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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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Dear Sir or Madam,

It has recently come to our attention that Idaho Power wishes to increase the rates for residential and other customers by at least 8.83 percent. As a small business owner and operator, we feel this is completely unnecessary and will present yet further pressure to compete and survive in this economy.

We were just reading on the internet that Idaho Power is "giving" money to projects such as park improvements and such. While these are worthwhile projects, they are perhaps unnecessary. When we are trying to pay our bills, we have found it necessary to raise our prices to our customers 3 times over the last 27 years. This has not been true of Idaho Power, who have raised their rates several times over the past couple years.

Things Idaho Power could consider: This has been an extremely high water year, and thus has had abundant resources for power production. The cost of advertising is extremely high, and could be reduced. (They are not in a very competitive market.) Projects like playground improvements, while important to a local community may not be in Idaho Power's best interests, and those costs could go toward maintaining and improving their transmission lines. (Over the past several days, we have had outages lasting anywhere from 2-3 seconds to several minutes.)

It is extremely difficult for us to justify a rate increase to Idaho Power and would not support this decision. Thank you.

Very sincerely,

Mevanwie E Peterson, Owner/Office Manager