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Re: IPC-E-15-01

Dear Commissioners Kjellander, Redford and Raper,

We want to voice our concerns regarding Idaho Power Company's (IPC), Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) and Avista requesting petition in limiting the PURPA contracts from 20-years to just 2-years. Idaho is blessed with lots of days filled with sun light. As you already know, IPC, RMP & Avista have invested millions of dollars in coal fired plants, transmission lines along with numerous substations. Their rater-payers are the ones picking up the tab for all of their facilities. Those utilities can leverage long-term contracts, while borrowing on those assets, again and again and again at the expense of the rate-payers.

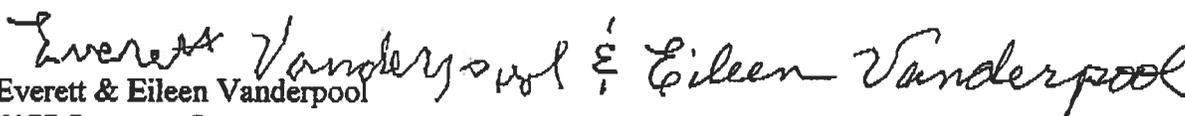
Now, those same utilities want to limit larger producer's solar and wind contracts to just 2 years, while they pay them at very low avoided costs. They claim they don't need the additional electricity. At the same time they want the rate-payers to pick up the tab for even more transmission line. They want to build many more expensive 230 - 500KV transmission lines in order to "wheel more power" across the state. They have even already asked the IPUC to allow them to swap out some of their facilities within those same utility companies all while claiming they "need" those proposed facilities to balance out the power. They even propose to reduce of value in large amortized amount for those same "used" equipment. What a total hypocrisy, it is amazing feat of the pea under the nut shell game of hoodwinking the rate-payers.

Yet they certainly don't want outside power producers to come into Idaho with solar or wind! You have to ask yourself WHY? It is so obvious they want to keep Idaho rate-payers under their thumbs and "keep business as usual". Yet they continue to contribute large sums of money to politicians and PAC committees. They also pay their top executives HUGE salaries with HUGE benefits.

It is no mystery to us why they don't contribute to all of Idaho University's (or any other universities) for further research in long term storage of solar or wind in a meaningful way. It seems as if they would rather see the rater-payers deal with deadly health effects, not to mention the affects on the environment from using coal power, than pay any other power producers for clean energy, especially in long-term contracts.

We urge the commissioners to uphold the PURPA intent and not reduce long term contracts from 20-years to any other compromise of 10, 5 or 2-year contracts. After all, if IPC "has too much power" then can always sell it to other utilities outside of Idaho on those new transmission lines they are so busy building.

Sincerely,


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Subject: Case Comment Form: Caroline Morris

Date: June 22, 2015

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Acknowledge public record: True

Dear PUC Commissioners Kjellander, Redford and Raper:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on IPC-E-15-01, the Idaho Power Company's request to reduce the length of contracts to purchase power under PURPA. I am an Idaho Power residential rate payer, and I urge you to deny this request, as explained below:

Idaho Power's proposal would inhibit or block solar development in Idaho. The desired shorter contract length would bar solar companies' seeking financial support from outside large investors, because they are disinterested in short-term investments with no secure future. When a utility builds an expensive power plant or transmission line, its customers repay costs for the project's entire lifetime, often 20-30 years. Clean energy businesses deserve the same deal. Therefore, financially sound development of Idaho's own clean energy resources will require that PUC continue the 20-year long-term contract rule for applicant businesses.

Why do we want to encourage clean energy in Idaho? As a rate-payer, I am annoyed that about 40% of customers' Idaho Power payments buy out-of-state produced coal and gas to generate our electricity. Both these fossil fuels pollute the air and degrade the climate with carbon. We can no longer ignore human-caused environmental changes due to rising carbon dioxide levels. The obvious alternative solution is to develop Idaho's abundant solar potential.

New solar businesses could contribute much to local economies too: construction work, jobs and tax base growth.

If clean energy is Idaho's goal, the PUC must continue to provide financially sound encouragement to solar energy businesses operating in this state by maintaining the 20-year long-term contract rule. Keep the current, fair clean energy rules.

I urge that Idaho Power's desire for shorter term contracts must be denied.

Because you as PUC Commissioners are chosen by Governor Otter, you have the ethical responsibility to make clear that this PUC decision is free of political and economic influence. In 2014, Idaho Power gave the Governor's reelection campaign \$5000 and its executives donated \$10,000 more. Please ignore all political influence and deny the current request. Other states and countries courageously have protected the environment and the earth, so please help Idaho to do so too.

