proposed changes, the incentives will not pay for my systems update. This will leave me with bills that cannot be paid for in the proposed manner.

I ask that we all live with the rewards program, as it was first set up, not change in midstream.

Sincerely,

Randy W. Newton

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