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Idaho Public Utilities Commission

November 25, 2013

Case # IPC-E-13-16

Dear Commission Members,

On behalf of the Board of Directors for the Greater Pocatello Chamber of Commerce I would like to support Idaho Power Companies request for a certificate authorizing the company to invest in required new environmental controls at the Jim Bridger coal fired generating plant near Rock Springs, Wyoming.

The power provided to the State of Idaho from this plant is important to the economy of Idaho and especially Southeast Idaho. This plant will continue to allow our region to have the fair priced energy that we experience now and continue that into the future.

It is important that we continue to use coal power as a reliable source of power that cannot be replaced by intermittent resources like wind or solar power.

I am asking that please approve this request from Idaho Power so that we can continue to move the Economy of Idaho forward.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Hunter
President & CEO
Greater Pocatello Chamber of Commerce
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Jean Jewell

From: secretary
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2013 1:29 PM
To: Barb Barrows; Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: Idaho Power Bridger Coal Case IPC-E-13-16

From: Jim Phillips[SMTP:JAMESWPHILLIPS@COX.NET]
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2013 1:30:43 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. It is not cost effective or environmentally sound in the long term.

Jim and Evelyn Phillips

Jim Phillips
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Hailey, ID 83333

Jean Jewell

From: secretary
Sent: Sunday, November 24, 2013 1:33 PM
To: Barb Barrows; Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: Idaho Power Bridger Coal Case IPC-E-13-16

From: Nicholas Hadjokas[SMTP:NICHOLASHADJOKAS@GMAIL.COM]
Sent: Sunday, November 24, 2013 1:34:21 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 understand the need to clean up the ozone-destroying NOx chemicals that this source of energy produces, but am amazed that Idaho Power is not considering the amount of carbon dioxide that these types of power plants generate. Actually, I know that they are not required to worry about global warming, but, from what I have read, ~75% of Idaho's citizens ARE concerned about the impacts of global warming on climate change. This issue could/will have impacts on the water resources that Idaho currently has.

The plan that Idaho Power proposes does not seem thoughtful to me. Many power companies are divesting from coal-powered electricity, as I am sure you are aware. Yet Idaho Power is proposing to continue their investment and "buy time" until they can figure out what balance of hydroelectric, wind, and solar is worth selling to their investors and consumers. It may be too late to wait for their corporate leadership to get creative and demonstrate their capacity for "thoughtful planning". I strongly favor renewable, sustainable energy sources.

The risks and costs involved in such decisions are certainly complex. I guess that as long as we continue to get great snow pack and river flows I should not care about global warming. The problem is that current trends suggest we are experiencing drought conditions in Idaho. Our water resources are one of our most precious natural resources; not only for agriculture and recreation, but for the water required by the Mountain Home Air Force base in the near future.

There are many approaches to addressing this issue such as a much greater emphasis on energy efficiency and conservation. I strongly encourage you to request that Idaho Power demonstrate to us that they are effectively analyzing and planning for the power requirements of Idaho in the 21st century. Furthermore, request that they pass the risk of their plan on to their investors; not on to their consumers. We want clean power!

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Jean Jewell

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Sent: Sunday, November 24, 2013 1:38 PM
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Subject: Case Comment Form: Pam Harrington

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Boise ID , 83701

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

Comment: Coal power is antiquated and cleaner new technologies should be pursued. Rate charges should be used for wind and/or solar pursuits. Please do not approve a plan that essentially throws good money after bad. Help us to be a better country. Thank you.

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Jean Jewell

From: secretary
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2013 9:58 AM
To: Barb Barrows; Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: Idaho Power Bridger Coal Case IPC-E-13-16

From: Andrew Castellano[SMTP:ANDY@EARTHSHINEFOUNDATION.ORG]
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2013 9:59:40 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.

Committing ourselves to supporting a dirty coal plant for several more decades is a terrible idea. There are solutions available today that can move us toward a clean energy future, not force us to move backwards for the rest of our lives.

As a rate payer, I want cleaner power.

Andrew Castellano
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Ketchum, ID 83340

Jean Jewell

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To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: gsparker72@yahoo.com
Subject: Case Comment Form: Gavin Parker

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Telephone:
Address: 26604 Bella Vista Dr.
Wilder ID, 83676

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

Comment: Upgrading the Jim Bridger coal-fired generating plant is a wise and prudent decision by Idaho Power. I have confidence in their current plan and their long-term vision. Idaho Power customers are lucky to have some of the lowest rates in the nation. Idaho Power has a diverse energy portfolio and for now coal-fired electricity generation is still part of that mix.

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Jean Jewell

From: secretary
Sent: Saturday, November 23, 2013 11:43 AM
To: Barb Barrows; Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: Idaho Power Bridger Coal Case IPC-E-13-16

From: Kathleen Ehrhardt[SMTP:EHRHARDTKATHLEEN@GMAIL.COM]
Sent: Saturday, November 23, 2013 11:43:59 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. Burning coal for power is something our world can no longer afford to do. The detrimental effects on our air, water and land are just too great!

I urge you to instead to look to the future with a more long range view and explore ways to increase energy efficiency and support clean energy projects.

Kathleen Ehrhardt
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Boise, ID 83706

Jean Jewell

From: jaqjarboe@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, November 23, 2013 12:03 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: jaqjarboe@yahoo.com
Subject: Case Comment Form: Jacquelyn Jarboe

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Case Number: IPC-E-13-16
Email: jaqjarboe@yahoo.com
Telephone:
Address: 3754 Sanada Way
Boise Idaho, 83702

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

Comment: I do not believe that Idaho Power should put money into the Jim Bridger Power Station. As a stock holder in the company, I think it is a bad investment. More money will probably need to be put into it later to comply with upcoming EPA regulations.

According to Klaus Lackner who is doing research in carbon sequestration, old power plants are hard to retrofit. With likely regulation in the near future, putting more dollars into plant is a bad idea.

Even more important than my stock, is my daughter's future. I don't want her to have to live a life with the plague climate change. Developing cleaner, alternative energy will Idaho also provide opportunities for good jobs for this next, innovative generation.

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Jean Jewell

From: secretary
Sent: Sunday, November 24, 2013 12:26 PM
To: Barb Barrows; Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: Idaho Power Bridger Coal Case IPC-E-13-16

From: Jerry Rand[SMTP:JZRANDOLPH@FRONTIERNET.NET]
Sent: Sunday, November 24, 2013 12:27:01 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. May I please encourage you to participate in moving our energy policies away from fossil fuels to a cleaner, more sustainable delivery source. I am totally opposed to any investment in coal in the years ahead.
Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Jerry Rand
POB 1483
McCall, ID 83638

Jean Jewell

From: fishbrat@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, November 24, 2013 11:59 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: fishbrat@yahoo.com
Subject: Case Comment Form: Kriss Crowdis-Mann

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Case Number:
Email: fishbrat@yahoo.com
Telephone:
Address: 1435 Elmore
Idaho Falls Id, 83402

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

Comment: Why were the Tax credits for solar and wind energy allowed to expire under Senator Simpson. Coal mining has killed many of my southern relatives from black lung. Coal is an antiquated form of energy. Coal is dirty, and causes diseases. We need clean energy, not dirty. I object to paying for anything coal.