Jean Jewell

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Co and other regulated electrical utilities doing business in Idaho Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: I have been involved in Idaho energy issues for over forty years, I have participated in the planning processes, advanced the solar for schools program, an energy efficiency education program using SO2 Credit dollars, submitted an Idaho energy plan to the Legislature's Interim Energy Committee's website before the committee even had its first meeting. That plan emphasized energy efficiency, conservation and renewables.

It seems to me somewhat ridiculous that we are even having this conversation, not because I don't think that there are some legitimate questions regarding the size of PURPA projects and the requirement, but because the utilities themselves have been very myopic in facing a reality that has been coming down the pike, and which I have been speaking and advocating for thirty years. I urged the utilities to get in the business, to install their own point of use, distributed systems.

We have to get away from coal.. it is ridiculous that at this stage in our state and nation's energy portfolio that we are still using this antiquated, polluting and environmentally destructive energy source.

Two years is a ridiculous proposal for contract tenure. We need to get real. The utilities were granted a monopoly in exchange for public regulation that is meant to protect the public interest, the public good. It's late in the game the utilities shouldn't be trying to slow down and stop, they should be trying to figure out how to make it work.

I'm not a fan of utility sized solar projects out in the wilds or on public land, I would like to see them over parking lots and on roof tops of industrial and commercial size building, particularly buildings and at industrial sites that are demanding large amounts of energy, particularly during peak energy usage.

Coal aside, I believe that we need to be more cognizant of the hydro side of the electrical production equation. Ongoing drought in the West may be focused on the intense state of water shortage in California, but Idaho is not immune to water shortage potential, which means solar makes even more sense.

It is time for the regulated utilities to step to the plate with constructive proposals that moves us towards an efficient and clean energy future. Shorting the contract period for PURPA projects to two years is not constructive. I'm not saying that 20 years is a necessary and reasonable mark either. Maybe 10 to 15 is a more reasonable contract period, but if the utilities aren't going to step to the plate then PURPA projects are going to have to get us there.

Jean Jewell

From: paulhartl077@gmail.com
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: Please deny Idaho Power's request to shorten the contract length with independent power producers from 20 to 2 years. This move is meant to, and would surely destroy most non-fossil fuel power producers by making investment in these firms far riskier. Changing these terms midstream should not even be considered, and would show extremely bad faith on the part of IPUC toward all but an elite few of wealthy, powerful and well-connected power producers.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Co
Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: My wife, Beth, and I are concerned with the length of PURPA contracts (those existing and upcoming contracts). Twenty years is not in the best interest of customers. When Idaho Poweer is required to sign contracts for a period of 20 years, it has the potential to cause higher utility rates for customers. We now enjoy very reasonable and fair rates and would prefer that not change. We feel if Idaho Power is required to sign contracts, they should be no longer than 2 years.

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Jean Jewell

From: Gene Fadness
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 10:24 AM
To: Jean Jewell
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Attachments: Investor Owned Utilities are Failing US Presentation June 2015.pptx

