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TESTIMONY BEFORE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION 12-7-2011

I am Warren Jay Gleason from Preston, Idaho. I have been an Idaho resident for 25 years. My reason for being here today is to review the roles and responsibilities of several government agencies. One of the great questions I have had is what happened to our BPA credits? They were supposed to continue as long as water ran down hill. The BPA credits were to be a standard part of the water that we send down hill and nearly all of Idaho fits into this category.

When the Columbia river projects were established and the great dams were built it was for the purpose of flood control and to supply cheap electrical power for the Pacific northwest. In fact all residents, farmers, irrigators, and businesses within seventy-five airline miles of the Columbia basin drainage were to be preference and priority customers and entitled to the lowest possible wholesale rates, only those close to the generators would receive any lower rate for their power. You see that those dams were built by our unified investment by our taxes and by the Army Corps of Engineers. So the BPA credits are our pay back upon our unified investment and should never be taken away.

The majority of the population of Idaho is served by electric public utilities such as Idaho Power and Rocky Mountain Power which are under the jurisdiction of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission whose responsibility is to set out in appropriate statutes and are required to establish "just and reasonable" charges and to provide "adequate, efficient, just and reasonable" service and to make "just and reasonable" rules and regulations "pertaining to its charges or service to the public". With that in mind I request the Public Utilities Commission to require a in depth and long term environmental impact study be made upon the effect of the wind energy produced in Wyoming and it's financial impact upon Idahoans before implementing any changes in the present policy.

The Government built the dams by authority from the President and the congress of this United States. The Bonneville Power Administration has never constructed and does not operate any generating plants. BPA constructs transmission lines and is the marketing agency for the power generated in this the Pacific Northwest. BPA is required to maintain the Preference and Priority Policy. The preference idea appears in at least 28 Federal statutes or directives from 1877 to 1958. Incidentally BPA's electric energy sale contracts with private parties not selling electricity to the general public will be immediately cancelled if that energy is resold to private parties selling electricity to the general public. I would say that means that the wind energy produced in Wyoming by Mr. Buffett's organization cannot be sold to Rocky Mountain Power (another of his holdings) and then to the general public.

I think it is wise to request the Idaho Attorney General's office to investigate the rash of electric utility take overs as there have been some bribes or payoffs that have come to public light. Big money is involved here. I mean millions of dollars. Some when Scottish Power bought out Utah Power and Light who knows what has happened since with the Pacific Power then Rocky Mountain Power all for the same customer area. We grind the faces of the poor when the rich impound the masses. We must exhibit integrity in every thing we set our hand to do for judgment is mine saith the Lord.

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Jean Jewell

From: amy@victorcityidaho.com
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Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Amy Underwood follows:

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Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I would like to be considered in the increase, my family struggles to make the power bill as it is. If it increases it could make it very hard to even put food on the table. We have made changes to save power by installing a wood stove but we have to have power to heat the rest of the house and to have lights. Things are already tough for my family please don't make it any harder on us to survive. Please don't approve this increase !!

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