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December 13, 2010

Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 8370
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Re: Case No. PAC-E-10-07 (Rocky Mountain rate increase request)

Dear Commission Members:

On behalf of the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the rate application submitted by Rocky Mountain Power Company. The Idaho Farm Bureau Federation is the largest general agricultural organization in the state, representing about 64,500 members throughout Idaho. Of these members, more than 14,500 are actual agricultural producers. Our voluntary organization represents more than 56 percent of the Idaho's farming and ranching families.

I would like to focus my remarks on the magnitude of this requested rate increase and its impact on our members in Southeast Idaho who have endured economic hardships during this prolonged and intense recession.

Not surprisingly, our farming and ranching families have had to make tough economic sacrifices, and we expect the suppliers of our essential needs like utilities to do the same. We are in this economic meltdown together and we need to work together to get us out of it.

In today's economy, it is unrealistic and unconscionable for Rocky Mountain to impose substantial rate hikes for the sake of obtaining a 10.6 percent rate of return, one of its stated objectives. We absolutely support businesses making a profit when they are in a competitive market but that is obviously not the case here.

Agricultural and manufacturing economic sectors will no doubt suffer if these large rate increases are put into effect, and the damage could be long-lasting, slowing our recovery. Agricultural producers will be especially impacted. Not only will they have to absorb the higher pumping costs, they will be affected by higher electrical bills that food-processing operations must pay.

Growth is cited as a justification for the rate increases, yet Rocky Mountain has acknowledged that lower load projections and current economic conditions have resulted in scaled-back expenditures. It's also worth noting that irrigators are being told they need to pay higher rates because of growth yet irrigated agriculture has not contributed at all to growth.

We respectfully urge you to carefully consider the actual need for such a significant rate increase at such a fragile economic time.

Sincerely,

Frank Priestley, President
Idaho Farm Bureau Federation



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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

If you want your opinion noted in the record, please use the space below to write your comments. Add extra sheets as needed. You may either hand this sheet to a commission staff member or mail it to:

IPUC, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074.

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www.puc.idaho.gov

Click "comments & questions."

I wish to make a few comments about the proposed rate increases proposed by Rocky Mountain Power. For at least 20 or more years, I have been on "time-of-day" rates. This has been a considerable savings to me, although it is inconvenient at times. We have adjusted our usage to mostly conform to the less expensive time. With the proposed increase, there soon will be no advantage to having this schedule. As older retired persons, we are struggling with the present economy and feel an increase is inappropriate at this time. Stockholders do not need additional dividends at the expense of the general public. Many older people on fixed incomes will be adversely affected. We appreciate the service of Rocky Mountain Power, but do not feel this is the right time for these increases.

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December 1, 2010

Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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Dear IPUC Representatives:

This letter is written on behalf of the Soda Springs School District Superintendent and the Soda Springs School District Board of Trustees. The purpose of this letter is to express concern regarding the rate increase proposed by Rocky Mountain Power as reviewed in IPUC case **PAC-E-10-07**. As you are aware, the financial stability of local industry as well as local residents play a key role in the finance of education. As the State of Idaho continues to struggle with revenue and funding for education, our local tax base, along with our employment rate, become more and more crucial to the education of our children. In addition to the funding issues at hand, the District has been struggling with declining enrollment. We fear that additional layoffs or possible closings would decimate the District even further. We offer the following points of concern for your review:

1. **TAX BASE:** The local phosphate operations are the two largest contributors to the local economy. If these industries are further burdened with additional utility expenses and are no longer able to make product for a reasonable rate, the District fears that these industries will be forced to close. These industries are responsible for over half of the assessed value (52% or \$500,000.00) of the Districts supplemental and plant facility levies income. The transfer of this cost to local patrons may result in the failure of future levies at a cost of over \$1,000,000.00 to the District.

2. DECLINING ENROLLMENT: As mentioned above, the school districts in Southeast Idaho have been struggling with declining enrollment. Each student that is forced to leave the district because a parent is no longer able to remain gainfully employed by the phosphate or other industry equals a financial loss to the District. For the past several years, the county has lost jobs. Plant closures in recent years include Kerr-McGee, Chemical Lime, and Astaris. FMC's plant mining jobs were lost in 2001. As we sink further into the national recession, the local economy continues to suffer. Our District employees suffered a 4% pay cut, and we are not able to purchase basic supplies such as textbooks. Surely, the Commission should weigh such detriments to the local economy when considering a 8.0% to 19.6% increase to residents and industry in addition to a 10.5% rate of return for Rocky Mountain Power's investors. Certainly, our local industry's continued presence becomes even more important to the State of Idaho as well as to our local school funding.

