

December 8, 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 Eric Nichols I am an employee for Monsanto in Soda Springs, ID. I have worked for Monsanto for 23 years I am 42 years old and have lived in Idaho my whole life. I also have a wife and three children who have lived here their entire life. 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. This will be a double hit to me and my employer as I am a resident under RMP as well as my company. I already have a hard enough time paying for power in my home during the winter months for I am total electric and my bill runs around 360 per month. That makes it hard to feed my kids and pay for school or Dr. bills ect. I don't understand with the economy the way it is and the few good paying jobs that are out there, how do you expect people to live if company's like yourselves keep wanting more from the people that work so hard to make a living. In the case of Monsanto, the company has been an integral part of SE Idaho for nearly sixty years.

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Thank you for the chance to comment.

Sincerely,

NAME :Eric R Nichols

ADDRESS :1057 E. Jensen Rd.

McCammon , Idaho 83250

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Dear Commissioner Kempton:

RE: Case Number PAC-E-10-07

My name is Mathew Hirschi, I am a Monsanto employee and have been for the past 7 years. I live in Montpelier and am a paying customer of Rocky Mountain Power. 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. I grew up in Montpelier and had to move away to go to ISU. The hard part of my life was finding a job where I could move back to Montpelier and be able to support my wife and two kids, Monsanto was that job. My problem is now my job could be potentially threatened and my life style could be infringed on by an unnecessary power rate increase. My family can't afford to heat or house, which is heated by electric power, if the proposed rate increase is approved. I know many elderly people on fixed income that wont be able to pay there power bills with even a few dollars increase. Why should we have to pay for a project that isn't going to benefit us an any way. If power is getting shipped out of Idaho to another state, let them help pay for the projects. In the case of Monsanto, the company has been an integral part of SE Idaho for nearly sixty years, I would really hate to see it go away for such an unwarranted reason.

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Sincerely,

Mathew Hirschi

541 Nth 6th st.
Montpelier, Idaho 83254

Jean Jewell

From: secretary
Sent: Tuesday, December 07, 2010 5:20 PM
To: Barb Barrows; Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: Case Number PAC-E-10-07

From: FORD, BRAD L [AG/1850][SMTP:BRAD.L.FORD@MONSANTO.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, December 07, 2010 5:19:18 PM
To: secretary
Subject: Case Number PAC-E-10-07
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Dear Commissioner Kempton:

RE: Case Number PAC-E-10-07

My name is Brad Ford I have worked at Monsanto for the last 31 years. I have lived in south east Idaho for the last 56 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.

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Sincerely,

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Dear Commissioner Kempton:

RE: Case Number PAC-E-10-07

My name is Kirk Young. I have lived in south east Idaho for over 55 years. I've worked for Monsanto for over 35 years. My wife, two sons and two older daughters and their families live in this area and are greatly concerned with this rate increase. 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. I have been a RMP customer for as long as RMP has been RMP. I don't see how they can justify this kind of increase. In the case of Monsanto, the company has been an integral part of SE Idaho for nearly sixty years and so have my family and friends.

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Thank you for the chance to comment.

Sincerely,

Kirk Young

P.O. box 5, Soda Springs, Idaho. 83276

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Dear Commissioner Kempton:

RE: Case Number PAC-E-10-07

My name is Nolan Koller, 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. I have been a RMP customer for 30 plus years, I own two homes that use RMP power. I have worked for Monsanto for 36 years and have never had a wage increase close to RMP's single request. I think any request of over 3 percent in this economy is putting all customers at risk of financial ruin. In the case of Monsanto, the company has been an integral part of SE Idaho for nearly sixty years.

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Sincerely,

Nolan Koller

3030 Wood Canyon Road Soda Springs Idaho

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Dear Commissioner Kempton:

RE: Case Number PAC-E-10-07

My name is Kelly Swensen, NDT Technician at Monsanto. I have worked for Monsanto for 29 years and lived in southeast Idaho most of my life. My family still lives in close proximity to the area and farms or ranch here also. 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.

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Thank you for the chance to comment.

Sincerely,

Kelly R. Swensen

140 East 4th South

Soda Springs, Idaho

December 7, 2010

Mr. Jim Kempton, President
ID Public Utilities Commission

Dear Commissioner Kempton:

My name is Don Crane. I am writing in opposition to Rocky Mountain Power's proposed rate increase.

To me it is unthinkable that Rocky Mountain Power would even suggest such a thing in the current economic climate. This is a time of economic hardship for not only families but businesses as well. To grant such an increase could have crippling effects on businesses and homes throughout the area. Where do they think people and businesses will come up with funds to pay for such an increase at a time when many have no jobs and businesses are fighting to just to keep their doors open?

I am strongly opposed to such an increase especially now when many businesses are providing goods and services at reduced rates just to survive. Maybe we should be proposing a rate decrease, which is essentially what is happening to many of the customers that keep Rocky Mountain Power in business.

Sincerely,

Don L. Crane

Jean Jewell

From: secretary
Sent: Tuesday, December 07, 2010 5:35 PM
To: Barb Barrows; Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: Rate request

From: David Taylor[SMTP:DAVID@TAYLORCHEV.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, December 07, 2010 5:41:14 PM
To: secretary
Subject: Rate request
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Dear Sirs and Madam:
Re: PAC E-10-07

Thank you for taking public input regarding the proposed rate increase from Pacific Corp regarding the service area including Southeast Idaho. As a business owner and a heavy user of electrical demand from this utility I would voice concern about such a dramatic increase. Since this utility was purchased by one of the world most astute investors, I have anticipated this request as a means of increasing their own Internal Rate of Return.

Please base their request, as a public utility, upon actual cost increases in their supply chain and not upon their desired rate of return. I would surely like to be able to simply make a stated request for such returns in my business, particularly in this economy, and have them regulated into existence by a granted state monopoly. Berkshire Hathaway should be better content to have a consistent return rather than an exceptional one.

Having reasonable electrical rates has been one of the few incentives companies that have decided to set up their operations here. Increasing rates this dramatically makes doing business here in rural Idaho an ever increasingly difficult business case.

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Jean Jewell

From: secretary
Sent: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 10:59 AM
To: Barb Barrows; Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: (no subject)

From: mghkitty@aol.com[SMTP:MGHKITTY@AOL.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 10:59:17 AM
To: secretary
Subject: (no subject)
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to whom it may concern,

we the undersigned do hereby protest the big increase in rocky mountain power, its the wrong time to load people down with higher bills when we are having a bad time to pay the amount we need to pay just to stay on board now, I do hope you take this into consideration.

sincerly GERALD and marcia HIDALGO rocky mountain customer thank you