

Jean Jewell

From: Anga Velasquez
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2011 11:38 AM
To: Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: Rate increases - IPC-E-11-04

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From: Paul Johnston [mailto:pauljr@allidaho.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2011 11:37 AM
To: Anga Velasquez
Subject: Rate increases

May this be forwarded to the Director

I am astounded by the flyer in my statement from the Idaho Power today. I want to let you know that I have always assumed that the PUC is an instrument of the State of Idaho created to protect the citizens from gouging at the hand of businesses who have the power of non-competiveness.

Of recent years, however, it appears that the Idaho PUC has adopted the attitude of rubber-stamping almost any request that is proposed by the Utility. It is seen now that this trend throughout the business world has brought sickness and disrespect towards, not only to corporate industry but also to those who should be minding the store for those of us who are pummeled from every direction by the greedy.

The information in my Idaho Power bill today shows that an increase is pending for pension funding (or already approved {Heaven forbid}) to base rates of 1.47%. While that does not seem to be extravagant, it does seem out of step with the current trend. Many businesses throughout the country are not only not increasing benefits to employees but are reducing health benefits, increasing co-payments and deductibles, curtailing retirements or eliminating them entirely, and in other ways reducing job entitlements. I say this recognizing that this seems to be only with the rank and file, and not with the CEOs and other officers.

I have no idea where the focus of the retirement increase will be. My first thought is that the people on the line and in the trenches will receive little or no benefit from it. I would hope that the PUC would know. And if they do not they very definitely should. What percent goes to Management and what to the rank & file? Golden parachutes and bonuses and RETIREMENT benefits for corporate officers are abused practices that are rampant throughout industry. They should not be allowed in those entities under the purview of those who have been given the honored watch care of the citizens of the Great State of Idaho.

Have you looked at your Idaho Power bill? Not only are we billed for KWHs but for :

Service Charges
PCA Charges
Franchise Fees
Energy Efficiency Services

I hate to say this but these look like taxes. They have learned by watching the connivingness of the people in government. (Is that a word?) And that's BAD.

Sincerely,

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Jean Jewell

From: drsams@digis.net
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 11:36 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Darryl Sams follows:

Case Number: *IPC-E-11-04*
Name: Darryl Sams
Address:
City: Wilder
State: Idaho
Zip:
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: drsams@digis.net
Name of Utility Company: Idaho power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

1. By Idaho powers own admission we, the consumer, are comserving to save both energy and money. As a reward for our efforts and expenditure our rates are raised because sales are down.

But at the same time I.P. is requesting funds to complete a new gas fired generating facility. What am I missing here? 2. In a time when many are losing jobs or taking pay cuts I.P. has the gall to ask us to pay for more contributions to thier retirement fund. If approved the question of the integrity in the commission will be seriously damaged.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 63.248.120.101
