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Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
472 W. Washington Street  
P. O. Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0074

RE: Comments in Case No. IPC-E-13-16

Dear Commissioners:

The Idaho Association of Commerce & Industry (IACI), with over 300 members in Idaho, including the vast majority of major power consumers in southwest Idaho, is supportive of the Idaho Power application to complete construction on the Jim Bridger plant to incorporate new environmental controls that would extend the life of the plant until available viable alternatives come online.

Currently the plant supplies over 770MW of power to the grid that Idaho utilizes. Simply shuttering the operation at this time is not an optimal consideration, as Idaho would become more susceptible to the wild swings of the power marketplace without this power generating capacity.

The other alternative is to replace the capacity with natural gas. While natural gas is a viable alternative fuel as a consistent and reliable energy producer, the cost associated with replacing the lost capacity of shuttering the Jim Bridger plant would be nearly three times that of the plan to retrofit the coal producing plant with strong environmental controls.

As technology improves for efficient energy production, the cost of slowly moving toward natural gas is the smarter direction for the ratepayers within the Idaho Power territory. Therefore, IACI is in support of the proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex LaBeau", written over a white background.

Alex LaBeau  
President

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Public Utilities Commission of Idaho  
P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Re: Letter of Support for Idaho Power's application for a Certificate of Public Convenience

Dear Sirs:

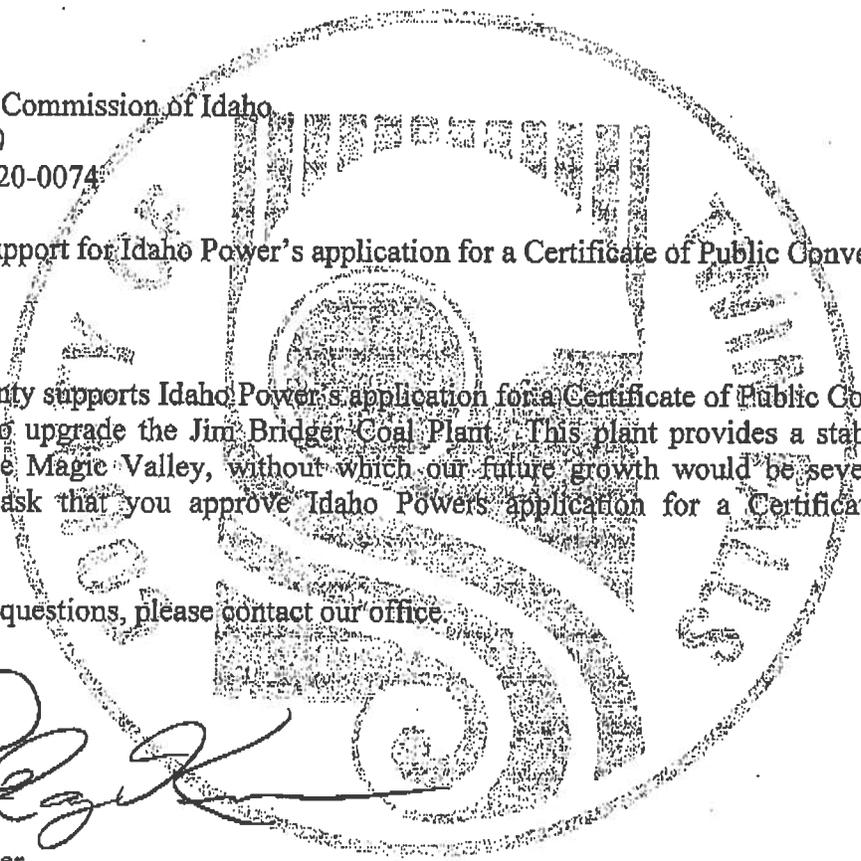
Twin Falls County supports Idaho Power's application for a Certificate of Public Convenience to spend \$130M to upgrade the Jim Bridger Coal Plant. This plant provides a stable source of electricity to the Magic Valley, without which our future growth would be severely limited. Therefore, we ask that you approve Idaho Power's application for a Certificate of Public Convenience.

If you have any questions, please contact our office.

Sincerely,



Terry Ray Kramer  
Chairman



## Jean Jewell

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**From:** bradwills2007@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, November 22, 2013 10:14 AM  
**To:** Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness  
**Cc:** bradwills2007@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Bradford Wills

Name: Bradford Wills  
Case Number: IPC-E-13-16  
Email: [bradwills2007@gmail.com](mailto:bradwills2007@gmail.com)  
Telephone: 2084200314  
Address: 222 Shoshone St. West  
Twin Falls Idaho, 83303-0346

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

Comment: As President of our local Magic Valley Builders Association and a community leader in Twin Falls, I am writing in support of Idaho Power Company's application for a Certificate authoring the company to invest in the required new environmental controls at the Jim Bridger generating plant near Rock Springs, Wyoming.

