

## Jean Jewell

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**From:** day\_joyce@msn.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 29, 2012 2:40 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Joyce Day follows:

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Case Number: ~~GNR-E-11-03~~ *IPC-E-12-17*  
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I was alarmed to have received notice from Idaho Power via a pamphlet included in my monthly bill that it had filed a 2012 Power Cost Adjustment on April 13 to increase rates. My objection to any rate increase is fueled by the previous increase (on which I submitted an objection but PUC approved during a time of recessed economy/high unemployment) to fund the installation of meters to automate meter readings intended to drive down operational costs. I objected to the previous increase because I was skeptical that Idaho Power would use cost savings from the meters to absorb increases to operational costs in an honest effort to maintain rates. My skepticism was OBVIOUSLY well founded as here it goes asking for another rate increase during times of continued economic repression/unemployment and now reduced unemployment benefits. At what point do we, the consumers, benefit from cost savings if not NOW but turning down this most recent request for increase, GNR-E-11-03. Or is it only the Idaho Power CEO (who according to the Idaho Statesman received a \$4.5M salary/benefits package this year) who benefits? This situation is outrageous: We, the consumers, are 1) still facing tough times while 2) an individual is receiving \$4.5M and 3) his company passes on costs to the consumer, one of which is his salary? I trust that this time around the PUC will step up to its responsibility to protect the consumer, not the CEO. May I ask that you please do that? Furthermore, the pamphlet was vague as to the case number associated with our comments on this matter. The pamphlet only mentioned GNR-E-11-03 associated with a proposed pricing model. What I object to is any increase in rates, not pricing models. Please do 'what is right' and not be swayed by a business case built by Idaho Power. Anybody can build a case. We place our trust in the PUC to act in a socially responsible manner. Thank you.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>  
IP address is 67.41.35.77

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