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November 25, 2013

Idaho Public Utilities Commission
RE: Case # IPC-E-13-16
Via email secretary@puc.idaho.gov

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to express my strong support of Idaho Power's application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. The City of Pocatello appreciates Idaho Power's commitment to reliable, fair priced energy in our region. As Mayor of Pocatello I am encouraged by the responsibility shown by Idaho Power to lessen the environmental impact while still providing for the needs of their customers in an affordable manner.

Idaho Power remains an integral part of the economic advancement of Pocatello and I look forward to their continued success.

Sincerely,

Brian C. Blad
Mayor

To: Idaho Public Utilities Commission
From: Lon Crowell, Director
City of Pocatello
Planning & Development Services Department
Re: Case Number IPC-E-13-16
Date: November 25, 2013

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To Whom it May Concern,

While I am unable to speak on behalf of the City of Pocatello, I am able to speak on behalf of Economic Development. Low utility rates are a unique characteristic that we in Idaho use to our benefit when competing nationally and globally for industry and manufacturing companies looking to the west and northwest United States. We are surrounded by states that have significant resources, some with what could be viewed as unlimited funds, to attract business and provide the necessary infrastructure at very little or no cost at all to the prospective companies. Idaho does not have that luxury. In Pocatello what we do have is a great work force, a great location and low power costs.

It is well known that coal power is the least expensive and one of the most reliable resources for consistent power. This resource is readily available and used responsibly in the intermountain west. This resource is not a threatened source of power such as oil or a controversial source of power such as nuclear. It does not carry with it the significant environmental risks and damage caused by fracking or other natural gas drilling methods. Reliability and cost effectiveness are vital to industry and manufacturing. Without cost effective power, Idaho industry may not be able to compete financially with our global competitors. Without consistent power, industry would not be able to operate efficiently or effectively; in some cases a short burst of power loss results in a complete shutdown and losses of thousands, some cases tens of thousands, of dollars. In addition we have consistent requests for significant amounts of power that would otherwise be very difficult to provide.

I agree that alternative sources of power are fundamentally responsible however at this time they are inefficient, cost prohibitive and unpredictable. We NEED affordable power and consistent power for the residents of Pocatello and for our economic future and growth.

As of today, Pocatello is able to use the benefits that you, Idaho Power, currently provide to your customers; low cost, reliability. These benefits are invaluable when trying to convince industry that Idaho and Pocatello is the right place for them. This mutually beneficial relationship has brought several great companies and hundreds of jobs to Pocatello. We hope that we can continue this relationship well into the future. We appreciate the help and support we receive from Idaho Power and from your local Idaho Power employees.

Please vote to approve the necessary certificate and investment for the Idaho Power/ PacifiCorp Bridger Wyoming Power Plant; please keep it open, fully operational and please do what is necessary to keep our rates low.

Lon Crowell, Director
City of Pocatello
Planning & Development Services
Economic Development, Planning, Development Engineering,
CDBG/HUD, Pocatello Regional Airport

Jean Jewell

From: russ@buschert.com
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2013 4:45 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: russ@buschert.com
Subject: Case Comment Form: Russell Buschert

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Case Number: IPC
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Telephone: 208-860-7300
Address: 235 W. Floating Feather Road
Eagle Idaho, 83616

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

Comment: Subject: Idaho Power's request for the Bridger Power Plant Dear Commisioners, I am not in favor of investing more money in the Jim Bridger Coal generating plant. I feel a more prudent approach is to build more natural gas capacity instead and reduce the amount of power that is required by coal generation. Additional gas capacity has a very long term life potential and can be built closer to the usage demand, while the window for coal is closing and there is no such thing as clean coal.

As global climate change is taken more seriously, there will be the likelihood of much higher coal taxes which might lesson or eliminate coal's current cash cost advantage. The non-cash costs of burning coal are well known but much harder to quantify.

I realize that large users of electricity have in the past looked at electric cost as a key driver in their decision process for potential plant locations. I think that is changing with progressive businesses not wanting to be accused of using cheap dirty power as part of their manufacturing process (or server farm) any more than prison/slave labor in China. Dumping more money into Bridger continues to degrade our long term competitive position in this factor.

I would also like to see a much more aggressive approach to conservation especially with time of day metering to help reduce peak demands. In addition solar should be encouraged to help reduce needed capacity. Building power plants of any kind should be a last resort after we have made substantial efforts in conservation.

