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To the Idaho Utilities Commission:

I do not believe Idaho Power company should be able to collect funds for their energy conservation Programs arbitrarely by putting it on my Idaho Power electric bill. I call it taxtation without representation. Idaho Power receives most of the credit for these energy programs that the Idaho Power customers are paying. Very few customers probably even realize this is one reason their electric Bill is going up. I think that the IPUC needs to look at this program raised from a 4.7 percent Efficiency Rider on customer Bills, and discontinue the program. Thank You

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PUC seeks input on energy conservation programs

Idaho Power Company has asked the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to determine that the nearly $43 million it spent on energy conservation were prudent expenses that benefit customers.

Such a determination by the IPUC does not affect customer rates at this time. The commission is accepting public comment on the application through June 26.

Idaho Power has 16 energy efficiency programs and three demand-response programs.

Most of the money that Idaho Power spends on such programs is raised from a 4.7 percent Energy Efficiency Rider on customer bills.

Each of the conservation programs must pass at least three tests, which must show that without the program's energy savings, the utility would have had to generate or buy even more costly energy, resulting in even higher costs for customers. Programs that do not pass the cost-effectiveness tests are not included in rates.

A copy of Idaho Power's 2010 Demand Side Management report is available on the commission's website, www.puc.idaho.gov. The report details each of the programs used by Idaho Power. The report can be accessed by clicking on the electric icon and scrolling to Case No. IPC-E-11-05.

Comments are being accepted through June 26 via e-mail on the commission's website. Click on "Comments & Questions About a Case" and fill in the above case number. Comments can also be mailed to P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074 or faxed to (208) 334-3762.

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