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Jean Jewell

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To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
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Subject: Case Comment Form: Susan Norton

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Address: 2529 N. Fry St.
Boise ID, 83704

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

Comment: As an Idaho Power customer and share holder I want to make my objections clear about Idaho Power's use of coal to produce electricity.

It is time for Idaho Power to move into the future with a wider vision regarding its role in making the planet better instead of making existing problems worse. Burning coal to produce electricity does nothing to address the growing problems associated with climate change. I would like to see Idaho Power do more to encourage conservation, invest far more money in research into other forms of energy, and do more to encourage people to use solar panels on their homes as well as investing in greater production of solar power than in committing itself to greater use of coal.

Investing in burning more coal under the argument of it being better for financial reasons is short sighted. We will pay down the road in a wide variety of ways from climate-related problems to falling behind other countries in the production of cleaner power.

You need to think about doing more for clean air, clean water, and lowering our reliance on high carbon electricity.

Please act for the long term and not for short term economic gains that will be losers down the road.

Sincerely,
Susan Norton

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Jean Jewell

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Sent: Monday, November 25, 2013 1:10 PM
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Cc: edmakeener@cableone.net
Subject: Case Comment Form: Edwin Keener

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Email: edmakeener@cableone.net
Telephone:
Address: 3423 N. 39th St
Boise ID, 83703

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

Comment: I am very opposed to giving Idaho Power approval to further invest in coal plant power. Coal must be phased out quickly in power generation because of its very extensive and damaging environmental impacts. We can no longer produce electricity by coal because of the pollution it creates.

If I had a choice to get electricity from another utility than Idaho Power I would do so immediately.

Idaho Power is a bully of power generation. It does not care about the pollution and destruction it creates.

Sincerely,
Ed Keener

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Jean Jewell

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Subject: Case Comment Form: Alex Jones

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Telephone: 2082862166
Address: 1615 North 25th St.
Boise Idaho, 83702

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

Comment: Idaho Power and the IPUC should NOT entertain the idea of refurbishing the Jim Bridger coal facility and work as quickly as possible to convert all coal fired plants in Idaho to natural gas, geothermal, wind or solar. To ask for nuclear would be too much for the fearful people of this country, but it would be the best solution of them all. We have the technology to build smaller, off-the-shelf, safe and efficient nuclear power facilities..Just NO to coal.

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Jean Jewell

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Subject: Case Comment Form: Kerry Cooke

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Case Number: IPC-E-13-16
Email: kvcooke@gmail.com
Telephone:
Address: 4002 Albion St
Boise ID, 83705

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

Comment: It's clear from Idaho Power's day-by-day actions and proposals that it has one agenda - locking in its customers to dependence on coal. Idaho Power knows that there are other choices. There is the choice to speed up retirement of the coal assets. There is the choice to support the growing demand for cleaner and more affordable energy. Every day, Idaho Power repeats a lie to Idahoans that it is interested in conservation, in small-power producers, in the opinion of customers. Idaho Power repeats the lie that its customers only want the power to work, that they don't care where it comes from or the environmental and global costs of producing that power. Idaho Power chooses to pursue the dirtiest source for power available. The company is not working in the interests of Idahoans, now or in the future. It is working only for its shareholders' benefit. Idahoans depend on the PUC to make decisions that will help us all live in a healthy environment, now and in the future. Idaho Power does not recognize that need. Please insist that they do, and that they divert from coal.
Thank you.
Kerry Cooke

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Jean Jewell

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To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
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Subject: Case Comment Form: Kathleen Kamo

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Case Number: ipc-e-13-16
Email: kit.poco357@hotmail.com
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Address: 3463 SW 2nd Ave
New Plymouth ID, 83655

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

Comment: Dear Commissioners,

I live in Payette County not far from the Langely Gulch power plant. As a resident of our great state and a residential power user of Idaho Power, I request that you grant Idaho Power a certificate authorizing the company to invest in the required environmental controls at the Jim Bridger coal-fired plant in Wyoming.

I do not want to see our power rates raised up as they are in so many places in the US! I have friends and family who are on very low and fixed incomes and they cannot afford any higher rates.

Utilizing both coal and hydro are the most reliable and cost effective sources we have. Wind and solar look cool on paper, but they are horribly expensive and really change the scenic value of the area (Oregon & Washington's Columbia River Basins are examples of tons of wind machines/farms). Plus they do not work unless there is wind or sunshine! I don't have wind at my house - I have sun, but not 24/7! Where would my electricity come from the rest of the time?

SO YES! please make the upgrades to the Wyoming power plant! It is the sensible thing to do!

Thanks for your time and consideration!
Kathleen Kamo
New Plymouth ID

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Jean Jewell

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Cc: dav2011@msn.com
Subject: Case Comment Form: Dave Anderson

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Case Number: NA.
Email: dav2011@msn.com
Telephone: 1-208-623-5132
Address: PO BOX - 505
Spirit Lake Idaho, 83869

Name of Utility Company: Vista/Frontier
Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: Review this! You no longer have a job as of tomorrow morning at 7:00 AM. That is just how myself and countless others will feel if you "MORRONS" have your way. Leave our Coal alone we need the good jobs that it generates. Also, we want/need to send coal by rail through/from the states where it is mined through, Montana, Idaho & Wash. (to just name a few) to get to wherever it is shipped/used! Again, it generates lots of good jobs, Union Pay, with good Union Bennies to support our families on. Just leave our industry alone, as it is! Continue as you have been, sitting on your thumbs and doing nothing. Remember that you work for us not the giant utility companies. Signed.... (A good interested worker & resident of Idaho..... DA.

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Jean Jewell

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Cc: loulandry@cableone.net
Subject: Case Comment Form: lou landry

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Boise ID, 83714

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

Comment: Idaho Power's Senior Vice President of Power Supply acknowledges that the company is on a "glide path" out of coal as an energy source for power production. (Lisa A. Grow PUC testimony 11/7/2013). By seeking "binding ratemaking treatment" Idaho Power management on behalf of company shareholders proposes shifting the risk which they should bear to Idaho Power customers. Rate payers should not bear the burden of the risky investment that Idaho Power proposes to make in fixing pollution problems at the Jim Bridger Power Plant.