Best regards,
Russ Buschert
Business investor and Idaho Power shareholder
500 shares (held in Tin Cup LLC)

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Jean Jewell

From: kit@peasleytransfer.com
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2013 4:24 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: kit@peasleytransfer.com
Subject: Case Comment Form: Kit Herndon

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Case Number: IPC-E-13-16
Email: kit@peasleytransfer.com
Telephone: 208-861-1704
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Boise ID, 83704

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

Comment: If Idaho Power wishes to spend over \$100 million of our money, it should be toward modernizing our power supply, and not waste money on old, polluting, and dangerous methods. This money could be better spent switching to sustainable energy supplies (like consumer generated solar, wind, geothermal, etc.) or converting to natural gas generation. Idaho Power has both a financial obligation and an obligation to its customers' safety. Ignoring the obvious future of power generation violates the first obligations, and consciously choosing the most health hazardous option available violates the second.

Thank you for your consideration,
Kit Herndon

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Jean Jewell

From: peacenow22@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2013 3:40 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: peacenow22@gmail.com
Subject: Case Comment Form: Elizabeth Paul

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Case Number: IPC-E-13-16
Email: peacenow22@gmail.com
Telephone:
Address: 6152 Plantation Lane
Garden City ID, 83703

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

Comment: Elizabeth Paul, 6152 Plantation Ln, Garden City, ID 83703

November 25, 2013

Comments on Docket #IPC-E-13-16

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide my comments on this issue.

I am concerned about the environmental, public health and economic impacts of the Jim Bridger Coal Plant. Greenhouse gas emissions from the plant contribute to global warming and that impact alone is serious enough to warrant denial of Idaho Power's requests. The case for denial is strengthened when the public health impacts of the units are factored into the equation. Emissions of mercury, particulates, coal ash and other pollutants sicken people who live in the airshed. The mining and transportation of coal also cause disease and ill health. As an energy consumer and ratepayer, I don't want to depend on energy that damages the environment and diminishes public health.

Idaho Power needs to be encouraged to comply with the Idaho State Energy Plan and phase coal out of its energy portfolio. Idaho Power ratepayers are growing in their support for clean, sustainable energy supply. The Idaho Public Utilities Commission should also encourage Idaho Power to phase out coal by denying these requests.

As an Idaho Power ratepayer, I want my rates to be reasonably predictable and support development and delivery of clean and reliable sources of energy (including efficiency). I don't get to shop around for my electricity; I can't use my purchasing power to shape the marketplace. I rely on the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to protect my interests, and the interests of all ratepayers of today and tomorrow.

At question is the future of the Jim Bridger Coal Plant and how much additional investment by Idaho Power investment is prudent. It's obvious that the \$130 million investment Idaho Power currently seeks to guarantee is not the only large investment the company will need to make in the coming decade. The problem is that Idaho Power has not offered an accounting of the full investment that will be needed, and the IPUC is being asked to decide without benefit of all relevant information.

The situation reminds me of a dilemma many of us have faced - how much money to invest in an aging car. You can see that the tires are bald, but without knowing how many more miles the engine, transmission and brakes have left you can't make a good decision on whether to buy new tires. No one would knowingly invest \$1,000 in tires when they knew the car was on its last legs and that \$1,000 should go toward buying a new car.

We all agree that Idaho Power's Jim Bridger coal plant has "bald tires." I don't want my rate payments spent on new tires because I know that the Jim Bridger coal plant is a junker. I urge you to "look under the hood" and deny Idaho Power's request for CPCN certificate and binding ratemaking treatment.

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Jean Jewell

From: ineckb@cityofnampa.us
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2013 3:36 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: ineckb@cityofnampa.us
Subject: Case Comment Form: Beth Ineck

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Case Number: IPC-E-13-16
Email: ineckb@cityofnampa.us
Telephone: 208-468-5488
Address: 55 South Pit Lane
Nampa ID, 83687

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

Comment: Low cost reliable power is a vital component to the success of economic development in Idaho. As the Economic Development Director for the City of Nampa I am actively engaged in bringing new industry to our city as well as assisting our existing businesses in expanding. Through that process the importance of adequate power supply, reliability, and cost is one of the top considerations for any company or site location consultant. As manufacturing becomes more automated and the need for servers and data centers increases the need for additional power supply is great. As an example, this summer we worked on a project in conjunction with Idaho Power which initially needed over 300MW to support their manufacturing facility. The elimination of coal from the power supply would halt the opportunities for new industry. I support Idaho Power's efforts to meet the state and federal requirements for pollution control and continue their investment in the Jim Bridger coal-fired generating plant near Rock Springs, Wyoming. I also recognize the importance of developing new cleaner technologies to meet our energy needs; but at this time upgrading the emission-control equipment is the best alternative to meet our growing energy needs at the lowest cost.

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Jean Jewell

From: jimjohnston8@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2013 3:23 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: jimjohnston8@gmail.com
Subject: Case Comment Form: Jim Johnston

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Case Number: ipc-e-13-16
Email: jimjohnston8@gmail.com
Telephone: 208-234-0900
Address: 6375 S. Bannock Hwy.
Pocatello Idaho, 83204

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

Comment: I support Idaho Powers application to the IPUC for a certificate authorizing the company to invest in new required environmental controls at the Jim Bridger coalfired generating plant near Rock Springs, Wyoming. I am certain that this equipment will lessen the environmental impact and that is a big concern.

