

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF
PACIFICORP DBA UTAH
POWER & LIGHT COMPANY
FOR AUTHORITY TO
INCREASE ITS RATES FOR
ELECTRIC SERVICE TO
ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS IN
THE STATE OF IDAHO**

CASE NO. PAC-E-05-1

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
THE PROPOSED
SETTLEMENT**

June 30, 2005

Honorable Commissioners:

I would like to file testimony in support for this proposed settlement. My background in utility matters has been very extensive in the last few years. I feel that this proposed settlement represents a very good compromise between all the intervening parties. Though it does not solve all the issues in this case, it does and will provide a solid foundation for future negotiations between the company and other intervening parties resulting from this case. As a customer, I feel this agreement provides price stability in the coming year for the Utah Power customers. The net 1.7% increase is a reasonable cost that we as customers should bear to insure the stability of Utah Power. While I as a customer would rather not see a price increase, Utah Power in my opinion should be entitled to request an honest return for their investment with in Idaho.

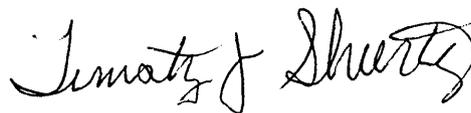
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I do not oppose Utah Power's contention that all its Idaho customers should be served under a tariff standard. However, I feel that before any future general rate case is filed by Utah Power that the commission should make a reasonable judgement as to who will be served by the tariff standard.

Utah Power's willingness to increase by \$50,000 per year to the low income weatherization tariff schedule 21 is an outstanding gesture to provide much needed assistance to their low income customers.

In conclusion, I feel that I can fully agree with this proposed settlement. This settlement represents an honest effort by all parties to provide a reasonable settlement in this case. I have been impressed with the professionalism of the commission staff, the Utah Power representatives, and the other interveners in this case. The work in this case represents a fine example of dedicated public service by all those associated in this case.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Timothy J. Shurtz". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Timothy J. Shurtz