Idaho Power's net income of \$149.3 million for the first nine months of 2013, compared to net income of \$150.1 million for the same period in 2012 (Wall Street Journal, 11/5/2013), suggest times are good at Idaho Power. Should Idaho Power not choose to self-fund investment in selective catalytic reduction at Jim Bridger, then the company can go to the capital markets.

But perhaps Idaho Power knows that numerous financial advisors are "excluding companies whose primary business is the mining or production of coal . . . and excluding utilities which rely on coal fired plants for a significant portion of their power generation." (Friends Fiduciary Corporation 10/9/2013--- policy posted at www.friendsfiduciary.org) So while fixing coal pollution problems may be too risky for financial advisors to recommend; it is not too risky, as far as Idaho Power is concerned, for its rate payers.

Idaho Power has not produced a convincing case for how it will handle the long- term risks of coal-fired energy production. In numerous recent cases before the PUC, Idaho Power has evidenced a strategy to undermine renewable alternatives and conservation, all the while trying to protect its coal fleet.

It is time for the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to steer utility policy for the long term benefit of Idaho rate payers. Coal is a bad long term bet. The \$130,000,000 band-aid is only the first of many to what will become increasingly risky investments in "fixing" a dirty fuel source.

I urge the Idaho Public Utility Commission to deny the certificate of convenience and necessity and the binding ratemaking treatment that Idaho Power has proposed.

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Jean Jewell

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Ontario OR, 97914

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

Comment: November 25, 2013
To the Idaho Public Utilities Commission:
Regarding IPC-E-13-16 Idaho Power meeting state & federal clean air requirements

The Snake River Economic Development Alliance (SREDA) is a (3) county, two (2) state regional alliance that focuses on bringing new investment and jobs into a rural region with a depressed economy. After, two and one-half years, we are seeing the beginning signs of economic growth and stability. We are very fortunate to be within the Idaho Power service area.

Idaho Power has some of the lowest power rates in the nation. They have done a great job planning for our future economic growth by expanding their portfolio of energy sources. Without this, we would not be able to market our region for new business and investments. Idaho Power has been a great partner with SREDA in helping to land new businesses. They have been readily available to assist us with when we respond to proposals from companies; helped us with site visits from those companies; and they work hard to present a clear picture to our clients on what their power rates would be should they choose to expand their business to our region.

SREDA is supportive of Idaho Power maintaining and upgrading their existing facilities for economic and environmental reasons because it is very responsible and prudent. It ensures us that we will be able to continue to grow our rural economy into sustainable and livable communities; and it helps to maintain the cost of power at a reasonable rate. We understand that there are many sources of power generation. We also understand the cost of each of those sources and whether they are a consistent source or an intermittent source. In the realm of economic and community development, having affordable and consistent sources of energy are a must! Energy from coal is one of the more reliable sources for energy. The economic impact of the coal industry has had a positive impact not only in Rock Springs and the State of Wyoming, but here in Idaho, we have benefited as well - with low cost power and with the availability of jobs in the coal industry for displaced Idaho workers.

We applaud Idaho Power for wanting to upgrade the Jim Bridger Coal-Fired Plant to meet the air quality standards. We encourage the Commission to issue the certificate authorizing Idaho Power to invest in the required new environmental controls.

Please contact us with any questions. Thank you for this opportunity to present our support for this request.

Sincerely,

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Jean Jewell

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Boise ID, 83702

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

Comment: Idaho PUC Commissioners, Re Casse No PIC-E-13-16

The Idaho Power Company's request to incorporate upgrade expenses of the Jim Bridger coal-fired generation plant needs careful scrutiny and more factual data. I urge the Commission to deny and consider these areas of concern:

1. Binding ratemaking treatment is not justified and should be denied. Idaho Power Company (IPCO) 's identified need and risk scenarios have not been sufficiently documented. I do not see where a compelling case for public need has been made.
2. The applicant essentially is having ratepayers cover potentially high and potentially higher unforeseen costs to keep these four aging coal-fired generators running. With the likely environmental restrictions on mercury, coal ash and other Clean Air Act requirements, IPCO has not fully accounted for risks and future costs of keeping this coal plant operating. As a consumer and ratepayer, I do not want to be burdened with these unknown costs and uncertainty - let their stockholders bear most of this risk.
3. The Idaho PUC would be wise to wait until its partner Pacifcorp provides data and answers to the important questions raised by the Oregon PUC in October on detailed financing and possibly escalating future costs.
4. Alternative generation sources (including better conservation) to the Jim Bridger plant have been narrowly reviewed and analyzed by the applicant. Much more rigorous alternative scenarios should be considered and initiated. Innovative and distributed solar projects are not embraced by IPCO, as they are in Oregon. The applicant routinely discourages alternative forms of generation and efficiencies - large and small. Their distrust of wind sources and the recent PURPA rate activities demonstrate their reluctance to use a more varied and distributed load mix.
5. Discouraging small and large alternative producers and logical load reductions appears to be routine. Two of my residential experiences are illustrative:

A. In 2008-09, I checked with equipment suppliers and gathered installation estimates for rooftop solar generation equipment on my Boise residence. (I already had a well-functioning solar hot water installation reducing our need for natural gas domestic hot water and our hot water space heating.) In vain I searched on the IPCO website to find an application to become a small generator and learn IPCO's rules for hook-up. I then telephoned the company and asked them to guide me to the person or correct website subpage to obtain the application - the receptionist was uninformed and unable to help me. Meanwhile, IPCO over these years mailed out several inserts with utility billings touting their 'green' or other small alternative projects such as the Castleford School solar installation and other piecemeal efforts (many of them financed by Bonneville Power funds). They wanted to appear progressive and green, but

it seems like window dressing for individuals actually seeking to reduce their load and self generate. To the individual homeowner or small business wanting to install electrical generation, there was no encouragement or easy, consumer friendly access. This official stance has improved a tad on the IPCO website (though I challenge you to find a simple way for homeowners to learn the steps of hook up on the current IPCO webpage). E.g., visit <https://www.idahopower.com/AboutUs/BusinessToBusiness/GenerationInterconnect/default.cfm>; there is no straightforward application. And several attempts from the Residential subpage only loop me back to the main page, or tell one to go to another website, "OASIS," and "get in a queue." Too much clicking away, not friendly. At least in 2014, unlike in 2008, there now is a pdf that begins with "In compliance with NERC standard FAC-001-0" that stipulates interconnect requirements in a very legalistic manner). All of this push-away the small generator behavior is even more frustrating, given dramatically lower costs of solar panels in the last three years.