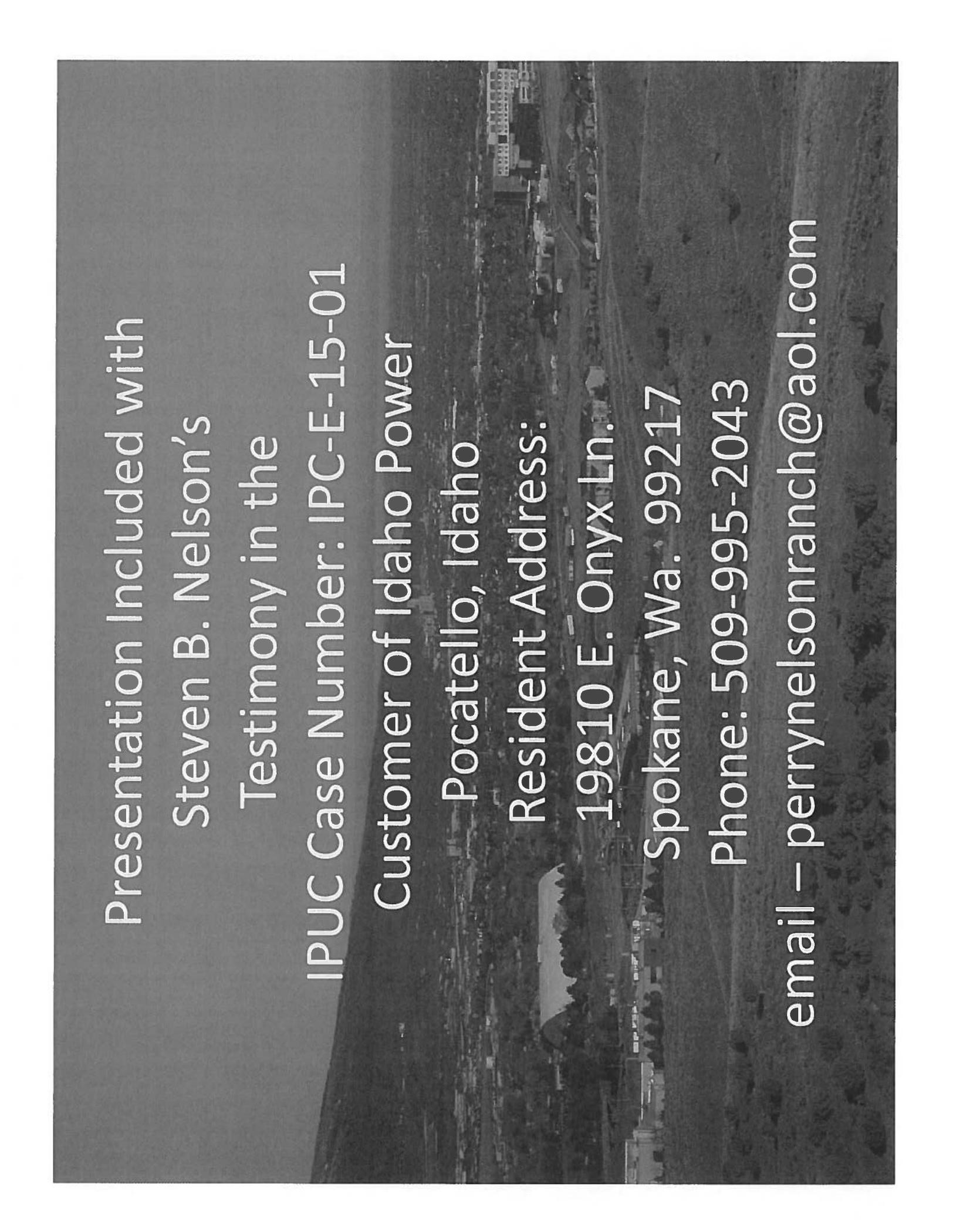
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Gene

Ken Miller gave me your name as a contact who can help me provide the attached presentation to the Idaho Public Utility Commission Case Number: IPC-E-15-01. If need be, I can also testify.

I feel that Idaho Power Co. specifically and all the Northwest Investor Owned Utilities (IOU) must think outside the box. And it is the IPUC's responsibility to motivate them to give rate payers an equal advantage to stockholders and company management. Solar technology costs are within reach of each community. When Henry Ford up scaled the assembly line for making cars, I bet the buggy whip manufactures where very upset and would have liked to control the market to prevent the advantages of scale. Idaho Power can control the market for electricity as a buggy whip manufacture equivalent. Is the IPUC going to let it happen?

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An aerial photograph of a town nestled in a valley, with mountains visible in the background. The town features a mix of residential and commercial buildings, a large stadium-like structure, and a river or lake in the foreground. The overall scene is captured in a dark, monochromatic style.

Presentation Included with
Steven B. Nelson's
Testimony in the

IPUC Case Number: IPC-E-15-01

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Investor Owned Utilities are Failing US

All Coal Fired Plants will close and the IOU's will
attempt to replace them with Natural Gas