I believe Coal-Fired Plants are still an important source for electricity generation and these proposed upgrade will lessen the environmental impact and provide time for new technology to developed that will eventually replace these units.

This will protect Idaho Power Company Customers by keeping rates affordable because next to Idaho Powers' Hydroelectric Generation, Coal-Fired Plants are the next most economically to run.

Sincerely Yours,  
Bradford J. Wills  
Twin Falls, Idaho

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## Jean Jewell

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**From:** littlemac@cableone.net  
**Sent:** Friday, November 22, 2013 8:36 AM  
**To:** Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness  
**Cc:** littlemac@cableone.net  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Thomas McCauley

Name: Thomas McCauley  
Case Number: IPC-E-13-16  
Email: [littlemac@cableone.net](mailto:littlemac@cableone.net)  
Telephone: 208 308 5050  
Address: 324 Eleventh Ave N  
Buhl Id, 83316

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

Comment: 11/22/2013

Idaho Public Utility Commission  
472 West Washington Street  
Boise Idaho 83707

Re: Comments in support of Jim Bridger CPCN request Case No. IPC-E-13-16

Dear members of the Commission,

I am writing this letter in support of Idaho Power's request to receive authorization to invest in new environmental control equipment to be installed in the Jim Bridger coal fired plant near Rock Springs Wyoming.

The existing coal fired plant provides a substantial and reliable base to the energy portfolio of Idaho Power and PacifiCorp. The improvement to their emissions equipment is timely and necessary to meet the ever increasing emission standards set by the EPA. The impact of more stringent standards has an economic impact on all utilities and ultimately their rate payers. Idaho Power already has a sizeable investment in the Jim Bridger facility. They should be permitted to take advantage of the effective life of this asset for which they have already made a substantial capital investment. The option of meeting these emission standards at an existing plant rather than seek the development of a new plant seems to be the most balanced and cost effective approach to meet the current needs of the utility, the rate payers, and the environment.

Idaho Power Company has a good record of balancing their generation portfolio and providing low cost power for their current and future customers. Improving the environmental controls at the project is the responsible action to take environmentally and economically.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Tom McCauley

## Jean Jewell

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**From:** rstark@boisechamber.org  
**Sent:** Friday, November 22, 2013 4:12 PM  
**To:** Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness  
**Cc:** rstark@boisechamber.org  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Ray Stark

Name: Ray Stark  
Case Number: IPC-E-13-16  
Email: [rstark@boisechamber.org](mailto:rstark@boisechamber.org)  
Telephone:  
Address: P.O. Box 2368  
Boise ID, 83701

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

Comment: IPC-E-13-16

Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience & Necessity for the Investment in Selective Catalytic Reduction Controls for Jim Bridger Units 3 and 4.

The Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce is one of the state's largest business organizations. Its 1,800 member companies provide jobs for over 75,000 Idahoans. The Boise Metro Chamber supports Idaho Power's application to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC) for a certificate authorizing the company to invest in required new environmental controls at the Jim Bridger coal-fired generating plant in Wyoming.

The Boise Metro Chamber has an energy policy to support certain objectives important to our regional and state economy and future economic development.

Specifically, the Chamber supports the generation of energy from hydro power, natural gas, clean coal, wind, solar, biomass, geothermal and nuclear. The Chamber supports maintaining Idaho's overall low cost and reliable supply of energy through exploration, development, generation, transmission and conservation.

To this end, the Chamber endorses the 2012 State Energy Plan's framework that will help enable a secure, reliable, affordable energy supply network while protecting public health and safety and enhancing economic competitiveness.

Idaho Power is a one-third owner of the Bridger plant. PacifiCorp owns the other two-thirds and is the plant operator. Bridger is the largest of Idaho Power's thermal generating plants, providing nameplate capacity of 771 megawatts of electricity.

State and federal regulations require the installation of additional emission-control equipment on two of Bridger's four generating units. The plant meets all current environmental standards, and Idaho Power has committed to ensuring all of its facilities continue to remain in compliance with all state and federal regulations.

Idaho Power's share of the required upgrades is estimated to be \$130 million. PacifiCorp has already received approval to construct its share of the expenditures from regulators in Utah and Wyoming.

The Boise Metro Chamber believes that a diverse energy portfolio is important to maintaining reliable, responsible, fair-priced energy now and in the future.

It is our understanding the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) Idaho Power has requested would not have an immediate impact on customer rates. If allowed, the entire cost of the project would be spread out over several years.