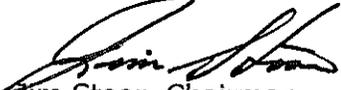
3. INDUSTRY SUPPORT OF EDUCATION: The local industry makes considerable monetary and in-kind contributions to the Soda Springs School District. Both Monsanto and Agrium are current business partners and provide well over \$20,000.00 in general contributions. This does not consider the number of employees that volunteer or coach for the district and in turn donate their salaries back to the District. Additional projects include Monsanto's funding for the greenhouse and various mini-grants through the Soda Springs Education Foundation. In addition, Agrium's annual donation assists in maintaining the Middle School athletic teams and special programs. The proposed increase in electricity cost will influence local industries ability to financially support local districts.

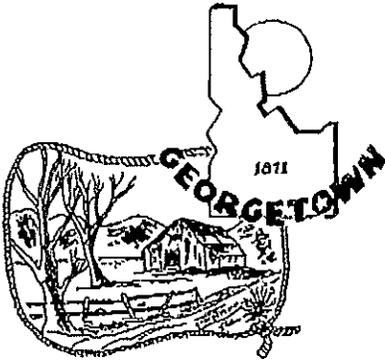
4. LOCAL RESIDENCE: Though the economic impact to our local industry would be devastating to the District, the impact to local patrons would also harm education. Our patrons who live outside the city limits are facing 8.0% to 15.6% increases in their electrical bills. These patrons have supported the Districts financial needs through levies and fee increases. As many are facing unemployment and other hardships, they have supported the Districts needs. If forced to chose between supporting local educational needs and the energy needs of their family, rest assured that they will choose their family.

In closing, many of the District's patrons, as well as our educational business partners and local industry, will be adversely impacted by the proposed rate increase. Our local industry relies on affordable electricity in order to stay in business. We rely on local industry as a major contributor to school funding. This is a critical time for school funding, and we cannot afford to have the stability of our community jeopardized.

Sincerely,


Molly M. Stein, Ed.D
Superintendent


Jim Stoor, Chairman
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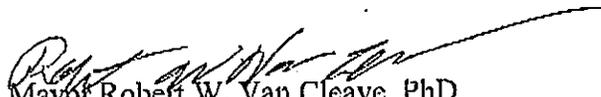
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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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Dear Commissioners:

As Mayor and representing the City officials and the citizens of Georgetown, I am writing in response to the proposed rate increase petitioned by Rocky Mountain Power. Our small community has a population of 534 people. A large percentage of our population are citizens on fixed incomes and minimum wage earners. The rate increase proposed by Rocky Mountain Power will add undue hardship to these citizens. It will discourage new business and therefore stop economic growth in our already struggling community and the surrounding area. It will bring economic devastation to our large business the phosphate mines, the hospital, and the grocery stores along with small and medium sized businesses. With our senior citizens on limited incomes the increase along with medical increases and cuts will cause financial hardships that can not be absorbed on small incomes. While we understand the need to expand and invest in future power projects, we feel the rate increase is exorbitant in nature and can be modified to an extent more amiable to the public. We appreciate the opportunity to express our concerns and trust you will take into advisement the issues we have presented here.

Sincerely,


Mayor Robert W. Van Cleave, PhD
City of Georgetown

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Cc: Senator Robert L. Geddes
Cc: Representative Thomas F. Loertscher

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RE: Case Number PAC-E-10-07

Dear Commissioner Kempton:

My name is John Loertscher and 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 like myself 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.

- 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,

John Loertscher 826W 800N Preston, Idaho 83263

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Dear Commissioner Kempton:

RE: Case Number PAC-E-10-07

My name is Mark Humble, I have been a Monsanto employee for over 12 years and have lived with my family in SE Idaho for over 2 ½ 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 myself and 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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 - Without Monsanto, I will not continue to live in SE Idaho.
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This rate increase is targeted at Idaho, for a transmission line that merely runs through the state, whose power is not used by the state. Surely the burden for this additional infrastructure should fall on the end user and not merely where the transmission line runs through.

Thank you for the chance to comment.

Yours faithfully,

Mark Humble

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RE: Case Number PAC-E-10-07

Dear Commissioner Kempton:

My name is Jerry Weeks. I am a Monsanto employee going on 34 years and have lived in Caribou County for over 45 years. I have enjoyed raising my family and living here. 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 am a Rocky Mountain Power customer and this would be a double hit to our family. 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, *Jerry D Weeks*

Jerry Weeks
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Dear Commissioner Kempton:

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RE: Case Number PAC-E-10-07

My name is Yvette Weeks. My husband is a Monsanto employee going on 34 years and we have lived in Caribou County for over 34 years. I have enjoyed raising my family and living here. I am writing/testifying before you today to express my opposition to Rocky Mountain Power's proposed rate increase.

