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Having looked at the agreement it is nice to see that the seasonal banding was removed. That is a great step in making these small farmer owned wind farms profitable. These small wind farms truly help the environment and to reduce the consumption of natural gas. When the utilities put in peak power natural gas generators, they consume so much gas that it drives up the cost for other end users. Plus there is a finite supply of natural gas. Therefore if there were more of these wind farms, it would not only reduce the greenhouse gases, it would save recourses plus maybe help reduce the cost of natural gas which has risen over 100% in the last several months. What has the cost of wind gone up? Wind is still free, however, by stalling on approving these small wind farms it keeps the profitability down because costs of steel, concrete and substations are going up by at least 30% in the last year or so. Please approve the wind farms in a timely manner. In the November issue the North American Windpower trade magazine, it states on page 19 that the 90/110 incentive rule in other markets have been discontinued because it can't work as intended. I understand that the annual wind production is fairly constant in Idaho, but the month to month production can vary by 40%. Idaho Power can't even predict the hydro power until late spring because of the run off variability. However, there are great monitoring and forecasting tools that can give real-time forecasting. Please get rid of the 90/110 penalty, it doesn't work, it hurts the wind farmer, only gives the utility added profit, but not necessarily any relief to the rate payers. Idaho Power stock has had some very nice years giving high dividends, but the rate payers have only had increased costs given to them. Every week there are efforts in place to remove dams on the Snake River where Idaho depends on so much of their electricity. One of these days the environmentalists will have their way with the state and then there will be a panic to get more power. With some help, wind could fill the gap.

Thanx

Larry Zirker

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