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To Whom It May Concern:

Reducing the credit to \$25.30/kW will make participating in the program marginal in some cases. As you know, curtailments occur during high water demand times of the summer and we work hard to maintain an irrigation plan that allows for curtailment. If the incentive falls below a certain threshold, then the extra work, inconvenience, and risk do not justify the return. I believe a 16% reduction in return will make certain crops or systems with marginal reliability unviable for the program. Many are already borderline candidates.

Limiting participants only makes sense if more people want to participate than the system can handle. If the conservation of cheaper power locally to sell into a value-added market makes sense, then why is it a good idea to limit participation?

Allowing the company to select participant's, opens up possibilities of abuse such as special treatment or special neglect. The program should be available to all growers equally unless logistical problems that cannot be overcome exist that would prevent some growers from being eligible.

Limiting the size of pumps to 50 hp only makes sense if that is the threshold of diminishing returns for the cost to the utility of maintaining the program. I'm sure there is a fixed cost attached to each participating location.

For me, opting out is a last resort when my crop is suffering. A \$5 additional penalty seems like a token jab.

These changes seem like an excuse to diminish the return on a program that perhaps takes substantial effort to operate for an excuse to spend more capital on projects to generate a substitute for what we can conserve through this program.

Sincerely yours,


Grant Ashcraft

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Attn Idaho PUC

Meadowville Springs uses Rocky Mountain in Chesterfield, Idaho for irrigation. I have put considerable time, effort and money into getting the program set up so I could use it. I feel if the program is changed it wouldn't be advantageous for me to continue using it. Therefore I would most likely drop out of the program.

A Concerned Irrigator
 Carl Phillips
 Feb 8, 2011