BPA's plan is to replace coal with
CONSERVATION

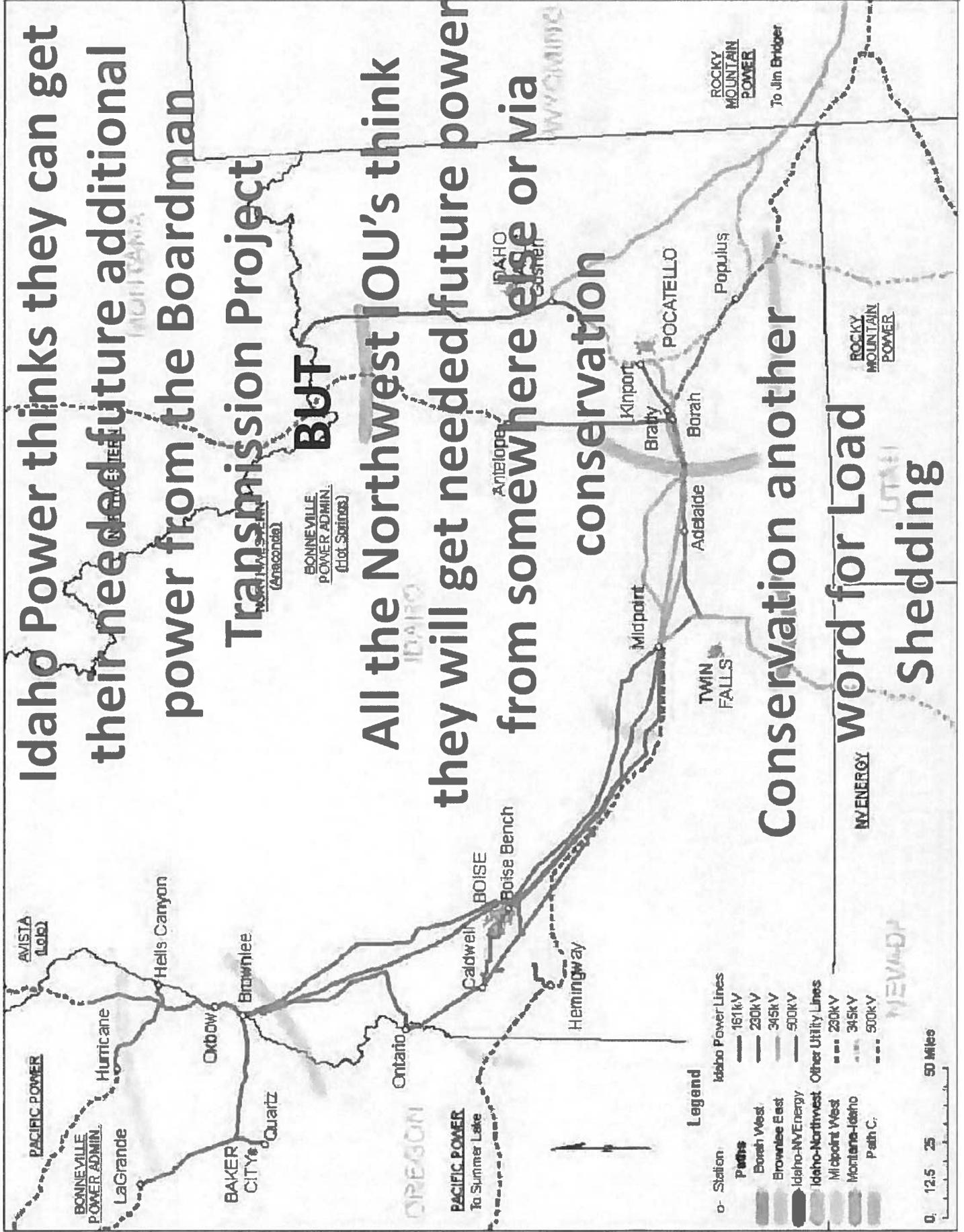


Idaho Power thinks they can get their needed future additional power from the Boardman Transmission Project

