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Sincerely,

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Jean Jewell

From: rabbidan@ahavathbethisrael.org
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2013 2:02 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: rabbidan@ahavathbethisrael.org
Subject: Case Comment Form: Daniel Fink

Name: Daniel Fink
Case Number: *IPC-E-13-16*
Email: rabbidan@ahavathbethisrael.org
Telephone:
Address: 943 Haines
Boise ID, 83712

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: I would like to express my concern about Idaho Power investing money in coal burning plants. We should be subsidizing clean energy rather than dirty fuels like coal. Our climate, our future depends on being more proactive here.

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Jean Jewell

From: js_weber@hotmail.com
Sent: Sunday, November 10, 2013 9:46 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
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Subject: Case Comment Form: John Weber

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Boise Idaho, 83709

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
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Comment: IPC-E-13-16

Capitalism and the free market are based on risk and reward. If a company takes a risk and they are correct they get rewarded. If they are not correct they lose. In this case the company is taking some huge risks and if they are correct or incorrect they get rewarded. Of course, this is because they are a regulated monopoly.

The way I see it, is Idaho Power Company knows there will be further regulation regarding coal plants as well as regulations regarding CO2 emissions. They realize that coal plants will have to be shut down in the long term (before their IRP planning period ends). To maximize their rate of return on investment they seek the PUC approval to increase the rate base to cover upgrades in a deprecating asset. In the future they will again seek the PUC approval to increase the base rate to cover more upgrades. In the end they will seek the PUC approval to increase the base rate to cover the cost of decommissioning the plant including the environmental damage on the property. They take no risk and only collect the reward.

There has to be a way to transfer some of the risk from the rate payers to Idaho Power Company. Idaho Power Company estimates upgrade costs, future costs, CO2 costs, and alternative costs. If their estimates are incorrect they still receive reward.

Idaho Power Company knows that long term coal plants without carbon capture technology (which is very expensive) will go the way of the dinosaurs. In the very long term gas plants will only be used for grid stabilization.

Currently the upgrade might be the most economical choice not considering the future risks involved. The PUC could request that Idaho Power Company have an uninterested 3rd party complete a study regarding the long term costs and risk of continuing to run coal plants and a plan based on economics to decommission those plants in a timely fashion.

Being in the automotive repair business many customers are faced with choices regarding keeping an older vehicle (deprecating asset, much like a power plant) on the road. It can be done, but there are current costs involved as well as greater costs down the road. At times the costs of keeping the vehicle on the road are greater than the value of the vehicle. Even if the customer's choice is to repair the older vehicle it is very important to stress they have a longer term plan to replace that vehicle as more efficient, more economic, and environmentally vehicles are available.