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Sent: Monday, January 24, 2011 8:15 AM
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Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Stanley Searle follows:

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Name of Utility Company: Rocky mountain Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I am writing in response to the rate case by Rocky mountain power concerning the Load control program that they plan to make changes to. This Program has been a must for the farmers in my area, in order to control cost and compete. Over a year ago we set a three year contract with Rocky Mountain power to provide them with power that they could control on demand. We settled on price and time of use. I as a farmer made changes in my pumping stations to accommodate the power company's need to turn me off. Cost was over \$10,000. Now they say we do not have a contract and because of what the PUC is asking they can not honor the contract. They also say they need to have control over who can precipitate. They want to only let some have the right. They also say that pass participation does not guarantee that you will be able to the next year. Rocky mountain power wants to lower the agreed upon price of \$30/kw to 25.3/kw. Yet there data shows that it has a savings of over \$80\kw and a cost of around \$60/kw. This is there number if I remember them from a year or so ago. Why would we let them lower there payment to us when it still is a profit maker for them. I know that they want to show different info now that would show that it is not that profitable to them now. But they show us numbers a year or so ago that made us think this program was here to stay and that they would always have it here for us. We made farm discussions on this info. Now we have spent money and man power to make these programs work in our farming operation. The company also made investment into the program that they will want to be reimbursed for but now want to junk it all after one year. I feel that they company should have to stand behind their decision and honor the program for the remaining 2 years and then we may have to make some adjustments after we see the actual numbers. I know that I have no control on this matter. Yet was in meetings were I was made to believe that I was making the best decision for the pumpers in my area. Now I am made to look like a fool to my fellow farmers. They all want to know what happened to the 3 year deal. I need your support in this matter. Thank you for your Time and effort.
Stanley Searle

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