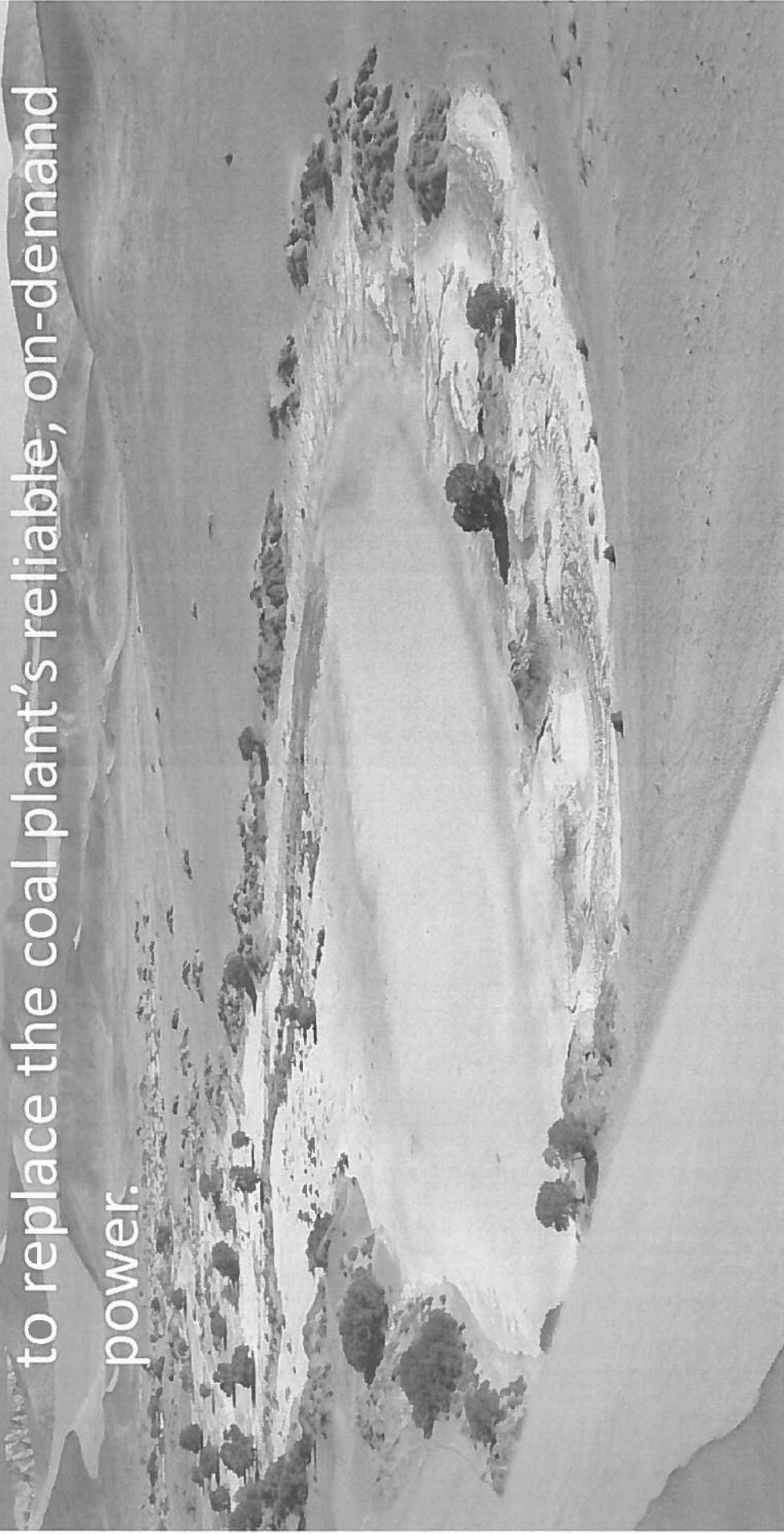
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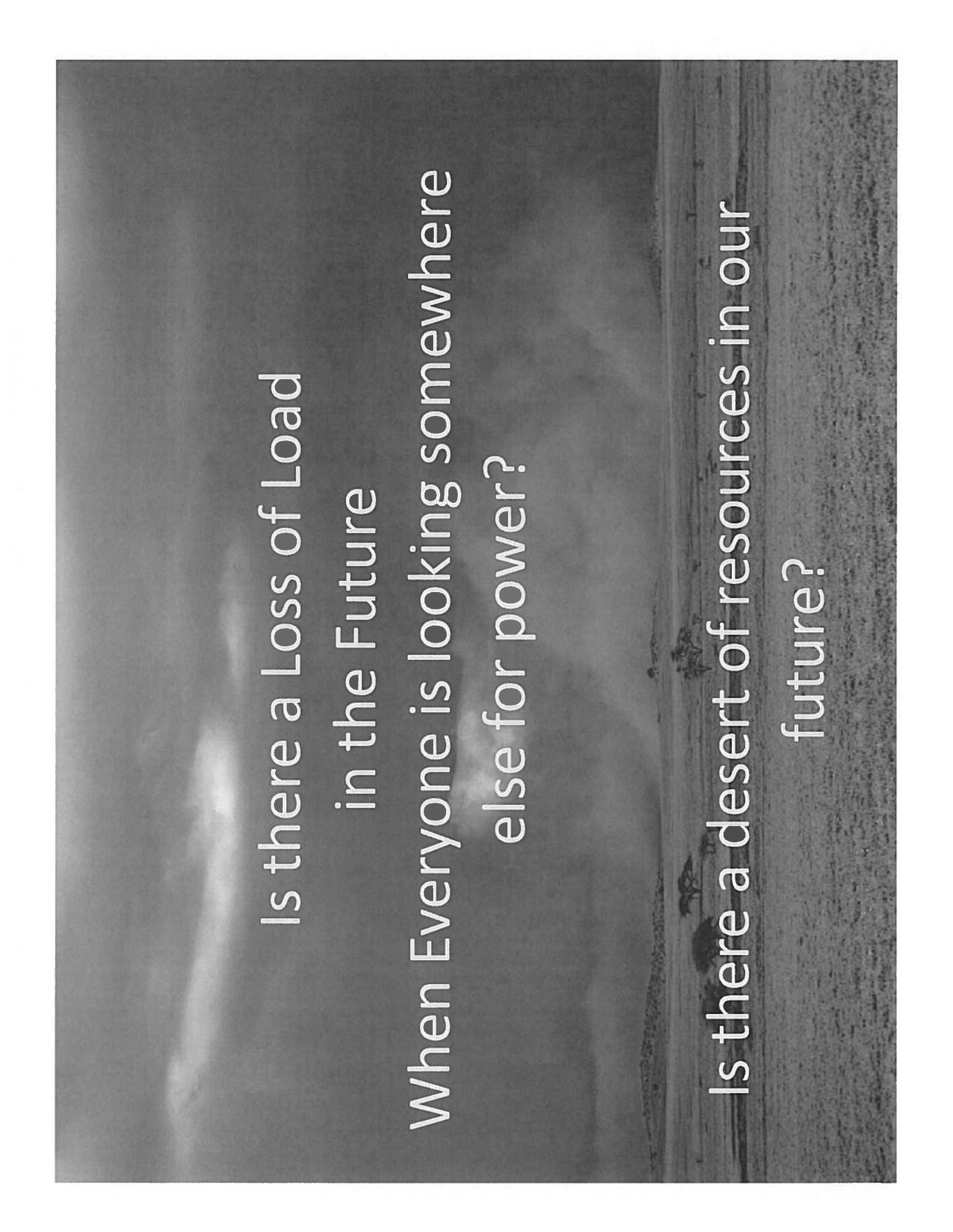
All the Northwest IOU's think they will get needed future power from somewhere else or via conservation

