

Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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Dear ID P.U.C.,

I am a local business owner and voting citizen of Boise, Idaho. I am extremely concerned about the \$215 million business plan proposed by Idaho Power to upgrade the Jim Bridger Coal burning plant. This is an outdated utility that is threatening the health of our planet and a concern for public health, as well as a bad business plan.

I urge the P.U.C. to review all foreseeable pollution costs before approving this expenditure. I also urge the P.U.C. to become more forward thinking on energy sources that can be prolific and generative in our state.

Sincerely,



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Jean Jewell

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
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Comment: I appreciate the opportunity to comment on Idaho Power's pending Certificate of Convenience (CPCN) for proposed Bridger Plant upgrades. Idaho Power, as one-third owner in the Bridger Plant, has an investment to protect and, failure to make the necessary upgrades would jeopardize future operation of the facility. Understandably, therefore, the utility views the best option as continuing to participate in operation of the facility, particularly if Ratepayers cover these costs.

This option is only economical through the lens of Idaho Power because of their heavy investment (i.e.; sunk costs) in coal power. Idaho Power and not the ratepayers own the interest in the Bridger Plant. This raises the question of why Ratepayers should be responsible for compensating Idaho Power for continuing to participate in the operation of Bridger. It was simply Idaho Power's business decision to rely so heavily upon coal instead of gradually transitioning to alternatives, especially least-cost alternatives of conservation and energy efficiency. In fact, Idaho Power's half-hearted attempts to implement such alternatives reflect the utilities lack of interest in alternatives.

What does this mean for future Ratepayers? We would continue to, in effect, subsidize Idaho Power's ill-advised investments in coal generation as a major source of power for Idaho, and these costs will continue to rise. The wild card is the additional, incalculable but large, costs that would be necessary for coal-dependent utilities to control greenhouse gas emissions. These future costs have not even been considered as part of Idaho Power's calculus, but are assuredly significant. Consequently, from the Ratepayer's standpoint, further investment in coal generation is unwise.

Certainly, the costs of transition to alternatives is not cheap. However, the long-term costs will pale in comparison to the proposed \$130m "AND RISING" Bridger "bailout." Moreover, such a huge investment in Bridger would irreversibly commit Idaho Power and its Ratepayers to a reliance on coal-powered electricity generation for a long time into the future. The plain truth is that utilities are no longer building coal plants. Idaho Power's request simply represents a thinly-veiled attempt to have Ratepayers cover a bad investment.

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Dear PUC Commissioners,

I am an Idaho Power customer, and I don't want to invest in dirty coal power. It's time to move forward and look to renewal energy instead of going backwards. Coal fired plants are noxious and the process of extracting and shipping coal is a heavy cost on the environment. Climate change is very real and scientists are concerned on how quickly the effects of climate change are accelerating. I am currently involved in a climate change workgroup and involved in discussion with scientists and how we can mitigate the detrimental effects of warmer water temperatures and drought on our streams in the west. We love clean air out here in the west. Please no more coal fired power plants!

Respectfully,
Carmen Northen

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