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Sincerely,



Yvette Weeks

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Dear Commissioner Kempton:

RE: Case Number PAC-E-10-07

My name is James A. Crawford. I am a lifetime resident of Southeast Idaho and have been proud to call this area home for the past 52 years. During this time I provided 20 years of active duty service to the US Army. Upon completion of my military duty in 1996 my family and I chose to return to Soda Springs so we could fulfill our dreams and establish this area as our permanent residence. I am currently employed by Monsanto Company, where I have worked for the past 14 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. I am a residential Rocky Mountain Power customer as well. This proposed rate increase not only impacts the source of my earnings and wages, it affects my family's personal monthly expenses.

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Sincerely,

James A. Crawford
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CITY OF GRACE

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RE: Case Number PAC-E-10-07

Dear Commissioner Kempton:

My name is Charles Titcomb and I am the Mayor of Grace, Idaho. I am writing 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 the city of Grace and our ability to budget for such an increase in our power costs. As you well know electricity is very costly for a city to operate water, wastewater treatment facilities, and street lighting. We can only cut costs in these areas so far and then we are at the mercy of the power company. With the current state of the economy we are really struggling as a community to try and keep our costs manageable. The increase that is being proposed will be a great burden for our city and our citizens many of which are elderly and on fixed incomes.

We rely on the local industrial plants in our area like Agrium, Degerstrom, and Monsanto for the support of our citizens and our community. I know the intended increase Rocky Mountain Power is proposing is going to be a burden on these companies and an affordable electrical rate will allow these companies to maintain leading roles in the economy of Southeast Idaho. These companies are essential to our small communities with the tax base they provide and the people they employ that live in our communities. The money these companies and their employees bring into our city is essential for the continued support of our local businesses and our city as a whole.

We have all had to make do with less in this present economy and I feel Rocky Mountain Power can, and should, get by with a substantially reduced rate proposal.

Thank you for the chance to comment.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner Kempton

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Reviewing the size of the raises that we have received (and in some cases the lack of them) from our employers coupled with the fact that for the last two years there have been no social security adjustments (due to a flat inflation rate) and the proposed federal employee rate freeze for the next two years. We do not feel that we can absorb these increases and that the increases themselves are out of line with the service being provided to Southeastern Idaho customers. This is partly due to the continued recession that the country is going through and I feel that this will be exacerbated by an increase to my employer and feel that this represents a double hit to me and my family, I do not see how our employers can absorb the increase in cost that is being requested of them and remain viable as a business let alone give the raises that would be needed to partially offset the increase that we, their employees will have in order to avert a major down shift in the standard of living throughout the region.

In Mr. Cupparo's testimony on page five lines 5 through 11 he states that the Gateway Transmission Expansion "will reduce operation cost to customers". After reading his testimony among others I suspect he is referring to customers both South and West of Idaho and that the main benefits of the gateway expansion is the ability to transport energy across Idaho from Wyoming to provide the high cost "green" energy from wind generation that their customers on the west coast have requested along with the ability to move low cost hydroelectric power from its generating sources within Idaho to high cost markets on the coast. In the last few years FMC in Pocatello closed down and while they are not a Rocky Mountain Power customer they did consume power produced in the "shared" grid which encompasses the low cost hydro electric power that attracted these large customers in the past and was a large part of the reason for their locating in Idaho to start with. A large plant like the FMC plant or the Monsanto plant in Soda Springs is said to use the energy equal to a large metropolitan city like Memphis. I have not seen expansion in the region that would

lead me to believe that the power formerly used by FMC is being consumed locally this leads me to believe that this portion of the power is being exported via the grid and that we are being asked to subsidize the energy requirements of the states that Rocky Mountain power services to the South and West of Idaho by paying for the transmission lines needed to transport the power to them not for transmission lines to bring power into Idaho.

For the reasons noted above I do not feel that we in Southeastern Idaho should be asked to pay for any of the Gateway Transmission project until it can be shown that the line is used to provide power into Idaho and then only as a prorated amount based on the value provided to both the utility and to the customers. I also question why we should be asked to pay for high cost variable "wind" generation when Rocky Mountain Power dismantled low cost hydro electric power below Grace a few years ago rather than reinvesting and maintaining the units that were there. The primary problem I see with wind generation is that when the wind does not blow you must have in place either a duplicate unit in an area that the wind is blowing or the capacity to bring generating capacity on line from either hydro, gas, coal or nuclear sources in effect doubling the cost needed for each wind mill turbine. This is a front loaded cost and has no adjustment for future maintenance of the turbine itself. Since Idaho has no preference in law or policy for the use of wind generated power and that Idaho's overall energy use appears to have declined over the last few years (drastically if you include the reduction to Idaho Powers interruptible supply to FMC). I do not agree that wind generation is a "low cost service with manageable and reasonable risk to customers" (as stated in Mr. Tallman's testimony on page three lines 4 and 5).

