

December 7, 2010

Mr. Jim Kempton, President
ID Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Dear Commissioner Kempton:

RE: Case Number PAC-E-10-07

My name is George A. Whitworth. I have been a south east Idaho resident all of my life. I have worked for Monsanto Company at Soda Springs for the past thirteen years. I am writing/testifying before you today to express my opposition to Rocky Mountain Power's proposed rate increase.

I am greatly concerned of the potential impacts such a rate increase could have on not only my employer's ability to continue operations in the area, but also the impacts to other rate payers and the region's economy as a whole. In the case of Monsanto, the company has been an integral part of SE Idaho for nearly sixty years. I, personally will start the use of other power sources before paying these higher rates for electricity.

- An affordable electrical rate will allow Monsanto to maintain a leading role in the economy of Southeast Idaho.
 - Employ 770 people, 375 of whom work directly for Monsanto and 395 of whom work for contractors. 94% of these people live in four southeast Idaho counties.
 - \$70 million annually in payroll and benefits adding to Caribou County being the 3rd highest in wages paid in Idaho.
 - Among the top employers in comprehensive benefits, vacations, holidays, incentive payouts, pension plan and 401k matched savings plans.
 - Offer high paying jobs that are roughly three times higher than the local average.
 - Serving as the largest contributor of an industry that supplies 52% of the local school tax base
- Through the use of an economic multiplier to consider the indirect economic effects this has on Idaho's economy, Monsanto's phosphorus business produces, at a minimum, a \$230 million economic impact in the state.
- Our schools and public services that are provided could not be maintained without the jobs and tax base provided by Monsanto and other manufacturing industries.

Rocky Mountain Power's call for a double digit increase, however, is at such a dramatic level that it threatens the viability of all manufacturers, not only Monsanto. If approved, it will have a rippling effect throughout Southeast Idaho that we may never be able to recover from. In this most severe economic downturn since the Great Depression, we have all had to make do with less. Rocky Mountain Power can, and should, get by with a substantially reduced rate proposal.

Thank you for the chance to comment.

Sincerely,

George A. Whitworth

9083 S. Crystal Springs Rd.

McCammon, Idaho 83250

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Galen L. Wilson

721 E. Hopkins Lane

Soda Springs, Idaho

Jean Jewell

From: secretary
Sent: Friday, December 03, 2010 5:30 PM
To: Barb Barrows; Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: RATE INCREASE

From: HAYES, BRIAN R 1 [AG-Contractor/1850][SMTP:BRIAN.R.1.HAYES@MONSANTO.COM]
Sent: Friday, December 03, 2010 5:29:37 PM
To: secretary
Subject: RATE INCREASE
Auto forwarded by a Rule

HI IDAHO P.U.C

I AM WRITING TO YOU TO ASK YOU TO TURN DOWN THE PROPOSED POWER INCREASE. IN OUR PRESENT ECOMONEY THIS INCREASE WILL BE DEVASTATING TO COMPANYS LIKE MONSANTO AND OTHERS IN THIS SOUTHWESTERN PART OF IDAHO. WE ALL NEED JOBS YOU KNOW AND WE STILL NEED TO TAKE CARE OF OUR FAMILYS. WE NEED TO STILL EAT. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS PROPOSED INCREASE. IT IS CRAZY OR EVEN CRIMINAL TO CONSIDER 14% AS A FAIR INCREASE. WHAT ABOUT THE ELDERLY WHO ARE ON FIXED INCOMES? I PROPOSE THAT YOU DECREASE THE RATES BY 5%. THIS IS MORE INLINE WITH TODAYS ECOMONEY.

SINCERELY BRIAN R HAYES
PHONE-208 847 2152

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Jean Jewell

From: norriscmh@live.com
Sent: Tuesday, December 07, 2010 3:42 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from David Norris follows:

Case Number: PAC-E-10-07
Name: David Norris
Address: 61 North Hooper Ave
City: Soda Springs
State: Idaho
Zip: 83276
Daytime Telephone: 208-547-3341 ext 234
Contact E-Mail: norriscmh@live.com
Name of Utility Company: Rocky Mountain Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

Have question on why we would allow an large increase in electical power costs that you to giving a 10% rate of return to the stock holders when the max current rate of exchange to the majority of people in the U.S. is less than 5%, and with banks its less than 1%. That seems a little high for this area and for the business that provide employment to our small community.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 65.121.20.50