Conservation another word for Load Shedding



- IdaCorp CEO Darrel Anderson speaking at Idaho Power's 100th annual meeting said,
- construction of the 300-mile Boardman to Hemingway high-voltage power line is needed to replace the coal plant's reliable, on-demand power.

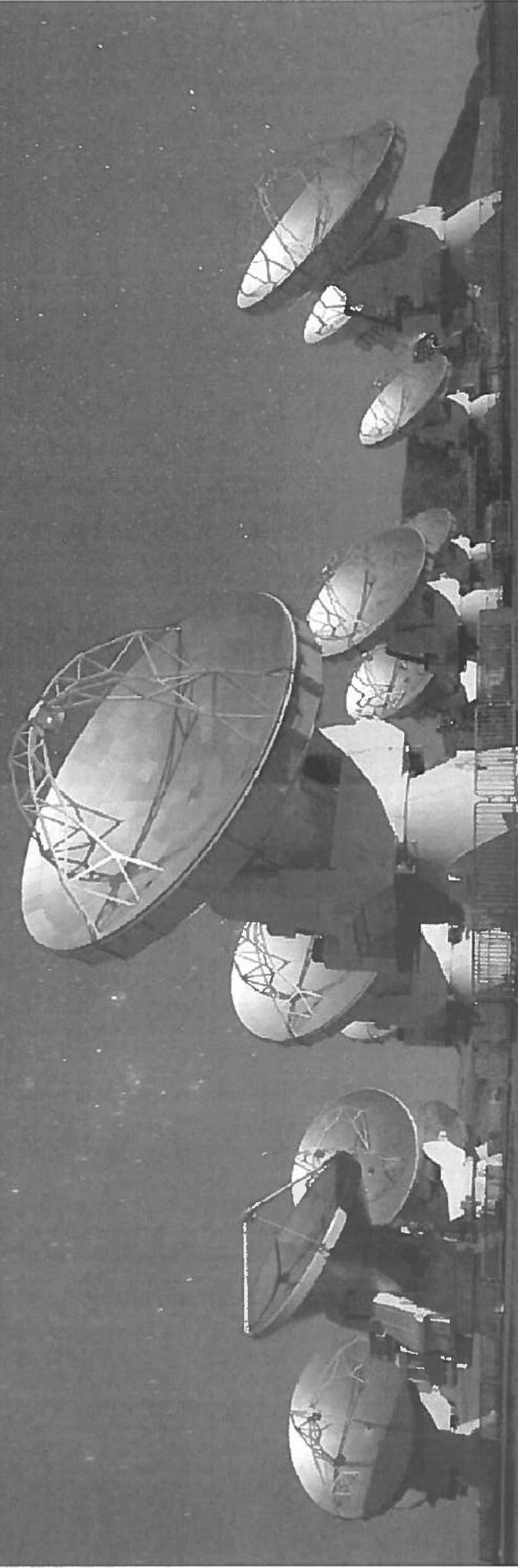


A dark, atmospheric landscape with a cloudy sky and a body of water in the foreground. The text is overlaid on the image.