B. In a similar vein, I eventually** signed up for IPCO's A/C Cool Credit program. My home, due to its size and odd configuration, has two air conditioning units. That program is now suspended - and sort of re-started, but with no advertising! How smart was all this capital outlay for the A/C interruption equipment and labor costs installed at my home and many others in western Idaho? Just write that one off as another window dressing effort that went nowhere? Now, the equipment sits there. What happens next? I signed up, not motivated by the princely \$7 or \$8 credit on my bill over 3 months, but to be a good citizen and reduce summer peak load needs. What was that all about? It's just easier to burn coal in Wyoming and upgrade those old generators with scrubbers, I guess, and encumber us with unknown, likely escalating costs, than invest in meaningful efficiencies, conservation and load reduction.

In closing, I would remind the Commissioners and staff that in 1975, IPCO had a demand forecast that projected 7% load growth after the mania of hooking up a tremendous number of ag irrigators. The company believed it needed to build a large coal-fired plant 25 miles east of Boise, the Pioneer Plant. The thorough analysis of PUC staff and sharp, analytical questioning of the PUC Commissioners brought out the flaws in the demand forecast and IPCO's failure to fully account for all of Pioneer's projected costs. The PUC turned down Pioneer's application - and demand, interestingly, only grew at 1.3%, as staff had figured out.

Please do not approve Case No. IPC-E-13-16, and please require better analysis and cost data from the applicant. Saddling our power future on a risky coal horse does not make a lot of sense, given natural gas pricing and many meaningful opportunities for more efficiencies, load reduction, and alternative power production that would make the power infrastructure more safe and reliable.

I am out of town today and would otherwise appear at the hearing in person. Please enter my testimony into the record. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kay Hummel
Idaho Power Company ratepayer
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Jean Jewell

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Hailey Idaho (ID), 83333

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

Comment: Thank you in advance for procuring other alternatives to power our homes than coal. I am sure that you understand the need to protect the public is far greater a need than to have to mine for coal and pollute our air and water. Please eliminate coal fired power plants!
Thanks

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Jean Jewell

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Telephone: 2089541092
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Boise ID, 83702

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

Comment: My written comments are for review as part of testimony submitted in the November 25, 2013 Idaho Public Utilities Commission (PUC) hearing about whether to approve the pending request by Idaho Power (IP) to spend \$130,000,000 on its Wyoming coal-fired plant emission controls, required for continued operation.

I urge the PUC to disapprove IP's request, because IP created its own predicament and ratepayers should not have to pay for its poor planning and management.

I disagree with the November 23, 2013 ID Statesman Reader's View column titled "Coal hearing begins important conversation on energy future" by Lisa Grow, ID Power's senior VP of power supply. She asserts that IP's current PUC request seeks to " ... recover the cost of these mandatory upgrades, as long as they are determined to be in our customers' best interests." How can environmental pollution be in our best interests?

These upgrades are mandatory only because IP has delayed and resisted implementing viable noncoal alternative energy sources, whining that current technology is insufficient and unreliable. So continued reliance on dirty, environmentally polluting coal remains IP's sole tunnel-vision option. Why should the ratepayers bear the cost of IP's "glide path" for buying time, when it has refused to plan for and make nonpolluting choices for today and the near future? Let IP ALONE bear the risk for this required upgrade to its beloved coal plant, not its ratepayers, powerless except for PUC's support. PUC should rule that such upgrades are NOT in IP customers' best interests.

I have been an IP residential customer for exactly one year in my newly built all-electric home. During construction planning in 2011, I attended several Boise area environmental programs, where I heard IP staff and (too) few independent experts say that IP's energy was not only lower cost, but environmentally clean and sustainable. Ultimately, I chose electricity as my exclusive energy fuel source, except for solar water heating, because I believed this was a cleaner, nonfossil route. Since then, but too late, I have learned that the hydropower sources often fluctuate, becoming a minor contributor to IP's power supply. Coal is the silent, unrelenting gap-filler. Many other ratepayers likely share my frustrations and repulsion for IP's ever-growing coal pollution.

As numerous other local ratepayers and energy experts have noted during this well-publicized energy debate, the immediate IP funding request is just the first of many, all of which ratepayers may bear eventually. Why should ratepayers absorb all costs of IP's refusal to find current alternatives to coal?

I request that the PUC deny IP's incomplete, short-term, near-sighted request. Reduce the pollution!

Thank you.

Caroline Morris

Jean Jewell

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Leadore Idaho, 83464

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

Comment: To Whom it May Concern,

As the Board Chairman of Lemhi County Economic Development Association, one of the strongest economic strengths of our County is the relatively inexpensive power rates we enjoy. I extend our strongest support of Idaho Power's efforts to maintain their current interest and operations regardless of geographic location. It is far more reliable and economical feasible to support this kind of generation process. We do not support Wind and Solar resources that have proven to be intermittent, extremely more expensive, and not as environmentally clean as the Politicians would have us believe.

Thank you for your consideration.

Alan Howell
Board Chairman
Lemhi County Economic
Development Association

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Jean Jewell

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Twin Falls Idaho, 83301

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

Comment: Dear Idaho Power,

I believe it is time to seriously think about making the change from DIRTY COAL to something less harmful to the Earth. I just want you to take the time to think about what this beautiful planet could deteriorate to, and if that's the environment that you would want your beloved children and grandchildren living in? So i challenge you to go experience what a magnificent place this truly is and why we should preserve it.

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Jean Jewell

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Boise Idaho, 83706

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

Comment: November 23, 2013

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

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Austin Valceschini, I am a Boise State University student currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies, and an Idaho State resident. Over the past few years, I have developed a passion for promoting sustainability and looking out for the many generations that will follow in our footsteps.

I am writing to the Public Utilities Commission to make a stand AGAINST Idaho Power's potential \$130 million investment into the Jim Bridger coal plant, Units 3 and 4. I do not believe that Idaho Power should be granted a CPCN for investments into a source of energy that contributes to climate change, and puts public health at risk. I understand that the investment is for a selective catalytic reduction (SCR) system, and will make the plant cleaner by reducing nitrogen oxide emissions, but SCR's do not control many other greenhouse gas emissions such as carbon dioxide (CO2). Since SCR's do not control carbon dioxide and the eventual cost of controlling CO2 emission is unknown, granting \$130 million to install SCR's on a dirty coal plant would be a highly irresponsible use of ratepayer dollars.

It is easy to see that the world is making a progressive movement towards clean and renewable energy sources. Idaho needs to be a leader in this movement and should be looking to cleaner energy sources instead of extending the lives of polluting coal plants. It may not always be the easiest decision, but it's the right decision. Do not invest in the Bridger coal plant.

