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To: Idaho public utilities commission and Israel Ray- Atlanta Power I Tina Sayko property owner in Atlanta Id present this letter of Company. protest in regards to the proposed power rate increase this day of June 3,2008. I strongly disagree with this rate increase due to following reasons. Firstly being a seasonal seasonal user of currently 35 dollars a month and only using the power app., 3 weeks out of the year I am already paying Atlanta power plenty of free money for unused power, equipment maintained and repairs. The proposed rate increase would also cause extreme financial hardship as I live on very limited income and would most likely result in having the power disconnected and seeking out other methods for powering my cabin. The rate increase would alter my plans to complete the construction of my cabin. The rate increase would hurt my property values if I needed to sell some day. So in the end this huge rate increase in my opinion benefits no one as Atlanta power would lose my business of 35 a month and I always believe some money is better then no money, also by not finishing my cabin Elmore county would not receive the higher property taxes and It would be difficult to sell our properties with such huge power rates which hurts everyone including Atlanta power. Atlanta Power needs to find a more reasonable solution especially with us seasonal users whom do not use the power and ware out the equipment. Thank you for your time Tina Sayko

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Commission Secretary Idaho Public Utilities Commission PO Box 83720 Boise, Idaho 83720-0074 Case No. ATL-E-08-02 RECEIVED

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IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Dear Commission:

We are writing in reference to the above proposed rate increase by Atlanta Power. We protest increasing the monthly charge for seasonal residents from \$35 per month to \$83.00 per month, an increase of 137%.

We are definitely seasonal residents and have not been to Atlanta for at least two years. We have a friend who occasionally in the past has used the residence, but not anymore. We have paid the \$420 annual charge in the past for the power and would continue to do so.

If they raise the seasonal rate to \$83 per month, or \$996 per year, we would definitely discontinue the power service. It is a convenience for us, not a necessity. We own a generator already and would use it for our infrequent trips. We know others feel the same way.

We were reading the comments by Scott Woodbury, Deputy Attorney General, regarding a surcharge across the board of 31.74%. We assume that means our \$35 rate would increase by \$11.11 to \$46.11 per month plus a corresponding increase in the power rate. We probably would keep paying that just for the convenience.

If the gold mine starts up, won't that increase the company's income? Where would the gold mine get their power from?

We appreciate your attention to this matter and hope the seasonal residents do not have to bear the brunt of this increase.

Sincerely

Theron and Sharon Scott PO Box 846 3985 West Victory Road Meridian, Idaho 83680-0846

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Byegreylock@Wildblue.net Wednesday, June 11, 2008 3:18 AM Tonya Clark; Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Robert Bartimoccia follows:

Case Number: ATL-E-08-02 Name: Robert Bartimoccia Address: City: State: Zip: Daytime Telephone: Contact E-Mail: <u>Byegreylock@Wildblue.net</u> Name of Utility Company: Atlanta Power Add to Mailing List:

Please describe your comment briefly:

In Reference to the 6/10 comments .There are 2 atlanta power workers Homes plus the owner getting free power. There is at least one meter that hasn't worked in 10 yrs and electricity used hasn't been charged. Another house wasn't even metered. If the power plant wasn't properly maintained and there is a contract maintenance person, that would be negligence. Where is the liability insurance policy for that. Yankee machine shop can enlighten you on the lack of maintenance, as can some of the locals. That is some of what I know.

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From: Sent: To: Subject:

apple45@q.com Wednesday, June 11, 2008 1:44 AM Tonya Clark; Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell PUC Comment Form

A Comment from MaryAnn Applegate follows:

Case Number: ATL-E-08-02 Name: MaryAnn Applegate Address: 2875 Lemhi City: Boise State: Idaho Zip: 83705 Daytime Telephone: 208-343-2821 Contact E-Mail: <u>apple45@q.com</u> Name of Utility Company: Atlanta Power Company Add to Mailing List yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

I am not in favor of the proposed rate changes. Eliminating the schedule 3 seasonal rates, would eliminate those customers and impose future increases for schedule 1 customers. I perfer the the schedule 1 residential remain at \$.05kWh rate.

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From: Sent: To: Subject: johnsgregory@hotmail.com Tuesday, June 10, 2008 1:01 PM Tonya Clark; Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Gregory Johns follows:

Case Number: ATL-E-08-02 Name: Gregory Johns Address: 17 W Pine St City: Atlanta State: Idaho Zip: 83601 Daytime Telephone: 208 864 2162 Contact E-Mail: johnsgregory@hotmail.com Name of Utility Company: Atlanta Power Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly: Concerning the rate case for Atlanta Power:

I am a resident of Atlanta and a customer of Atlanta Power. I live at 17 W Pine Street. When I built my house it was pointed out to me by other Atlanta Power customers that the power was questionable and expensive. Sad to say, that has been the case.