Rocky Mountain Power is seeking a return on equity of 10.6% this is substantially higher than any long term investment can currently show with most being down around 2%. If you should find that we should be charged for these services the rate they are seeking is out of line with the current economy.

Thank you for the chance to comment.

Sincerely, Glen Farnworth


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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Penny Furworth". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "S".

December 12th, 2010

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

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Commissioner Kempton

RE: Case Number PAC-E-10-07

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Reviewing the size of the raises that we have received (and in some cases the lack of them) from our employers coupled with the fact that for the last two years there have been no social security adjustments (due to a flat inflation rate) and the proposed federal employee rate freeze for the next two years. We do not feel that we can absorb these increases and that the increases themselves are out of line with the service being provided to Southeastern Idaho customers. This is partly due to the continued recession that the country is going through and I feel that this will be exacerbated by an increase to my employer and feel that this represents a double hit to me and my family, I do not see how our employers can absorb the increase in cost that is being requested of them and remain viable as a business let alone give the raises that would be needed to partially offset the increase that we, their employees will have in order to avert a major down shift in the standard of living throughout the region.

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Sincerely,

Ivan Larned Osth,

*Owner of Labulars Fabric for
38 years -*

*Ivan Larned Osth
Box 6.
Arco Idaho
83241*

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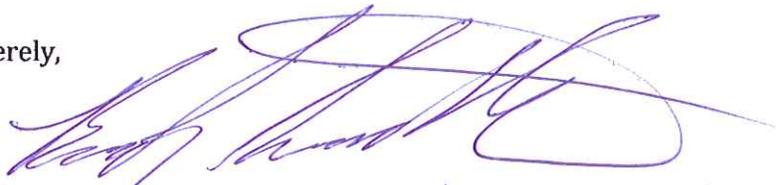
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Sincerely,



Brock Farnworth 12-12-10

Jean Jewell

From: secretary
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 2:27 PM
To: Barb Barrows; Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: Idaho power

From: Tonya Jolley[SMTP:TJOLLEY29@GMAIL.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 2:27:26 PM
To: secretary
Subject: Idaho power
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I received a pamphlet about Idaho Power. I am NOT okay with Rocky Mountain Power increasing my power bill AGAIN! I am also NOT okay with monopolies in business. I believe that consumers should always have a choice, especially in things that they have to have such as power. I have never liked that I only have one choice for my power company. I would like to know that there are other options and I like that by bringing in another resource of power, it creates competition. Rocky Mountain Power will have to compete to keep their customers and I would be happy to see that. My husband had Idaho Power when he lived in Pocatello and loved it. Please let us know more on Idaho Power and what they are trying to do and let us know how we can help in bringing them to the Shelley/Firth area.

Thank you,

Tonya Jolley

Jean Jewell

From: secretary
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 9:52 AM
To: Barb Barrows; Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: Rocky Mountain Power

From: taylor, belinda @ PHS[SMTP:BELINDA.TAYLOR@PRESTON.K12.ID.US]
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 9:54:56 AM
To: secretary
Subject: Rocky Mountain Power
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Thank you for taking input and comments from the citizens about the proposed power rate increase. I will be unable to attend my community meeting tonight, but I would like to voice my opposition to the increase. Although costs of production change and increase, the general public cannot afford an increase in the cost of basic needs. I am a teacher and have had my salary "frozen" for three years with absolutely no raise, not even for inflation. I work hard as a single mom and teacher to provide for my kids on meager wages and with a modest lifestyle. I simply cannot afford a 14% minimum increase in my power bill.

That said, I am even more opposed to the increase being asked as a result of a project that provides power to other states. Idaho citizens should not foot the bill for other states to have power simply because the power is transported through our state and region. If Rocky Mountain has put themselves in a position to need increased revenue because of the enormous project they invested in to provide power to other states, they will have to collect from the patrons receiving the power from that project or suffer on their own for making that investment.

Please rule in favor of the citizens of Idaho and protect our financial health.

Thank you.