Thank You

Austin Valceschini
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Jean Jewell

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Boise Idaho, 83702

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

Comment: (It is interesting that this page is labeled at the top as being for "comments" or "questions"; but by the time I get to this box, I can only question or complain.)

My comment is that the PUC should lead and regulate with vision concerning the economic and natural science realities that will inform the politics that will soon doom coal fired energy plants. I believe it is inevitable that more policy restrictions on coal will lead to more money being needed to keep the rusty jalopy that is the Jim Bridger plant running safely and legally. Bad money after more bad money.

An energy policy based on global warming denial is like a guy who wants to keep putting money into the old gas guzzler he got as teen-ager. ("All it needs is a new set of shocks, and linkage that I can get from my brother-in-law, and just two new tires, after I grind out the valves and fix the radiator leak,...; not to mention a new catalytic converter that the ^%&*() bureaucrats are gonna make me buy."

His wife just wants him to junk it and buy a hybrid. "We'll be money ahead, and not pollute so much."

Respectfully submitted,

Brent Marchbanks

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Jean Jewell

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Boise Idaho, 83716

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

Comment:
Idaho Power's proposed \$130 million investment in selective catalytic reduction at the Wyoming Jim Bridger coal plant has my attention.

I have been studying this matter for the past several months and appreciate the opportunity to submit my conclusion and comments.

Further investment in Jim Bridger is bad business strategy and unfair to ratepayers like myself.

Idaho Power should be seeking to decommission coal fired power plants like other energy companies across the country; rather, it should be investing in renewable, green energy alternatives and promoting energy conservation. It makes no sense to keep investing in dirty energy technology.

Asking the Commission to allow Idaho Power to pass along the \$130 million investment to rate payers is also bad business. I object to this because Idaho Power does not bear any risk at a time when pending environmental compliance requirements for existing coal fired plants are uncertain.

I urge the Commission to deny Idaho Power's request to approve \$130 million for selective catalytic reduction at the Jim Bridger coal plant.

Thank you.

Dick B. Miller

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Jean Jewell

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Boise ID, 83702

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

Comment: Please do not approve Idaho Power Company's request to pass on to taxpayers and customers the cost of operating coal fired power plants. It is time to invest in renewable energy sources and stop using coal.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this critical issue.

Sincerely,
David & Mary Dudley

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Jean Jewell

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Email: lemoboi@yahoo.com
Telephone:
Address: 1207 E. Jefferson Street
Boise Idaho, 83712

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

Comment: The citizens of Idaho should not pay to fix coal plants. We should put funds toward research and development of clean, renewable energy sources.

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Jean Jewell

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Subject: Case Comment Form: Judy Foster

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

Comment: I believe rate payers should not have to bear the \$130 million burden of Idaho Power's risky investments to extend the life of its dirty and aging coal plants especially when considering additional future expensive upgrades will be required of Idaho Power's coal plants. More affordable cleaner alternatives can fill the roll of these dirty out of state power plants. The coal burning plants contribute to climate change, pollute rivers and lakes and produce tons of toxic ash. Dangerous byproducts include Mercury, Carbon Dioxide, Nitric Oxide, Sulfur Dioxide and Nitrogen Dioxide. Please review all foreseeable pollution costs.
Thank you,
Judy Foster

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Jean Jewell

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Boise ID, 83709

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

Comment: I am opposed to Idaho Power's proposal to impose a \$130 million rate increase to meet emission standards on one of their coal-fired generating units in Woming. Idaho Power claims it is necessary to allow them to "transition to other sources of energy" (op ed Id Statesman). Their actions, however, would seem to indicate something different. They have suspended conservation programs in residential air conditioning and agricultural pumping and there are documented cases of Id Power's obstructing/delaying permitting of wind farms and redcing incentives for solar projects large and small (feature article High Country News). Current emission standards are most likely going to become more restrictive, making Id Power's plan to use coal as a major source of their power all the more expensive to ratepayers. I believe this risky investment should be bourne by Id Power's shareholders if allowed at all. Further, coal is poluting from extraction to transportation to combustion to combustion waste. It is estimated that 30% of US carbon polution comes from burning coal. We must obtain power from cleaner sources. Idaho is rich in wind, solar and geothermal resources and has promising oppotunities for biomass energyproduction. Thank you for accepting my comments.

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Jean Jewell

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Sun Valley Idaho, 83353

Name of Utility Company: idaho power
Acknowledge public record: False

Comment: Idaho Power should not be investing this kind of money, and charging their customers, to improve on out dated, out of state coal fired power sources when cleaner methods of power production, (wind, solar) should be developed instead. If we need more, why is the power from Lucky Peak and other sources in state end up being sold and sent out of state?

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Jean Jewell

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Boise ID, 83705

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

Comment: Idaho Power can draw from many renewable energy possibilities yet nearly half of the electricity Idahoans use comes from toxic coal-fired plants. Shockingly, Idaho Power plans to invest Idaho ratepayers' (your and my) money, \$130 million, on one of the nation's dirtiest coal plants, Jim Bridger located in Wyoming. This expenditure though does not address pollution control regulations that could cost ratepayers hundreds of millions of additional dollars.

This plan of Idaho Power for a coal-fired power plant is not only destructive to the climate and environment, but its' a huge financial risk to ratepayers, not Idaho Power. Burning coal for electricity is an antiquated technology that will become increasingly more expensive.

Idaho Power should follow the lead of other forward thinking utilities and begin pursuing clean alternatives. Rather than relying on toxic out-of-state coal fired power plants, wind, solar and energy efficiencies can meet Idaho's energy needs while creating high paying jobs in Idaho.

The Public Utilities Commission should put a stop to Idaho's addiction to coal. There will be a hearing in Boise on November 25th, 2013 concerning the plans to invest in the Wyoming coal-fired plant. Please come out to the hearing and ask the PUC to mandate Idaho Power to review all foreseeable costs before handing ratepayers the bill for \$130 million plus. Ruth Merrill

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Jean Jewell

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Boise ID, 83706

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

Comment: In a state such as Idaho that has an abundant potential of renewable resources, it is appalling that the push is to squander money, our health and our children's future on dirty coal instead of aggressively pursuing clean energy options. I urge our policy makers to think outside of the box and put Idaho on a sustainable clean energy path. Please don't tell me it can't be done. That is not the "can do" attitude that made this country great. Thank you for your time and effort.

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Subject: Case Comment Form: Kathleen Meyer

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Twin Falls Idaho, 83301

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

Comment: Please Stay away from coal for our energy.. Our air in Idaho is no longer clean...