Is there a Loss of Load
in the Future
When Everyone is looking somewhere
else for power?

Is there a desert of resources in our
future?

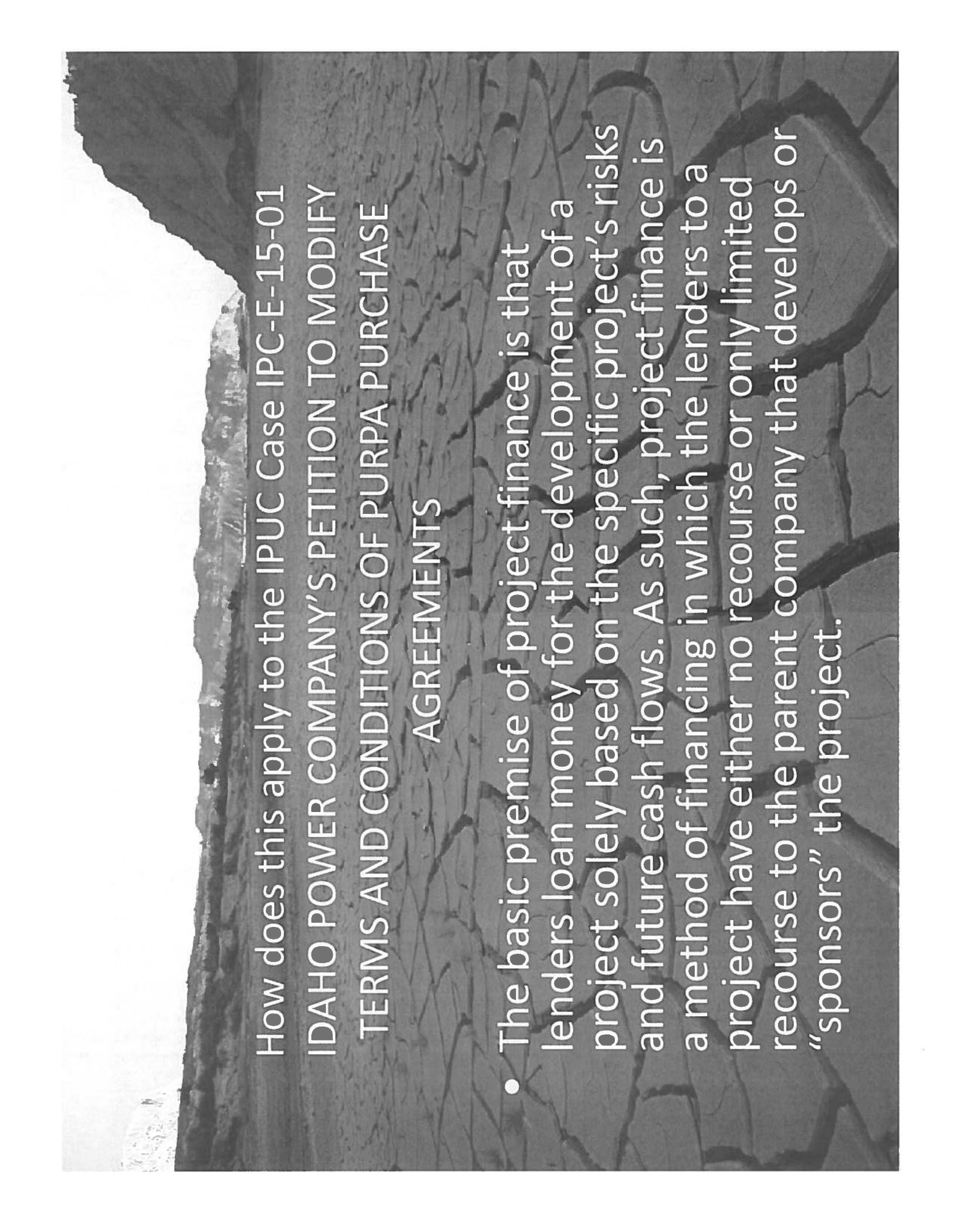
I say we have to look elsewhere for a
New Business Model
Distributed Renewable Energy
Community Owned