Please support Idaho Power's application. Thank you very much.

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## Jean Jewell

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**From:** Wcnelson@cableone.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 21, 2013 5:45 PM  
**To:** Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness  
**Cc:** Wcnelson@cableone.net  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Walter Nelson

Name: Walter Nelson  
Case Number: E-13-16  
Email: [Wcnelson@cableone.net](mailto:Wcnelson@cableone.net)  
Telephone: 208 934-5345  
Address: Box 88  
Gooding Idaho, 83330

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

Comment: In order for Idaho to supply it's current customers and provide power for additional growth Idaho power must be able to provide energy when needed at a reasonable cost. Up grading and improving current plants is the most sensible way. We need power on demand, wind power is not dependable enough. I support improvements which will cause less pollution and still provide power at a reasonable cost.

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## Jean Jewell

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**From:** richbar@cox.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 21, 2013 4:25 PM  
**To:** Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness  
**Cc:** richbar@cox.net  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Barbara Tropea

Name: Barbara Tropea  
Case Number:  
Email: [richbar@cox.net](mailto:richbar@cox.net)  
Telephone:  
Address: 101 Southern Cmfort  
Ketchum Idaho, 83340

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

Comment: Dear Sirs,  
I am writing to urge you to look for as many alternate forms of energy, other than coal, as possible. We are damaging our ozone & coal will only increase the problem. I would encourage your customers to learn to use LESS energy as a starter. We should all work at making this a better world for the generations to come.  
Thanks for your consideration.  
Barbara Tropea

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## Jean Jewell

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**From:** secretary  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 21, 2013 8:06 PM  
**To:** Barb Barrows; Jean Jewell  
**Subject:** FW: Idaho Power Bridger Coal Case IPC-E-13-16

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From: David Cannamela[SMTP:DACANNAMELA@GMAIL.COM]  
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2013 8:06:47 PM  
To: secretary  
Subject: Idaho Power Bridger Coal Case IPC-E-13-16 Auto forwarded by a Rule

Dear PUC Commissioners,

I am an Idaho Power customer, and I don't want to invest in dirty coal power.

We all want to live in a clean, healthy, sustainable world. Companies like Idaho Power have the ability to change things for the better. Why not use your wealth and influence to improve things?

David Cannamela  
4087 Sumter Way  
Boise, ID 83709

**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** secretary  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 21, 2013 10:03 PM  
**To:** Barb Barrows; Jean Jewell  
**Subject:** FW: Idaho Power Bridger Coal Case IPC-E-13-16

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From: Jo Faulkner[SMTP:BARKFAULK@CABLEONE.NET]  
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2013 10:04:10 PM  
To: secretary  
Subject: Idaho Power Bridger Coal Case IPC-E-13-16 Auto forwarded by a Rule

Dear PUC Commissioners,

I am an Idaho Power customer, and I don't want to invest in dirty coal power.

Jo Faulkner  
3518 Meadow Dr.  
Boise, ID 83706

## Jean Jewell

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**From:** secretary  
**Sent:** Friday, November 22, 2013 7:31 AM  
**To:** Barb Barrows; Jean Jewell  
**Subject:** FW: Idaho Power Bridger Coal Case IPC-E-13-16

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From: Richard Kuehn[SMTP:REDMAN53\_2001@YAHOO.COM]  
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2013 7:31:52 AM  
To: secretary  
Subject: Idaho Power Bridger Coal Case IPC-E-13-16 Auto forwarded by a Rule

Dear PUC Commissioners,

I am an Idaho Power customer, and I don't want to invest in dirty coal power.  
CO2 IS STEALING OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE!!!!

Richard Kuehn  
POBox 178  
Council, ID 83612

## Jean Jewell

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**From:** secretary  
**Sent:** Friday, November 22, 2013 2:30 PM  
**To:** Barb Barrows; Jean Jewell  
**Subject:** FW: Idaho Power Bridger Coal Case IPC-E-13-16

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From: Corliss Neuber[SMTP:CNEUBER2002@YAHOO.COM]  
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2013 2:30:49 PM  
To: secretary  
Subject: Idaho Power Bridger Coal Case IPC-E-13-16 Auto forwarded by a Rule

Dear PUC Commissioners,

I am an Idaho Power customer, and I don't want to invest in dirty coal power.

I want to harness Idaho's wind, solar and thermal capabilities in a smart, renewable manner, not invest in an outdated, unhealthy manner like burning coal! Put the money to a better use!