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Jean Jewell

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Buhl Idaho, 83316

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

Comment: Case # IPC-E-13-16

Comments of.
Bill Chisholm
Idaho Energy Education Project
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As an Idaho native, I have a long and varied relationship with Idaho Power. As a customer, I have been well satisfied with the reliability of their service and with the professionalism of the field staff. As a citizen of Idaho and an activist the story has been not so satisfactory. I have been an opponent of Idaho Power's various coal plant proposals starting with the Pioneer Plant proposal and continuing through the various proposals they had for coal plants along the Snake River. I worked with the opponents of Idacorps proposed gas fired plant near Middleton.

I have on the other hand had a very favorable experience with Idaho Power on the first Solar for Schools project at Castleford and on the Energy Efficiency Education Project. I served on the advisory committee for that project and also served on the Magic Valley Energy Task Force. I was most pleased with Idaho Power's efforts in energy efficiency and conservation, appreciated their early efforts on net metering.

But now it seems that something has gone awry in the thinking of the upper management of Idaho Power. They seem to be moving away from those projects that make long term economic and environmental sense and are moving back into a mindset more befitting the dawn of the industrial age, rather than its demise. There are options, good options, most essentially in energy efficiency and conservation, point of use renewable consumption. To want to invest a large amount of customer dollars in coal plants is not in the public interest and though Idaho Power is a private corporation, by its very nature, its monopoly demands that it make policy decisions not just in the interest of stockholders, but in the arena of public policy.

The days, or as I like to say daze of good ol' boy power politics is drawing nye. It is time to move ahead to serve both the public and the planet. Investing in coal when more relevant options are available is unacceptable. I oppose Idaho Power's position in this matter and I would hope that the Idaho Public Utilities Commission would deny this request and send Idaho Power back to the planning process with a broader and more responsible agenda in mind.

As part of my testimony I wish to submit the following Idaho Energy Plan as a tool, a reference for Idaho Power to use in evaluating its energy planning process.

An Idaho Energy Plan
Idaho Energy Education Project
by Bill Chisholm

The Situation:

- Oil and natural gas production is peaking. Natural resources are becoming more valuable.
- Human population is growing rapidly and demanding more resources per person, increasing the competition for existing resources.
- Climate change is a serious consideration and caps the previous two in importance, the burning of fossil fuel must be reduced.
- Supposed "cheap energy" has come at high costs, economically, environmentally and socially. It has created a wasteful attitude about energy consumption.

Education::

- Education is probably the most important part of the plan. It is important to get the public up to speed on the importance of their role in solving this issue.
- Energy education should be added to the public school curriculum. The students should be made aware of the full costs of energy decisions, the environmental and social implications as well as the economic.
- City and county planning agencies should consider the energy impacts of planning and zoning decisions, transportation and on green building options.
- Architects, engineers and builders need to be educated as to the design technologies, passive heating and cooling and efficiency that can be built into homes. We need to build solutions, not more problems.

Conservation and Efficiency:

- The cleanest and cheapest energy is that which we don't use or don't waste.
- The second cleanest and cheapest energy is passive energy, such as wind or sun that can be used with minimum inputs, i.e. clotheslines, curtain, blinds, shade trees or solar tube lighting.
- Energy efficient lights, appliances, timers should be used to minimize the amount of energy that is used.
- Economic incentives such as tax breaks and the investment of pollution credits should be invested in energy efficiency and renewables..
- Studies for the NW Energy Coalition and the Northwest Power Planning Council show there are several thousand megawatts of energy efficiency and conservation available in the region.

Buildings:

- What kind of buildings and where we build them have a major impact energy consumption and other resource demands.
- Long term energy impacts must be considered in the construction, operation of buildings and in transportation to and from those buildings.
- Green buildings (LEED Certified or the equivalent) needs to become the norm. .LEED =Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
- All public buildings should be built to LEED Gold.
- All private residential dwellings over 2,000 sq. ft. should be LEED Gold.
- All private residential dwellings over 1,200 sq. ft. should be LEED Silver.
- LEED Bronze should be the minimum standard.
- LEED costs should not be considered additional expense, but as an investment in a sustainable energy and economic future.

Renewables:

- Where possible individual residents and commercial buildings should be encouraged to invest in net metered renewables such as wind and solar.

- Public buildings especially schools should be using net metered renewables to offset operation costs and showing a public commitment to a sustainable energy future.
- Industry should also be encouraged to invest in net metered renewables to help meet their load requirements.
- Agricultural operations have a good opportunity to use both wind and solar to augment their energy requirements.
- Utilities in Idaho should have a portfolio standard that requires at least 30% of their energy come from renewables within 10 years.
- Idaho should encourage the development of merchant plant renewables such as solar, wind and geothermal.
- Various studies show that there are several thousand megawatts of renewables from all sources, wind, solar and geothermal available in the West.

Thermal production:

- Because of their impact on climate change, thermal technology should be used only after maximum effort has been made in the areas of conservation, energy efficiency and the use of renewables.
- Some thermal generation may be necessary to balance renewable production to meet loads.
- Idaho should abandon its self imposed "stringency rule", so that it can require the highest environmental technology available at thermal plants.
- Nuclear power should be considered only as a last resort and used only minimally.

Transportation:

- The public should be urged to live close to where they work to minimize use of their vehicles.
- Tax incentives should be given to encourage the buying of hybrid and high mileage vehicles.
- Businesses should be encouraged to reduce the number of vehicles their employees drive to work, a bus system, car pool incentives, etc.
- Public mass transit including buses, light rail and trains needs to be planned for and implemented.

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Jean Jewell

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Boise Idaho, 83703

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

Comment: I am an Idaho Power customer and I don't want to subsidize dirty coal generated electricity so that Idaho Power can again enjoy a short term solution to power supply. If Idaho Power thinks it must invest in coal, ratepayers should not pay for this. If Idaho Power could be forward thinking and invest this money in solar and wind, then I would agree to share in the cost.

Idaho has an abundance of sunny days, especially southern Idaho. Idaho Power is extremely short sighted not to take advantage of this energy opportunity.

Please don't make ratepayers share in the dirty coal costs of Idaho Power.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment,
Tim

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Jean Jewell

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Hope ID, 83836

Name of Utility Company: Avista
Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: Money should not be wasted on aging coal plants. The CO2 level is dangerously high and it will be too late if we do not act soon.

Investment in new sources of energy, especially geothermal and wind need to come now. Make Idaho a leader in clean energy. This is a life and death matter.

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Jean Jewell

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Telephone:
Address: 1810 Clearview Point drive
Lewiston Idaho, 83501

Name of Utility Company: Avista utilities Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: I have neither a question or a complaint. It is time to invest in renewable energy, wind, solar, etc. we can no longer live with dirty coal. I am suggesting that we invest in the future, not in the past. We need to move forward, both for the planet, and for the health of its citizens!!!

