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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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Commissioners;

So, it isn't enough that Idaho Power wants us rate payers to pay their employees retirement pay but now United Water wants us to pay them for NOT USING water as they worked so hard to have us do.

First of all, it IS NOT the ratepayers responsibility to pay for retirement for any one except ourselves if we happen to have a job that offers such a luxury. Many of us worked jobs that DID NOT OFFER any such luxury such as janitor and nursing work, which is what I did at starvation pay. I do NOT have the luxurious retirement pay that the Idaho Power Company wants ME to help pay for. It is Idaho Power Company's responsibility to pay whatever they are offering out of THEIR PROFITS, which are considerable. They ask every year for a rate increase but we who live on half a shoestring never see a raise in what little dole we are allowed. Seems Social Security is deemed a handout that, though we paid into it, we are not supposed to have. Seems you idiots would rather we live in the streets and beg rather than maintain the homes we worked to get when we were able to work.

Now poor Suez Water Company, which IS NOT an AMERICAN company to begin with, wants more profit. They have raised our rates every year since we were taken off South County Water except for 1 year. Guess they forgot that year. They now charge us \$18.10 even if we do not use 1 drop of water. Most times that is 3 times what we pay for the commodity we are SUPPOSED to get and pay for. For what? Supposedly to maintain the lines that really they never do here. All they do is dump in tons of unnecessary chlorine and make our once drinkable water harder and taste like garbage. It most likely is too although they say it is coming from the well we had under South County Water. Many have had to get softeners and buy bottled water now at much added expense that we did not have before.

They have harped and harped and harped that we MUST CONSERVE water and have increased rates to help them profit for no service to that end. NOW, since people have let their yards dry up and do not use water **poor Suez Water WANTS A 20% RAISE!** They wanted less use and now that many people are too damned poor to use water they want us to now pay MORE so they keep those nice fat profits going. Sorry, but I was raised in the East where you worked to make a living. If work fell off so did the pay. There was no such thing then of charging more for no service. The motto was "An honest day's work for an honest day's pay". Now it seems that the motto is "More pay for no work."

I strongly object to paying 1 cent more for water that is already priced too high just because some foreign outfit thinks that Americans OWE them since WE AMERICASNS ARE ALL RICH. What a laugh! Most of us are poor or struggling and have been all along. It is just most of us who are native and not black do the best we can

to care for ourselves but Commissions like yours seem to think that businesses always need more money. You seem to think that we who are poor or middle class grow money on tress in our yards and tax us to death. Well, our house gives us no income but drains it very nicely. Businesses, on the other hand, make money from their buildings from which they conduct their overpriced businesses with the blessings of the government. It is done under the guise that they are creating jobs. Another fallacy and big laugh for few jobs are created once the utility is operating. Most increases are wanted to pay already wealthy stockholders although it is given the disguise of being used to IMPROVE (?) infrastructure, which never happens.

Disgusted and NOT wealthy old citizen,

Mrs. Sandra R. Hickstein

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Jean Jewell

From: crgansonia@cableone.net
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 7:55 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from craig siler follows:

Case Number: ipc-e-11-08
Name: craig siler
Address: rt#2 box 24k
City: Pocatello
State: Idaho
Zip: 83202
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: crgansonia@cableone.net
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge:

Please describe your comment briefly:

I have never seen a puc board that caters to a company like this one concerning Idaho power. I find it almost commical that a company such as this does not consider equipment upgrades and projects as a investment in their own company. They think everything they upgrade for more profits should be paid for by the citizens and users of power in idaho while they pocket the profits.

With the impementation of the tier rate system hiding behind the notion of saving power has left Idahoans in a financial burden at both times of the year summer and winter which in a economy where there is not a pinch being saved anywhere Idahoans are left with no other choices in summer other than bearing the heat or in the winter freezing to afford these ridiculous rates approved by the puc.

Lets keep in mind this company so far 2011 showed 50.5 million dollar net profit. I believe they paid there ceo a 80,000 bonus two years ago which at the time I believe was the start of the tier system and on our small acreage our power bill was over 800 dollars. Equivelently this small bonus would have heated several of the houses in idaho by dollar figures.

They can give out large bonus figures to high exec's of the company but want part of a rate adjustment to offer there employees a better pension plan if I understand this right. This does not make any sense and should not even come up as a topic with the board. That is the responsibility of idaho power and not its customers!!!!!!!!!!!!

Idaho power is fighting wind power in idaho?? For what reason? Because it is tapping in on their profits? Why is the puc board acting like this is wrong to address other sources of energy something here is not right.

Raise the res customer service charge from 4 dollars to five dollars? Raise the irrigation rate 14.8 percent and the large customers 7.3??

The Irrigation rate is laughable. I was told by one of Idaho powers irrigation managers two years ago that in his opinion there irrigation customers were about price out of the market and they want a 14.8 rate increase.

We do a small acreage 10 acres. I think we ran a 20hp pump 5 irrigation sets and the bill was 450.00 dollars for five days pumping. Try to offset this price on the Hay grown on their at these kinds of rates the way they are currently its a joke.

2000 kwh base is absolutely ridiculous because a family of four cannot save enough energy through conservation summer or winter to escape the higher rate thus more profits for Idaho power.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 184.155.151.32

Jean Jewell

From: crgansonia@cableone.net
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 8:13 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from craig siler follows:

Case Number: *IPC-E-11-08*
Name: craig siler
Address:
City: Pocatello
State: Idaho
Zip: 83202
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: crgansonia@cableone.net
Name of Utility Company: Idaho power
Acknowledge:

Please describe your comment briefly:

I would like give the puc board a example of the ridiculous irrigation rates that Idaho Power wants to raise by 14.8 percent.

We decided to test our 20hp irrigation pump before watering. The water was run to the end of the line and shut off. Here were the results.

The Meter reads 9 kwh. The charge for the electricity is 42 cents

Service charge 18.18
Energy eff service 4.10
Demand charge 67.80
Total bill for testing this pump \$90.50

Yes 90.50 for starting this pump with no irrigation on a small 10 acre field. Now you tell me this is fair to Idaho Customers. This is a small example of Idaho power taking advantage of its customers.

42 cents for used electricity and a 90.50 charge that about says it all

craig siler

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Jean Jewell

Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2011 11:15 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Cheryl Rae Tussey follows:

Case Number: rate case # IPC-E-11-08):
Name: Cheryl Rae Tussey
Address: 1131 W. Crest wood Dr.
City: Meridian
State: Idaho
Zip: 83642
Daytime Telephone: 208-891-1798
Contact E-Mail:
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

How can the PUC be so indifferent to the economic struggle older Idahoans are currently suffering as to even consider allowing Idaho Power a rate increase. Please open your eyes and your hearts to the welfare of the people you represent and deny the rate increase.

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