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I am a concerned citizen writing in response to Idaho Power' proposal to increase our rates a combined total of 9.9% as of January 1, 2012. My concerns are many, but first, they have not proven to be a responsible citizen of our public utilities - building costly buildings, paying high salaries, and increasing pension funding. Most businesses in Idaho and the country have had to tighten their belts since the down-turn of the economy, but not Idaho Power - they just keep taking, and taking and taking. Initially all the increases were for growth in Idaho, but now that there is no growth, it is being disguised as improvements. But they can't show a huge profit - that is illegal.... So they just disguise it internally in increased "expenses". And the IPUC has never once turned them down in their request for increases?! Ever..... And this is on the heels of the 2 other proposals, #IPC-E-11-03 that raised rates 2.13% and then #IPC-E-11-06 that lowered rates 3.58%. It all appears like smoke and mirrors to me - the shell game. My rates have done nothing but gone up as my usage has decreased - I have shared an Excel spreadsheet documenting this once already with you. I live in a house I keep at 55*, with closed off rooms all winter long in Ketchum, ID. I cannot decrease my usage anymore. Do any of you live in 55* in the winter? I firmly believe Idaho Power is in business to make as much profit as they can on the backs of Idaho's citizens, and have made it an art to duck and disguise expenses to pretend to stay within the regulations. And you are all complicit in this. Please vote NO to this increase request in #IPC-E-11-08 - it is too significant a request, at the wrong time, for all the wrong reasons from Idaho Power. Stand strong for Idahoans. Please.

Truly,

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