Corliss Neuber  
2488 E. Tiger Lily Dr.  
Boise, ID 83716

## Jean Jewell

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**From:** secretary  
**Sent:** Friday, November 22, 2013 1:45 PM  
**To:** Barb Barrows; Jean Jewell  
**Subject:** FW: Idaho Power Bridger Coal Case IPC-E-13-16

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**From:** Anne Jeffery[SMTP:JEFFANNE@EARTHLINK.NET]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 22, 2013 1:45:27 PM  
**To:** secretary  
**Subject:** Idaho Power Bridger Coal Case IPC-E-13-16  
**Auto forwarded by a Rule**

Dear PUC Commissioners,

I am an Idaho Power customer and I do not want my fees invested in the aging Jim Bridger coal-fired power plant in Wyoming. The use of coal contributes to global warming which in turn, here in Idaho, increases the length and severity of our wildfire seasons.

Idaho Power needs to focus on supporting cleaner energy projects, making wind and solar viable alternatives to fossil fuels. I would like to see Idaho Power support individual and small business efforts to add solar generation to homes and businesses. Even though there may be short term costs to increasing the use of alternative fuels there is a tremendous cost to upgrade the coal facility. In the long run reducing green house gases will be more cost effective than having to deal with the consequences of global warming. How many millions were spent this year in Idaho on fighting wildfires?

Sincerely,  
Anne Jeffery  
10 Tyler Drive  
Bellevue, ID 83313  
[jeffanne@earthlink.net](mailto:jeffanne@earthlink.net)

## Jean Jewell

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**From:** secretary  
**Sent:** Friday, November 22, 2013 1:33 PM  
**To:** Barb Barrows; Jean Jewell  
**Subject:** FW: Idaho Power Bridger Coal Case IPC-E-13-16

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From: John Schott[SMTP:JLSCHOTT2@FRONTIERNET.NET]  
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2013 1:34:10 PM  
To: secretary  
Subject: Idaho Power Bridger Coal Case IPC-E-13-16 Auto forwarded by a Rule

Dear PUC Commissioners,

I am an Idaho Power customer, and I don't want to invest in dirty coal power. I request that you direct Idaho Power to instead invest in clean, renewable energy projects and efficiencies that will position us well to move ahead in the 21st century. Dumping \$130 million into the outdated, dirty, inefficient Jim Bridger coal plant in Wyoming is a poor investment. It will cost us much more in future decades in terms of disastrous impacts to public health from air and water pollution, and the devastating changes to the global climate from dumping carbon into the atmosphere. It is much wiser to pay a bit more to transition to clean energy now, and avoid the 13,000 premature deaths and more than \$100 billion in health care costs due to dirty coal every year.

Please do the right thing and deny Idaho Power's request to spend hundreds of millions propping up an outdated coal plant. Do not let them lock us into dirty fuels for decades to come.

Thank you,

John Schott  
McCall, Idaho

John Schott  
14191 Hancock Rd.  
McCall, ID 83638

## Jean Jewell

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**From:** secretary  
**Sent:** Friday, November 22, 2013 12:24 PM  
**To:** Barb Barrows; Jean Jewell  
**Subject:** FW: Idaho Power Bridger Coal Case IPC-E-13-16

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From: Perry Brown, MD[SMTP:PERRY.S.BROWN@GMAIL.COM]  
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2013 12:24:43 PM  
To: secretary  
Subject: Idaho Power Bridger Coal Case IPC-E-13-16 Auto forwarded by a Rule

Dear PUC Commissioners,

I am an Idaho Power customer, and I don't want to invest in dirty coal power.

Continued coal burning will trigger hundreds of millions more in expenditures over the next five years to reduce toxic coal ash from seeping into groundwater, to protect local air quality and public health from mercury and other pollutants, and to protect our climate from carbon pollution. Facing these huge costs, utilities around the country are choosing to shutter coal and transition to clean energy instead.

I oppose Idaho Power's plan to invest more money into the Jim Bridger coal-fired power plant.

I want Idaho Power to instead explore ways to increase energy efficiency and support clean energy projects.

As a ratepayer and taxpayer, I would like cleaner power for my money.

Perry Brown, MD  
1608 N. 26th St.  
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Boise, ID 83702

**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** secretary  
**Sent:** Friday, November 22, 2013 3:33 PM  
**To:** Barb Barrows; Jean Jewell  
**Subject:** FW: Idaho Power Bridger Coal Case IPC-E-13-16

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From: Sean McGarry[SMTP:DOCMCGARRY@GMAIL.COM]  
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2013 3:33:57 PM  
To: secretary  
Subject: Idaho Power Bridger Coal Case IPC-E-13-16 Auto forwarded by a Rule

Dear PUC Commissioners,

I am an Idaho Power customer, and I don't want to invest in dirty coal power.

Sean McGarry  
4014 Morningwind Ave  
Boise, ID 83706