Belinda Taylor
Preston, Idaho

Jean Jewell

From: secretary
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 1:18 PM
To: Barb Barrows; Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: Rocky Mountain Increase

From: Childs, Stephanie[SMTP:SCHILDS@AGRIUM.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 1:18:08 PM
To: secretary
Subject: Rocky Mountain Increase
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Idaho Public Utility Commission:

I am writing this letter to oppose the proposed Rocky Mountain 14% rate increase.

The majority of our family income is 'fixed' income from Social Security. We will NOT be getting an increase in Social Security income this year. To take an additional 14% from our income would certainly inflict economic stress to our household.

Many people have had to rely on non-profit organizations, such as SEICAA, for assistance with paying their utility bills. Rocky Mountain's proposed 14% rate increase will affect SEICAA's ability to offer assistance to these people.

Please DO NOT allow Rocky Mountain this increase.

Stephanie Childs
Soda Springs, ID 83276

PS – Maybe Warren Buffet could pay the 14% increase?

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From: Jean Jewell
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 10:38 AM
To: Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: PAC-E-10-07

From: pckowa Paul Kowallis[SMTP:PCKOWA@IDA.NET]
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 4:42:08 PM
To: secretary
Subject: PAC-E-10-07
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December 14, 2010

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

RE: Case Number PAC-E-10-07

Dear Commissioner Kempton:

My name is Paul Kowallis. I am a time-of-day customer of Rocky Mountain Power living in the Soda Springs area for over thirty years; also, I am a thirty-year employee of Monsanto. I am writing you to express my opposition to Rocky Mountain Power's proposed rate increase.

My concern centers around the size of the proposed increase and the justification RMP offers for it. A monopoly, such as RMP, regulated by the State should, in my opinion, not be guaranteed a rate of return greater than that found in the general economy. Times are tough in Idaho as well as the rest of the nation. Expansion to serve west-coast customers on the backs of Idaho rate payers is ill-advised under normal circumstances and more so in the current economy. Double-digit jumps in rates are currently unconscionable.

As a time-of-day customer I made a personal, \$10,000 investment in the mid-1980s to take advantage of lower-cost electricity at night. Energy is stored as hot water which is used to heat my home and provide hot water. This opportunity is provided because it helped level out the load of the utility. I note that the proposed rate increase is greater for time-of-day customers. If this pattern were to repeat itself there would be no incentive to become a time-of-day customer leading to increased costs for the utility because of load fluctuation. My personal home use of electricity is a microcosm of the larger contract of big companies like Monsanto. I worry that large increases in electricity costs will adversely affect the viability of industry in south-east Idaho and the cost of living of its residents.

Thank you for the chance to comment.

Sincerely,

Paul Kowallis

14 Citation Court
Soda Springs, Idaho 83276

Jean Jewell

From: secretary
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 9:03 AM
To: Barb Barrows; Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: PAC-E-10-07

From: Wilde, Lisa[SMTP:LWILDE@AGRIUM.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 9:03:10 AM
To: secretary
Subject: PAC-E-10-07
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In time like these, the last thing southeast Idaho needs is higher electrical rates.

Please stop the Rocky Mountain rate increase. This is a huge increase and could easily put small businesses right out of business.

This hike could make it so those of us who struggle to pay our electric bill as it is, not be able stay current at all and risk "being turned off".

I honestly believe it will flood the state aid programs with average people asking for help!

The lower income folks won't have a chance to keep their power on!!

I beg you.... STOP THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER RATE HIKE!

As of now, I struggle every month to pay my electric bill but I do pay it, I do not want to be one of the many going to the state to ask for help just to keep my lights on!!

Thank you for your time!!



Lisa Wilde
Soda Springs, Idaho



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From: secretary
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 10:23 AM
To: Barb Barrows; Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: Rate Increase Proposal for RMP

From: Gambles, Scott[SMTP:SGAMBLES@AGRIUM.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 10:22:48 AM
To: secretary
Subject: Rate Increase Proposal for RMP
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I will be unable to attend the meeting scheduled for the Soda Springs area. With that said, I want to let you know that I **am opposed** to such a large increase proposed by Rocky Mountain Power. This will not only have a negative impact on business in our area but also on the individual consumers. That large of an increase is unnecessary and foolish and this is not the time for it. **Please note that I am opposed to this increase.**

Thanks for your time
Scott Gambles

Cell 208-530-0304

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From: secretary
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 9:22 AM
To: Barb Barrows; Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: Rocky Mountain Power Increase

From: M TALBOT[SMTP:TALBOTML@MSN.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 9:21:44 AM
To: secretary
Subject: Rocky Mountain Power Increase
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Gentlemen,

At this time of severe economic depression, we believe that allowing Rocky Mountain Power any type of increase is detrimental to our already fragile economy. We urge you to deny their request for any increases.