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Jean Jewell

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Boise ID, 83713

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

Comment: Please do NOT approve any measures that make Idaho Power customers responsible for the risky investments in old coal mines. Please approve investments in clean, renewable energy only. Not outdated, dirty energy. Get rid of coal energy in Idaho!

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Valerie Mihaylo

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Jean Jewell

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Boise Idaho, 83702

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

Comment: Dear Commissioners:

As a ratepayer, I urge you to deny Idaho Power's request to require ratepayers to fund the proposed NOX cleanup at the Jim Bridger coal plant. I also am a shareholder in Idaho Power and I believe the cleanup should be done and it should be paid for by shareholders, not ratepayers.

Please ask Idaho Power to go back and figure out what they project they'll need to keep the coal plant running and project costs for all anticipated cleanup, not just one pollutant at a time.

Coal is an outmoded fuel. We have better choices which include conservation and sustainable energy sources. Please do not allow Idaho Power to saddle current and future ratepayers with extreme costs meted out in piecemeal fashion just to prop up a 19th century solution. We and our children and grandchildren deserve a better approach

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Jean Jewell

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Boise Idaho, 83702-7321

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

Comment: Most days, for the last 6-1/2 years, my view of the downtown foothills from my high-rise apartment is marred - or at times completely obscured - by pollutants in Boise's air. Like today - Nov. 24th. And yesterday - Nov. 23rd. For my first 2-3 years, the view was clear & the air smelled sweet. Traffic cleared out on weekends. It was quiet & peaceful. Since 2007, that has rapidly deteriorated. Summer . of 2011 was the worst. Smoke from forest fires ibkiterated my view. I kept my windows tightly

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Jean Jewell

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Telephone:
Address: 1015 E Lakeside Ave
Coeur d'Alene ID, 83814

Name of Utility Company: Avista
Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: Please quit using coal. The air is so bad here in Coeur D'Alene today, from air pollution, I can't be outside on this beautiful day. My asthma doesn't allow it. Bad air causes children to get asthma too. Please put the health of Idaho citizens before profit. Thank you.

Unique Identifier: 50.52.37.96

Jean Jewell

From: carolstirling@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, November 24, 2013 3:00 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: carolstirling@yahoo.com
Subject: Case Comment Form: Carol Stirling

Name: Carol Stirling
Case Number: IPC-E-13-16
Email: carolstirling@yahoo.com
Telephone: 208-908-7890
Address: 7233 W Cascade Dr.
Boise ID, 83704

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

Comment: I would like to urge Idaho Power to move towards sustainable energy resources such as geothermal, solar and wind and away from coal fire burning plants.

Idaho Power does not address the true cost of burning coal and increasing CO2 into the atmosphere. Pollution, illnesses, extreme weather conditions, on and on.

National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) released a report that showed huge benefits in pollution savings and reduced spending on fossil fuels by installing more solar and wind power plants. Let's break our addiction to coal and do the right thing.

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Jean Jewell

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Sent: Sunday, November 24, 2013 2:28 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: shantara@cableone.net
Subject: Case Comment Form: Shantara Sandberg

Name: Shantara Sandberg
Case Number: IPC-E-13-16
Email: shantara@cableone.net
Telephone:
Address: 918 Haines St
Boise Idaho, 83712

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

Comment: To the Idaho Public Utilities Commission November 22, 2013

Please REJECT Idaho Power's application to upgrade the Jim Bridger coal-fired plant and charge its customers for the upgrade and as a payout to its shareholders. This plan is irresponsible on all levels.

Coal plants cannot provide safe power for our communities. The emissions from these plants are a known cause of asthma, heart attacks and death. So, this plant is a public health risk.

Economically, there are costs of operating the Jim Bridger plant that are not accounted for in this rate increase so we will see further increases down the road to cover the cost of complying with regulations to address nitrogen oxide emissions, for instance. We will then be in the position of throwing good money after bad instead of investing in energy efficiency and solar, which pay off steadily year after year, creating stability without the public health risks of an outdated, coal-fired plant.

On a national level, many communities are choosing to retire their old coal fired power plants and replace them with clean, renewable energy. In the United States, wind energy has quadrupled in the last 5 years, while energy generated from solar has increased 46 percent since 2011. There are great opportunities for Idaho, like the 15 wind farms proposed between Pocatello and Twin Falls including Rainbow Ranch. The funding and expertise were ready before Idaho Power and the PUC shut its doors to wind and solar by changing the PURPA contract to make it impossible for small alternative projects to work. Idaho has more sun than many of the states that have been part of the 46 percent rise in solar generated power nationally.

We must work together to shape Idaho's future around clean energy choices that bring safe, profitable, and lasting jobs to our communities.

Idaho Power chose to shut down the program to cycle air conditioners and irrigation pumps off during peak demand, which many households, including mine, signed up for. This, and other conservation and efficiency approaches together with renewables are what is needed at every turn. Now Idaho Power gets more power than they need from their new, Langley Gulch gas power plant, which raised rates 6.5%. Clearly, the best interest of the public should be accounted for when decisions are made by the PUC.

I SUPPORT the PUC and Idaho Power to transition from outdated, inefficient generation technology to cleaner, more modern resources such as energy efficiency and renewables such as solar and wind.

Jean Jewell

From: calamus1@hotmail.com
Sent: Sunday, November 24, 2013 2:03 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: calamus1@hotmail.com
Subject: Case Comment Form: Inge Maumus

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Case Number: IPC-E-13-16
Email: calamus1@hotmail.com
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COEUR D ALENE Id, 83814

Name of Utility Company: KEC
Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: It is time for Idaho to get rid of dirty coal!

Unique Identifier: 72.104.188.130

Jean Jewell

From: jvandinter@clearwire.net
Sent: Sunday, November 24, 2013 11:20 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: jvandinter@clearwire.net
Subject: Case Comment Form: James Van Dinter

Name: James Van Dinter
Case Number: IPC-E-13-16
Email: jvandinter@clearwire.net
Telephone:
Address: 12088 W. Tidewater Dr.
Boise Idaho, 83713

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

Comment: Idaho Power has asked the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to approve their plan to charge ratepayers \$130 million to keep their coal plants in Wyoming clunking along for decades longer. This expenditure is just the tip of the iceberg as it will cost hundreds of millions of more dollars to keep these aging coal plants in compliance with pending regulations. Idaho Power should be investing in Idaho's renewable energy future and energy efficiency. Instead the company is wasting money on old technology and protecting its stockholders - and seeking PUC assurance that it can pass these costs onto ratepayers.

