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UTILITIES COMMISSION

RE: Case Nos IPC-E-10-59 and -60 Order No 32190 Delco Windpower Projects.

Dear Commissioners,

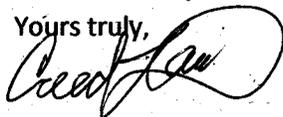
I am an Idaho farmer in Madison County, with family in the Raft River are. I am also a shareholder in Idaho Power Company but my interest in the two Delco windpower projects is only to see that the ranchers/developers receive fair treatment from Idaho Power.

My understanding is that these farmers and ranchers have risked much to develop windpower on their lands, hoping to stabilize agricultural income, increase local tax revenues, create jobs, and provide clean power for Idaho.

By reading the website, I see that they signed the power contracts prior to the December 14, 2010 retroactive date of the IPUC Order. It was Idaho Power who evidently delayed signing until December 14.

Please carefully consider the ethical business treatment of these conscientious Idaho ranchers in coming to your decision.

Yours truly,



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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** bbbartlett4@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2011 8:59 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Ben Bartlett follows:

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Case Number: IPC-10-E-59/IPC-10-E-60  
Name: Ben Bartlett  
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

It is my privilege to introduce myself to the Idaho Public Utility Commission. Thank you for the service you have rendered over the years to the local community. My name is Ben Bartlett, owner of Rainbow Ranch, about ten miles east of Burley on either side of Interstate 86.

About seven years ago we became a part of this community. Motivated by the wide open country and friendly families, it was stimulating and a blessing for us to find such a great fit. There's not too many places left in this world that one can move in and instantly feel welcomed and accepted as part of a large family with similar values.

My original roots stem from a ranching and farming background built around a tradition of hard work. Although the returns financially were somewhat frugal, the rewards overall were worth the journey.

Rainbow Ranch gave hope to become a cattle ranch full of life and adventure. Like most of us out there, I was not born or left with money. Orphaned at age 14, my lifelong dream was to own a place that I could call my own. I only express this so that it is understood that this place represents not just a dream, but a man's heart and vision. Our greatest expectations were met with a collapsing economy, and an array of unusual events. Trucks, welders, and solar panels for water wells were stolen. Cattle were taken right out of our corrals, along with many other things not worth listing. The one common denominator that was recognizable each and every time I was at the ranch was that the wind was always blowing. Looking back, I know without a doubt, that the Lord was trying to get my attention many times. "What if the perpetuating wind could be harnessed?" I asked.

Strangely enough a twenty meter tower that was thought to be a radio tower, turned out to be a wind anemometer that had been collecting data for several years. The Lord began to reveal a purpose for Rainbow Ranch: a wind farm that provides green energy for a struggling society, jobs, education opportunity, and a future that spells WE MADE A DIFFERENCE. It's time for us as a society to do our part and become proactive. This beautiful land, given to us by the Lord, is resourceful by His creative design.

In the great state of Idaho we have an incredible resource of wind that blows across our plains as well as extended days of sunlight for potential solar energy. Thermal water for hydrothermal energy is also readily available. Let's not be a generation that stands aside without motivation, unwilling to make a substantial contribution towards the future of such a great country.

We have turned a cold shoulder to innovative ideas. Using fossil fuels as an energy resource produce billions of tons of carbon dioxide, polluting our atmosphere. This community can

make a difference for our children's children and begin to think outside our individual paradigms. This great country that we are so blessed to inhabit has become complacent. I believe with all my heart that these projects will be a huge stimulant for our local community. The property taxes alone on projects such as these would provide millions of dollars in revenue over the years. There should be no opposition that stands in the way of such a fabulous opportunity.

An application and Power Purchase Agreement for each project, Rainbow West Wind and Rainbow Ranch Wind was signed by each partner on or before December 14, 2010. That date represented a commission ordered eligibility cap which changed requirements concerning PPAs with wind projects. Two days later, on December 16th Idaho Public decided to get around to submitting the application agreement which clearly placed each project outside the 14th deadline date. It seems Idaho Power manipulated a very sensitive deadline. I truly hope and pray that I'm wrong in my assumptions of what is going on here.

Our president and federal government goals state that 30% of our total energy sources need to come from green renewables in the near future.

Of that 30%, 20% is specifically supposed to come from wind energy.

Why does it seem that there is opposition to adapt to our country's focused objective?

Rainbow Ranch Wind and Rainbow West Wind are keys to our future generation's prosperity.

I appeal to the Idaho Power Utility Commission to lend a sensitive ear to all the ramifications at stake here and approve the Power Purchase Agreements.

Sincere regards,  
Ben Bartlett  
Rainbow Ranch

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** vi\_wood@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2011 8:14 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Violeta Wood follows:

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Name of Utility Company:  
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

Please approve the purchase agreements for the Rainbow Ranch Wind and Rainbow Ranch West Wind renewable energy projects. There are several excellent reasons for your approval but some of the most important are:

- These projects can receive Federal Tax Incentives and if successful will bring Federal Tax Dollars back to Idaho instead of giving them to other states.
- Idaho community land owners benefit from project ownership and their communities benefit from employment provided by the projects. Idaho wind energy development encourages renewable energy industries to locate in Idaho given its central location surrounded by renewable energy rich states of Oregon , Utah , Washington , Wyoming and Montana .
- The IPUC's interest in serving the rate payers of Idaho Power and other power companies in Idaho is best served if these wind energy projects are approved. The long term benefit of renewable energy to Idaho is clear and your approval of these projects is vitally important to Idaho 's secure and sustainable energy future.

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