Respectfully yours,

Michael & Mary Lou Talbot
149 Valley View Drive
Montpelier, Idaho 83254

December

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

RE: Case Number PAC-E-10-07

Dear Commissioner Kempton:

My name is Tom Bassett. I am a Rocky Mountain customer as well as an employee of Monsanto. I am writing you today to express my opposition to Rocky Mountain Power's proposed rate increase.

I am not only concerned as a personal user of electricity provided by Rocky Mountain Power but also as an employee of Monsanto. As you are well aware electricity is one of Monsanto's major expenses and the proposed rate increase will greatly affect the ability of the Soda Springs plant to operate.

The loss of an employer such as Monsanto would devastate the South East Idaho economy. I know that you are aware of all the arguments and I see no need to repeat them here, but ask you to consider the negative effects that an unreasonable rate hike would mean to this area.

Thank you for the chance to comment.

Sincerely,

Tom Bassett

270 S. 1st E.

Soda Springs, Idaho 83276

Jean Jewell

From: secretary
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 11:49 PM
To: Barb Barrows; Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: Rocky mt power increacse

From: Peoples, Dave[SMTP:DPEOPLES@AGRIUM.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 11:49:08 PM
To: secretary
Subject: Rocky mt power increacse
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To PUC:

please be mindful of our economy and national debt situation while making any decisions on a increase of power rates, we must not throw any more increase on the backs of the BUSINESSES and PEOPLE right now, A increased power rate would devastate the southeast Idaho economy at this time, Please vote NO to any rate increase at this time.

Thank You

Dave Peoples
360 n. 2nd East
Soda Springs,Id
83276

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From: secretary
Sent: Sunday, December 12, 2010 7:56 PM
To: Barb Barrows; Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: Rocky Mountain Power increase

From: FRED HINZ[SMTP:LAVAHINZ@Q.COM]
Sent: Sunday, December 12, 2010 7:55:56 PM
To: secretary
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Mr. James Kempton, President
ID Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0074

Dear Commissioner Kempton:

My name is Fred P. Hinz and I have worked at the Monsanto Plant in Soda Springs, Idaho for approximately 22 years, 9 employed at Monsanto and 13 with Mark III a contractor. My family and I moved to Lava Hot Springs, Idaho from New York for the amazing lifestyle and variety of opportunities. I am writing you today to state my humble opinions concerning the proposed rate increase by Rocky Mountain Power.

I am truly concerned about the far reaching aspects of this increase. It affects not only Monsanto and similarly large companies but the communities and each and every person living within its impact areas. As you know, Monsanto has been in this area for nearly 60 years and wants to continue its relationship for many years to come.

As my wife and I will soon be reaching retirement, we are very concerned with this increase, as living on a fixed income will be a challenge--do we purchase prescribed medications or pay our electric bills?

Some issues to be addressed concern the multitude of small business which have developed due to companies such as Monsanto, service stations, grocery and clothing stores and restaurants, just to name a few. They also employ a large number of people who run the risk of losing their jobs and devastating the economy if this increase is granted. Then the tax revenue would be decreased, AGAIN affecting the schools, which have already been hard hit, and the economy as a whole.

At this time, I feel the double digit rate increase proposed by Rocky Mountain Power is excessive.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Fred P. Hinz
P. O. Box 177
Lava Hot Springs, Idaho 83246
lavahinz@q.com

Jean Jewell

From: jssmit@monsanto.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 4:49 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Jeff Smith follows:

Case Number: PAC-E-10-07
Name: Jeff Smith
Address: 5159 Pleasantview Drive
City: Chubbuck
State: Idaho
Zip: 83202
Daytime Telephone: 208-547-1257
Contact E-Mail: jssmit@monsanto.com
Name of Utility Company: Rocky Mountain Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:
December 15, 2010

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

Dear Commissioner Kempton:
10-07

RE: Case Number PAC-E-

My name is Jeff Smith and I have been a Monsanto employee in Soda Springs for almost 11 years and have lived in SE Idaho for over 19 years. I have a wife and 5 kids and have been a resident of Idaho my entire life and am writing you today to express my opposition to Rocky Mountain Power's proposed rate increase.

I am greatly concerned about 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 am not a Rocky Mountain Power customer myself, but these levels of rate increases jeopardize my job and my family's income and the income of many others in our area.

In the case of Monsanto, the company has been a major employer in the region for nearly sixty years and helps provide "living wage" jobs to over 750 people between direct employees and contractors. Monsanto contributes approximately \$70 million per year in payroll and benefits. The economy of south east Idaho depends on companies like Monsanto to sustain the livelihood of the families that live here. In addition to their payroll, benefits, and payments to contractors, Monsanto buys many supplies, pays taxes and contributes to local charities and organizations. All of this affects the local economy, all of SE Idaho and the entire state of Idaho which all result in an economic impact of over \$200 million to the state of Idaho.

