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Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
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Re: Rocky Mountain Power proposed rate hikes

Gentlemen:

When my home was built in 1968 Rocky Mountain Power's previous owner, Utah Power & Light, convinced us to make our home an "all electric home" and if we did they would give us \$250 (?) for doing so. We took them up on that at that time and my home was not designed to add duct work and a furnace. Now, I am a widow trying to pay these utility bills on my social security. This proposed rate increase will penalize me for a decision made in 1968 at Utah Power's urging.

In my latest billing from Rocky Mountain Power, two leaflets were included. The first is for a "91 cent per month for the average residential home using 850 kilo-watt-hours per month". The second is for "Customer Efficiency Services". The price increase will be 2.13 percent for a residential customer using 827 kilowatt hours per month. In the winter months of September to May my kilowatts are more or less than 2500 kilowatts because I have electric heat. Both of these rate hikes would put me in a financial bind. How in the world can I be penalized now for something that was sold to me in 1968 as the way of the future? They make it sound now that they are just encouraging me to use less power. It doesn't work that way for a widow, age 74, who cannot increase her income any longer. I have been trying to cut down all my life. I turn off lights not being used, do a washing only once a week. I don't have a dishwasher because it uses more power. This is not fair.

Please consider these facts before giving them all that they want. I am pretty sure the company officials have not cut their bonuses and salaries. Nor will their homes be without dishwashers and 55 inch TVs. Please don't let them do this.

Sincerely,



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