Before the turbine blowup last summer the power was anything but reliable. There were innumerable power outages, brownouts and surges. I don't believe I am on Atlanta Power's call list, but nary a warning or explanation unless I sought information- even if the power was out for days. It is my understanding that in order to maintain some kind of reasonable voltage, this plant has to cycle faster than other power plants, therefore clocks run fast.

My power did improve some in 2006, to the level everyone else in town enjoyed, when they replaced the single line down Pine with new wires and 2 phase power. Unfortunately, they didn't replace the switch on the one line, so when the wind blows just right, half of my house browns and flickers, to this day.

Luckily, I installed a propane refrigerator, but my friends with electric refrigerators or freezers didn't fare as well. Nor has my washing machine, DVD player, computer, table saw or wood planer. It appears I have losses, too.

For months prior to the turbine failure, the power was markedly worse. In conversations with Israel Ray and Steve Cramer, there were multiple issues regarding maintenance. Israel told me that he and Dave(Gill) 'just like to tinker', and that they like running a power company. Then the turbine failed. Maintenance issues? Who is in charge of maintenance?

Why not have a public meeting when something occurs as catastrophic as the plant failing? Let people know when or if there was actually going to be power- so they can plan. Seems like since we were still paying for full time power the communication should have been better.

Atlanta Power is my neighbor at my other property below town at the Monarch Millsite. Currently, Atlanta Power's diesel generator is across the road from my houses. I would applaud any effort to move the generator into the shed and finish soundproofing. It was VERY, VERY LOUD all last summer and I'm sure it will be loud the next time it's needed. I have a voltage meter. Never had one before I lived up here.Typically, since the turbine rebuild, my voltage runs around 110. For a few days this past spring we were running at 80 volts. At 110, or 100, things that would run quietly at 120 volts, hum(the electronics on my range, even the power panel). At 80 volts lights are barely on- think what it's doing to the computer, the washer, the table saw. Then there's the cycling thing, too. When I'm using my wood jointer, for example- it'll run along at a slow rpm for about a minute, then it'll rev up at run fast for about a minute, then back down. Can't that be adjusted? What about the fact that clocks run fast because of, I would imagine, the same cycling issue?

To date I have paid Atlanta Power, on average, \$1.06 a kilowatt. I think that is expensive power. I now how 2 services with Atlanta Power. Every month I will pay the service charge and then my usage, which on average is about 40 kilowatts, sometimes 10, sometimes 60. With Israel's proposal, my bill on the 2 services, for access, will be \$166, then I will pay another \$4 for the actual power I use. That makes the cost per kilowatt \$4.25. At that kind of a price point I will install my own solar power systems. I would support an price structure where the emphasis is on providing power, in the price per kilowatt, and not, as proposed, in the service charge where all the money is made with access fees and there's no incentive to provide reliable power.

Atlanta Power is a company. Israel Ray owns and maintains that company. It is his asset. With this rate adjustment being sought it appears he wants us to buy into his company. If Atlanta Power seeks \$2000 a year from me for less than 500 kilowatts, I would think I should get stock in the company, we should set up a board of directors, and create some oversight.

Gregory Johns

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From: Sent: To: Subject: superiordana@qwestoffice.net Tuesday, June 10, 2008 7:22 AM Tonya Clark; Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell PUC Comment Form

A Comment from GARY AND DANA VANCE follows:

Case Number: ATL-3-08-02 Name: GARY AND DANA VANCE Address: PO BOX 626 City: CALDWELL State: ID Zip: 83606 Daytime Telephone: 208-412-8257 Contact E-Mail: <u>superiordana@qwestoffice.net</u> Name of Utility Company: Atlanta Power Add to Mailing List: Ves

Please describe your comment briefly: At the current rate for seasonal customers we are paying from .60 per KW to 3.71 per kw. Our bills for the last 6 months are:

\$45.50 - 50 kw = .91 per kw \$41.30 - 30 kw = \$1.41 per kw \$37.10 - 10 kw = \$ 3.71 per kw \$53.90 - 90 kw. = .61 per kw \$39.20 - 20 kw = \$ 1.99 per kw \$42.35 - 35 kw = \$ 1.21 per kw

With the proposed increases we could pay as much as \$8.71 per kw for the months that we use little power.

We have priced a solar system with wind generator back up and batteries installed at a price of \$10,500.with the proposed rate we would be far ahead to buy this system and with a pay back in approx 10 years, having a system to show for our money.

If this proposal goes thru, we would have to strongly consider discontinuing as customers of Atlanta Power. In discussions that we have had with other part-time customers, I don't beleive that we would be alone. Further jeopordizing the financial stability of the power company.

WE have mailed a copy of this plus other question and considerations to the puc mailing address.

Thanks Gary and Dana Vance

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