Rocky Mountain Power is certainly entitled to a reasonable return on the investment they make in systems and services to provide power to our area. They contribute as well to the economic engine. What is not reasonable is the amount of rate increase they are asking for.

Rocky Mountain Power's call for a double digit increase, is at such a dramatic level that it threatens the viability of all manufacturers, not only Monsanto, all while Rocky Mountain Power will be enjoying high rates of return on their investments due to their monopolistic position. Most of their customers are not able to enjoy these kinds of economic profits (versus simple accounting profits) with struggling economies and ferocious competition around the world, much of it from emerging foreign economies. If approved, this will have a rippling effect throughout Southeast Idaho that we may never be able to recover from. Anchors, like Monsanto, to our local economy and Idaho's economy could be lost or relocated completely outside the USA. In the most severe economic downturn since the Great Depression, and at a time when poverty in Idaho is on the rise, 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,
Jeff Smith

5159 Pleasant View Drive
Chubbuck, ID 83202

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 164.144.248.26

Jean Jewell

From: shansen@sodaschools.org
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 5:39 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Sue follows:

Case Number: Rocky Mountain Power Rate Case
Name: Sue
Address: PO Box 663
City: Soda Springs
State: ID
Zip: 83276
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: shansen@sodaschools.org
Name of Utility Company: Rocky Mountain Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:
The percent of increase requested is too high and unacceptable in this economic climate. The construction of new generators should produce electricity more efficiently and at a lower cost than outdated plants. Rates should be based on what is fair and reasonable.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 216.128.239.55

Jean Jewell

From: soul@lavabit.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 1:22 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Tony Annen follows:

Case Number:
Name: Tony Annen
Address: 263 Monroe St
City: American Falls
State: Idaho
Zip: 83211
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: soul@lavabit.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

Why a 13% rate increase? Do you not manage what you already make off of us responsibly? We've made your company, we should have to continue to keep making it. Manage your profits better, I'm sure you have a few CEO's that are making way more then needed, losing money that could be prevented etc. Please, do yer jobs

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Jean Jewell

From: ryan@aspeneng.net
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 3:54 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Ryan Loftus follows:

Case Number: PAC -E-10-07
Name: Ryan Loftus
Address: 10727 N Dorian Ave
City: Idaho Falls
State: Idaho
Zip: 83401
Daytime Telephone: 208-542-1911
Contact E-Mail: ryan@aspeneng.net
Name of Utility Company: Rocky Mountain Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

Please deny the requested rate increase! First make RMP be accountable to the truth! From the RMP ad in today's Post Register RMP states 'The Company's request would mean an average residential customer would pay less than a dollar more per month.' That is a lie! The US Energy Information Administration (same source as RMP uses for their ad) cites the average residential use as 920 kw-h per month making the increase \$7.54/month. Secondly, the advertisement states that Idaho's average rate is 5.2 cents/kw-h but then RMP's graph shows that Idaho's residential customers currently pay 8.42 cents per kw-h. So either RMP is dishonest or we are currently paying nearly 40% higher rates than the rest of the states electricity customers. Since I don't get any choice on which company provides my electric power service I have to rely on you - the PUC to - regulate the utility. Last - Currently RMP is guaranteed profit of 10% since they haven't tightened their belt and increased their overall efficiency to that level (see earnings comparison chart on RMP factsheet), please require them to reach that level before giving them a rate increase - otherwise RMP has no incentive to become more efficient.

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Jean Jewell

From: zon.alder@hotmail.com
Sent: Monday, December 13, 2010 8:21 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Zon Alder follows:

Case Number: PAC-E-10-07
Name: Zon Alder
Address:
City: Dayton
State: Idaho
Zip:
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: zon.alder@hotmail.com
Name of Utility Company: Rocky Mountain Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I propose a rate increase of 0.0% in all categories requested.
Idaho Public Utilities Commission DO NOT allow a rate increase.
These comments are in regard to the Rocky Mountain Power proposed rate increase. Part of the justification for the rate increase is increased demand. From where in our Idaho service area is such an increase in demand coming? With the sluggish economy, I have a hard time believing that the demand has increased so much over the last few years as to justify this requested increase, let alone any increase.
Some of the lowest rates around is also invalid as part of any increase justification.
At www.midamerican.com the financial data show that the NET Income attributable to PacifiCorp, of which Rocky Mountain Power is a part, is \$542 million for the year 2009.
As the Utility's reports indicate, we have to get our power from them. Read that as Monopoly. I am certain that a Monopoly doesn't foster thrift and perhaps belt tightening should apply to the power company as it does to the customers.
IPUC is the only protection consumers have in the protected market that the company enjoys. I asked my employer for a 15% raise, they said don't let the door hit you in the butt on the way out.
NO RATE INCREASE!
Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to comment.
Zon Alder

