



*IPC-E-10-46*

February 8, 2011

Erwin Farms, Inc.  
29712 State Hwy. 51  
Bruneau Idaho 83604

**RE: Idaho Power Co. Irrigation Peak Rewards Program**

**To: Idaho Public Utilities Commission**

Erwin Farms, Inc. has used the Idaho Power Company's Irrigation Peak Rewards Program since it was adopted and has been very pleased with the result. The current program has compensated the irrigators for the interruption and made the cost of pumping water more economical for our operation.

The proposed change in fixed credit would have a major impact on the value of the program to Erwin Farms, Inc. and could lead to our not participating in future years. A fixed credit of 75% of the program credit would be more likely to guarantee future participation in the program.

Erwin Farms, Inc. is a believer in conservation and hopes that the Peak Rewards Program can be retained in a form which is viable for all parties involved.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Sidney Erwin  
Erwin Farms, Inc.

**Jean Jewell**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 2:41 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

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A Comment from follows:

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Case Number:  
Name:  
Address:  
City:  
State:  
Zip:  
Daytime Telephone:  
Contact E-Mail:  
Name of Utility Company:  
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:  
Idaho Power Peak Rewards Program  
Dear Commission:

We have a farming operation in South Eastern Idaho and purchase power from both Idaho Power and Rocky Mountain Power. I am concerned with Idaho Power's proposal to change their program to a \$12.78 fixed payment with an opportunity for the farmer to receive more payment if IPC elects to interrupt power more than one time. We have spent a considerable amount of money updating and changing our systems to allow us to work with the program. I question whether entering the program for around \$12 is worth the trouble of hiring more people to operate our systems in the case of interruption. I can understand the reasoning of IPC to desire a fixed variable system. Sometimes they don't need the resource that pumpers have to offer. To support the fixed, variable idea I think the fixed portion should be closer to 85% fixed and 15% variable. The peak rewards program is a good program for the company as well as for the farmer the way it now stands. I hope that the commission will persuade IPC to keep the program as it now, to help achieve a greener and more economical power source for Idaho.

Thank You

Mark A Mickelsen  
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Rigby, Idaho 83442  
313-1295

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

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**From:** secretary  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 7:15 AM  
**To:** Barb Barrows; Jean Jewell  
**Subject:** FW: Irrigator Power Incentive Reduction Proposal

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From: [cattleman.mike@gmail.com](mailto:cattleman.mike@gmail.com)[SMTP:CATTLEMAN.MIKE@GMAIL.COM]  
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 7:13:09 AM  
To: secretary  
Subject: Irrigator Power Incentive Reduction Proposal Auto forwarded by a Rule

Mike Siegersma  
8332 star pass ridge  
nampa, ID 83686-7076

February 8, 2011

Public Utilities Commissioners  
PO Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Dear Public Utilities Commissioners:

Dear Commissioners,

Regarding case# IPC-E-10-46 concerning the Idaho Power Peak Rewards Program.

Last year we made a commitment to work with Idaho power to reduce demand during the peak electrical demand periods. This commitment involved setting up methods of managing the planned shutdown of pumps and again restarting the process when power was restored. Even with the extra effort required to participate in the program it has been worthwhile in that it helped offset the ever increasing cost of irrigation pumping.

We have invested in this program anticipating it's continuation.

I am concerned that a reduction in the incentive will make it difficult to continue to participate.

To see this program lost would result in higher rates for every power user.

Please retain this program by keeping the incentives paid to farmers at current levels.

Sincerely,

Mike Siegersma  
208-573-4710

**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** paulaurie@juno.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 07, 2011 5:50 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Paul Thompson follows:

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Case Number: IPC-E-10-46  
Name: Paul Thompson  
Address: 57 South 800 West  
City: Blackfoot  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83221  
Daytime Telephone: 208-604-1547  
Contact E-Mail: [paulaurie@juno.com](mailto:paulaurie@juno.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I don't agree with the current application by Idaho Power to change the current incentive program for the following reasons:

1. I spent over \$50,000 making my systems more efficient in order to comply with the program.
2. My farm has all its wells tied together, so it is a management nightmare being there to regulate the pressures when wells go off and when power is restored. Please don't extend the shut-off times. It will be very difficult in the dark to manage water pressures.
3. I just received an invitation from Idaho Power to sign-up for a similar program for my home to shut-off the air conditioner unit for a couple hours a day. I can imagine the cost to install timers on each house and the minimal savings over-all. Wouldn't it be more cost advantageous in power saved to stick with the current agricultural program and forget residential houses?
4. I take risks with the weather every year. They get into a program that turns out to not be in their favor one year and then they want to get out?

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IP address is 174.126.30.108

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** hooleyd241@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 07, 2011 4:17 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Dale Hooley follows:

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Case Number: IPC-E-10-46  
Name: Dale Hooley  
Address: 26796 Indian Cove Ln.  
City: Hammett  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83627  
Daytime Telephone: 208-366-2510  
Contact E-Mail: [hooleyd241@yahoo.com](mailto:hooleyd241@yahoo.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Company  
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I would like to comment on the Peak Rewards Program, Case # IPC-E-10-46.  
I have participated in the Peak Rewards Program for two years. So far, the reduction in electrical costs have been adequate to offset the the burden of restarting irrigation systems and the risk of reduced crop production.  
I support leaving the current incentive program as it is. I am not certain I would continue participating should the rates and rules be significantly altered.

Thank you for your consideration.

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## Jean Jewell

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**From:** desteve@pmt.org  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 06, 2011 11:53 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Dean Stevenson follows:

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Case Number: Idaho Power Peak Rewards *IPC-E-10-46*  
Name: Dean Stevenson  
Address: 575 W 600 N  
City: Paul  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83347  
Daytime Telephone: 208-431-0924  
Contact E-Mail: [desteve@pmt.org](mailto:desteve@pmt.org)  
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I am an irrigator on the Idaho Power system and have participated in the peak rewards program for several years. I would like the program to stay in the current form. I have changed crop rotations to fit this program and the increased costs of turning off a system and starting them up at late evening hours. I would encourage IPUC to support leaving the program as is

Dean Stevenson

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** secretary  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 05, 2011 8:50 AM  
**To:** Barb Barrows; Jean Jewell  
**Subject:** FW: Idaho Power Savings (Peak Reward)

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**From:** [rockyr@safelink.net](mailto:rockyr@safelink.net)[SMTP:ROCKYR@SAFELINK.NET]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 05, 2011 8:47:58 AM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** Idaho Power Savings (Peak Reward) Auto forwarded by a Rule

Randy Gillette  
754C- N 750W  
Paul, ID 83347-8611

February 5, 2011

Public Utilities Commissioners  
PO Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Dear Public Utilities Commissioners:

I would like to comment on the Idaho Power Irrigation Peak Rewards Program, case number IPC-E-10-46.

Although I have had to make significant adjustments to the management of my farming operation, this program has been a benefit by helping to offset the increasing costs of irrigation pumping.

Please help this cost effective program continue by keeping the incentives paid to farmers at the current levels.

This has been a great program for my farming operation for the pass years. I have used it every year since it has been offered and has beed a big savings to my operation and has worked will with my watering needs. Power savings this program offers is a WIN WIN Program both for the grower and the company. Keep it up. Sin. Randy Gillette, Rocky Ridge Farms

Sincerely,

Randy Gillette  
431-1245