IOU's provide wires and balancing

**Idaho Public Utility Commission's
responsibility is to Guide us through
this Business Model Change**





How does this apply to the IPUC Case IPC-E-15-01
IDAHO POWER COMPANY'S PETITION TO MODIFY
TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PURPA PURCHASE
AGREEMENTS

- The basic premise of project finance is that lenders loan money for the development of a project solely based on the specific project's risks and future cash flows. As such, project finance is a method of financing in which the lenders to a project have either no recourse or only limited recourse to the parent company that develops or "sponsors" the project.

Therefore

NO Cash Flow

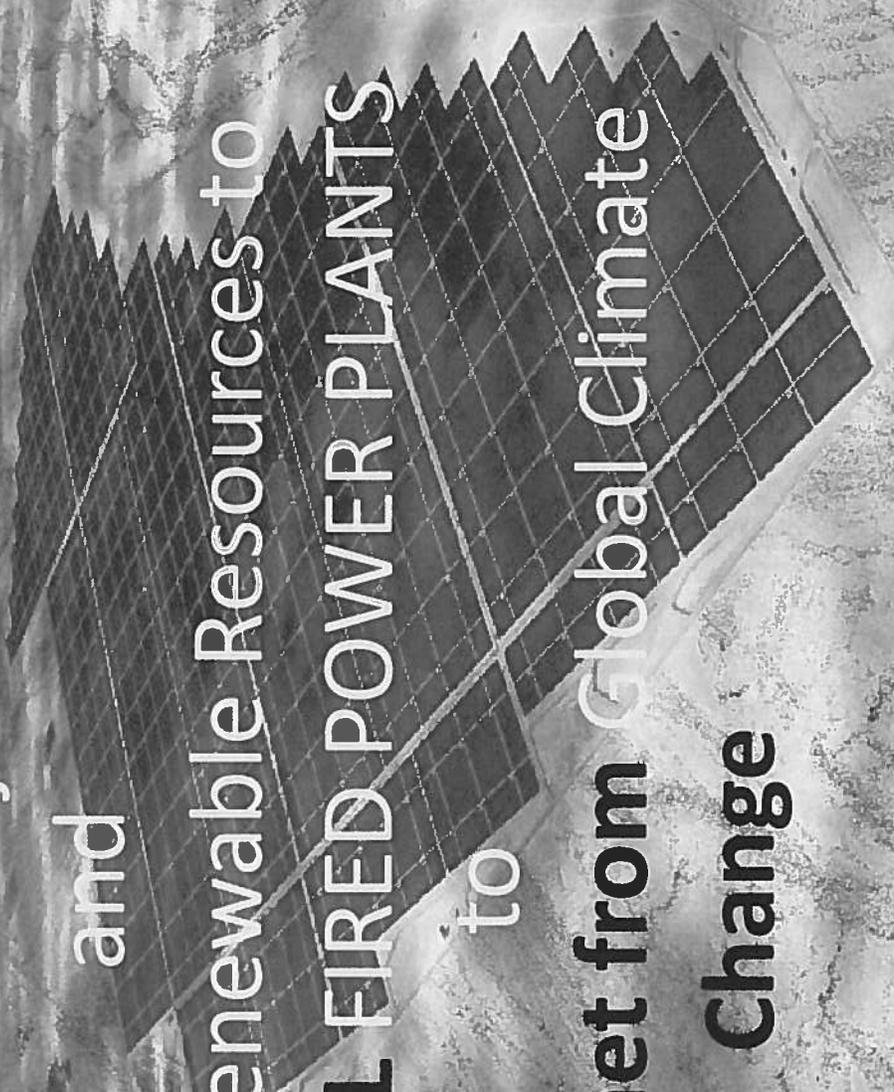
NO Project

and

**NO Future Renewable Resources to
REPLACE COAL FIRED POWER PLANTS**

to

**Save the Planet from Global Climate
Change**



The Rate Payers Need to Understand

Pay me NOW or Pay me LATER

Idaho Power says adding additional Renewable Resources NOW will add to the cost to Rate Payers.

But what they don't say is that Converting Coal Power to Natural Gas or NEW Natural Gas Plants will cost more LATER.

THERE IS NO FREE LUNCH

