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Comment_description: Some time back I submitted a comment about the basic charge of \$12.56, which is added to all customers on rate schedule 36 (Time of use) on the Utah Power system. The IPUS informed me that they could do nothing until UP&L applied for a rate increase, which I see has happened. At the time this rate was established over 20 years ago, this charge was probably justified as the old meters did require some maintenance, and replacement. Since that time Meter technology has improved to the point that this is no longer the case. It is my belief the Basic monthly charge associated with rate 36 is no longer justified and needs to be evaluated. Also I think the Utility should be required to print reminders on their statements twice a year, in the spring and fall, letting the customer know when the time shift occurs and the hours and holidays included in "off peak" power usage. Also as a former employee, I know that the claims that the cost of employees should not be a factor in requesting a rate increase. After the "merger" with Pacific Power and later Scottish Power, The state of Idaho has lost many local employees, and many many local offices have been closed. This should also be taken into consideration when justifying employee costs as a basis for a rate increase.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Randall G. Ashcraft

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