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Jean Jewell

From: peckmike@q.com
Sent: Sunday, December 12, 2010 4:38 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Ellis & Michael Peck follows:

Case Number: PAC-E-10-07
Name: Ellis & Michael Peck
Address:
City: Soda Springs
State: Idaho
Zip:
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: peckmike@q.com
Name of Utility Company: Rocky Mountain Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

We're writing this comment to voice our opposition to the proposed increase by Rocky Mountain Power. It's our understanding that they're requesting a 10.5% rate of return that we don't think is appropriate in the current economic climate. Any change in rate should be fair and reasonable. If we invest our money in a CD, the best we can currently get is approximately 1 percent.

If approved, we think that a rate of return of this magnitude would have a significant negative impact on Monsanto, one of the largest, if not the largest employer, in Caribou County. This increase could cause the plant to close. If that happened, it would be catastrophic for the County. We could not only lose the county's largest employer, but other businesses as well.

Ellis and Michael Peck

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Jean Jewell

From: def3315@aol.com
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2010 3:35 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Daniel Fillion follows:

Case Number: PAC-E-10-07
Name: Daniel Fillion
Address: 19 Osprey Cir
City: Fish Haven
State: ID
Zip: 82387
Daytime Telephone: 208-945-1212
Contact E-Mail: def3315@aol.com
Name of Utility Company: Rocky mountain Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

Having read the information supplied by the commission I would like to make the following statement. As a utility user I understand the need to make improvements in the existing power grid system, and acknowledge that Pacificorp has been doing a better job of keeping the lights on (shorter and less numurous power disruptions). I also understand the fact that costs related with supplying that service are bound to increase over time. I would like to ask how much money pacificorp and rocky mountain power recieved in the last few years from the Federal Government, for upgrades in the national power grid and from the dept of homeland security for security and supply upgrades? Perhaps it is not so much as I suspect. I myself suscribe to the blue sky program thru rocky mountain power, and therefore pay an additional fee each month for the rite to use renewable energy in lighting and heating my home. I earn approximately \$20,000 a year my current winter power bill is about \$100.00 per month, summer is around \$70.00 per month this may not seem like alot of money, however it does add up over time. I would not refuse a REASONABLE RATE INCREASE, but do feel the anything over a 6 percent increase for residential customers would be unacceptable. Thank you for the chance to participate in this process. Daniel Fillion.

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Jean Jewell

From: jr crane@q.com
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2010 1:26 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Jeff Crane follows:

Case Number: PAC-E-10-07
Name: Jeff Crane
Address: PO Box 206
City: Georgetown
State: Idaho
Zip: 83239
Daytime Telephone: 208-847-2241
Contact E-Mail: [jr crane@q.com](mailto:jrcrane@q.com)
Name of Utility Company: Rocky Mountain Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

Due to the meeting schedules I regretfull can not attend due to my employment obligation. In regard to the proposed rate increase request submitted by Pacific Corp/Rocky Mountain Power. I am in disbelief that in this current recession it would even be thought of to increase customer rates. With such rampant layoffs and cutbacks by companies and employers nationwide why would your commision even consider such a request? Yes our power compared to other locations might be cheaper by a small margin here in the west but that is why such companies as Monsanto chose this area. This increase would effect me personally in four instances. I and my wife have two small businesses are residential customers and I myself am an employee of Monsanto. If you allow the greed of Pacific Corp to be granted it will have a devistating effect on me and my family, let alone the area as a whole. The economies of Southeastern Idaho will die and you will be responsible for their demise. I plead with you to consider this and to deny such a rate increase. Respectfully Jeff Crane

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Jean Jewell

From: brywin@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, December 09, 2010 10:36 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Bryan Winward follows:

Case Number: PAC-E-10-078
Name: Bryan Winward
Address: 1235 N. Westside Hwy
City: Dayton
State: Idaho
Zip: 83232
Daytime Telephone: 747-3222
Contact E-Mail: brywin@gmail.com
Name of Utility Company: Rocky Mountain Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

Rocky Mountain Power wants to raise our rates 13.7%. In the last five years our average power bill has gone up 50% in the same house with the same family. They have raised our rates three times in that time period. When will enough be enough.

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