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Jean Jewell

From: secretary
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2013 3:15 PM
To: Barb Barrows; Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: Idaho Power Bridger Coal Case IPC-E-13-16

From: Kelly Gorritz[SMTP:GLENNKELLYMUSIC@GMAIL.COM]
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2013 3:16:47 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.

Kelly Gorritz
PO Box 1001
McCall, ID 83638

Jean Jewell

From: LeonardNolt@AOL.com
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2013 3:03 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: LeonardNolt@AOL.com
Subject: Case Comment Form: Leonard Nolt

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Case Number: IPC-E-13-16
Email: LeonardNolt@AOL.com
Telephone: 208-869-2294
Address: 5763 W. Filly St.
Boise ID, 83703

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

Comment: Greetings;

I'm opposed to allowing Idaho Power to use millions of dollars for coal plant upgrades. Coal-fired power plants are going out of business like rats leaving a sinking ship. At least 150 coal-fired power plants in the US have been shut down in the past several years. Electricity generated by burning dirty coal pollutes the air people breathe and must come to a halt. Investing in coal-fired power plants for whatever reason is like investing in the first generation of computers. It's wasting financial resources. Instead that money should be designated to buy power for individuals and families who have installed their own solar panels. They should be paid at rates comparable to the ones paid in Germany where the roofs of buildings are covered with solar panels and Germany is rapidly coming to the place where all their electricity is generated by clean sources of energy. As a respiratory therapist I'm concerned about air quality and the harmful impact it has on human health. Let's not impose more air pollution on people living near coal-fired power plants by using out financial resources to produce more dirty air when we are living in a time when there are better and cleaner sources available. Thank You.

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Jean Jewell

From: tonycaren@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2013 2:37 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: tonycaren@yahoo.com
Subject: Case Comment Form: Caren DeAngelis

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Case Number: IPC-E-13-16
Email: tonycaren@yahoo.com
Telephone:
Address: 2005 Grace Street
Boise ID, 83702

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

Comment: I urge you to not let Idaho Power pass on the cost of upgrading the coal plants on to the ratepayers. The millions of dollars wasted on this project should go in to finding renewable energy sources.

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Jean Jewell

From: dbolz@hotmail.com
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2013 2:29 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: dbolz@hotmail.com
Subject: Case Comment Form: Darrell Bolz

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Case Number: IPC-E-13-16
Email: dbolz@hotmail.com
Telephone: 208-454-1334
Address: 3412 College Ave.
Caldwell ID, 83605

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

Comment: I am in support of Idaho Power's request to invest in investing in new environmental controls at the Jim Bridger coal-fired plant near Rock Springs, Wyoming. It only makes sense to make the plant more environmentally friendly while maintaining the ability to provide the necessary electrical needs of it's customers at reasonable rates. To replace the capacity at the Jim Bridger plant with alternative sources of electricity would end up costing the consumers more. I realize that there are those who are opposed to coal use, but do they have alternatives that are both environmentally friendly as well as being at less cost to the consumer? Besides those who favor wind or solar need to consider the electrical costs to the consumer. Life is a series of choices and I feel that this choice is in the best interest of all concerned. Thank you for taking input on this issue.

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Jean Jewell

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Sent: Monday, November 25, 2013 4:52 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
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Subject: Case Comment Form: Milan Kovach

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Case Number: IPC-E-13-16
Email: mpkovach@cableone.net
Telephone: 2088840850
Address: 2960 W Joust St
Meridian ID, 83646

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

Comment: The time is long past for Idaho Power to start distancing itself from the production of energy through the burning of high sulfur coal. The use of coal, with any degree of contaminates is adding to an environmental disaster and the industry should not be asking its consumers to help fund this abomination to the environment and creating further health problems. Idaho has a long history with the safe use and technical advantages of nuclear energy. The State should be encouraging the development and further use of clean and safe nuclear power. The fourth generation of nuclear plants as well as breeder reactors offer a viable and advantageous alternative to coal producing plants with all their inherit disadvantages.

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Jean Jewell

From: shawn.socia@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2013 4:51 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: shawn.socia@gmail.com
Subject: Case Comment Form: Shawn Socia

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Case Number:
Email: shawn.socia@gmail.com
Telephone: 2088417442
Address: 1092 Vine St
Boise Idaho, 83703

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

Comment: We have the opportunity to move forward with a cleaner energy model that can invigorate our economy through job creation and set an example of what it means to work with the environment in a manner that encourages the survival of the planet, and thus, us, as a species. I DO NOT support revamping coal plants to continue our same old way of doing things. I DO support the development and use of green energy. Its the only way we can move forward and ensure survival for future generations. Thank you for your time.

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