Unique Identifier: 71.20.15.35

Jean Jewell

From: helenneville00@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, November 24, 2013 11:07 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: helenneville00@gmail.com
Subject: Case Comment Form: Helen Neville

Name: Helen Neville
Case Number: IPC-E-13-16
Email: helenneville00@gmail.com
Telephone: 775-813-0269
Address: 1620 N 6th St
Boise ID, 83702

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

Comment: I am truly stunned to learn of Idaho Power's plan to continue large-scale investments in coal energy at the expense of rate payers and at the expense of investing in alternative energy sources. Long overdue, utilities across the country are finally shifting to cleaner sources of energy, while Idaho continues to trail at the rear of these important efforts. Idaho should be investing heavily in solar, wind, and other sources of renewable energy, NOT continuing (bad) business as usual and making no effort for strategic revision of their power structure. Not only should this archaic ridiculousness not be passed on to rate payers, but it simply shouldn't happen. Get with it Idaho Power, it's a new century.

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Jean Jewell

From: justme.tudor@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, November 24, 2013 10:40 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: justme.tudor@gmail.com
Subject: Case Comment Form: David Tudor

Name: David Tudor
Case Number:
Email: justme.tudor@gmail.com
Telephone: 2089684842
Address: 2184 Channing Way #441
Idaho Falls Idaho, 83404

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

Comment: Stop the greed and killing our only planet. Prove to the rest of the country that just because we don't care about education we still want to live.

Unique Identifier: 174.126.34.35

Jean Jewell

From: fortiergh@msn.com
Sent: Sunday, November 24, 2013 10:24 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: fortiergh@msn.com
Subject: Case Comment Form: George Fortier

Name: George Fortier
Case Number: IPC-E13-16
Email: fortiergh@msn.com
Telephone:
Address: Spruce Creek dr
Meridian ID, 83642

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

Comment: We need your help to prevent this.

Unique Identifier: 75.167.153.161

Jean Jewell

From: Merrill.troy@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, November 24, 2013 10:07 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: Merrill.troy@gmail.com
Subject: Case Comment Form: Troy Merrill

Name: Troy Merrill
Case Number: IPC-E-13-16
Email: Merrill.troy@gmail.com
Telephone:
Address: 3874 Moscow Mt Rd
Moscow Idaho, 83843

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

Comment: Rate payers should not be forced to maintain aging coal fired plants. Idaho power should be aggressively developing alternatives to fossil fueled power plants

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Jean Jewell

From: Peggy@dreamsinbeauty.com
Sent: Sunday, November 24, 2013 9:44 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: Peggy@dreamsinbeauty.com
Subject: Case Comment Form: Peggy Richards

Name: Peggy Richards
Case Number: IPC-E-13-16
Email: Peggy@dreamsinbeauty.com
Telephone:
Address: 217 Cedar St. #271
Sandpoint Idaho, 83864

Name of Utility Company: Northern Lights Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: I am a renter who wants to keep our state clean.

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Jean Jewell

From: alpinebob2001@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, November 24, 2013 9:10 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: alpinebob2001@yahoo.com
Subject: Case Comment Form: Robert Carroll

Name: Robert Carroll
Case Number:
Email: alpinebob2001@yahoo.com
Telephone:
Address: 2843 Blacktail Rd.
Cocolalla ID, 83813

Name of Utility Company: na
Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: No more dirty coal

Unique Identifier: 72.171.192.118

Jean Jewell

From: Jka888@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, November 24, 2013 9:00 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: Jka888@gmail.com
Subject: Case Comment Form: Jeffrey Allen

Name: Jeffrey Allen
Case Number: IPC-E-13-16
Email: Jka888@gmail.com
Telephone:
Address: P O Box 155
Arco Id, 83213

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

Comment: Rather than spending our money on a dirty energy source like coal that is a major contributor to global warming and the potential demise of our race, Idaho Power needs to invest my money in clean energy sources such as wind power.

Unique Identifier: 216.180.191.154

Jean Jewell

From: bengrimm84@hotmail.com
Sent: Sunday, November 24, 2013 8:12 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: bengrimm84@hotmail.com
Subject: Case Comment Form: Eric Jacobs

Name: Eric Jacobs
Case Number: IPC-E-13-16
Email: bengrimm84@hotmail.com
Telephone:
Address: 7326 S Cloverdale Rd
Boise ID, 83709

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

Comment: I find it hard to believe that Idaho Power wants to sink \$130 million into coal-fired generation plants. That money would be far better spent developing sustainable (not to mention greener) sources. We all know they're out there and just because coal was the energy source of choice in the 18th century doesn't mean it should be in the 21st. Maybe we should burn sperm whale oil instead, hmm?

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Jean Jewell

From: wilson.kristoffer@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, November 23, 2013 2:27 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: wilson.kristoffer@gmail.com
Subject: Case Comment Form: Kris Wilson

Name: Kris Wilson
Case Number: IPC-E-13-16
Email: wilson.kristoffer@gmail.com
Telephone: 435-260-8992
Address: 2301 Kootenai Street
Boise Idaho, 83705

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

Comment: I object to the requested rate increase to pay for retrofits to existing coal plants operated by Idaho Power. This is a short sighted solution that will lead to future rate increase requests as environmental standards for coal tighten in the future.

As a rate payer, I feel unduly burdened by short sighted decisions. For example, the Langley Gulch plant was a massive expense based on demand models that were produced at the peak of an exuberant economic cycle. An investment of the same magnitude in solar power production would have yielded a better solution that matches the peak power demand curve of summertime cooling loads in Idaho. Solar electrical power production has less environmental impact than natural gas fueled electric power production, has no ongoing fuel cost and has a much lower operational cost.

To avoid unwise capital expenses, decisions should be made with long term outlooks that include environmental and operational costs and technological advancements. The long term outlook for coal is expensive, unhealthy for humans and the environment, and will likely include substantial additional expense. Alternative solutions such as energy efficiency programs and alternative means of energy production should be considered in this case.

Additionally, energy production technology is on the cusp of a massive transformation that will make distributed power production viable on a large scale. I would like to see a healthy and prepared power provider as this transition occurs. The knowledge base and power generation/distribution capacity of Idaho Power and other large public utilities is a resource that should not be taken for granted. This resource should be guided with appropriate foresight to ensure that the utility is prepared for future energy landscapes. Idaho Power knows that alternative energy technology is threatening their current business model. Instead of embracing opportunity and preparing to be a part of this change, they are fighting public opinion and clinging to a dated model. We have seen how quickly well established utilities can become obsolete during recent telecommunications technology advancements. Allowing this to happen to large scale electric providers will be disruptive to the consumer. A decision in this case to invest in alternative energy production as opposed to coal plant retrofits will reap positive economic, environmental and public health rewards while helping to prepare Idaho Power for the future of electric power production.

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