Jean Jewell

From: Sent: To: Subject: go4itidaho@msn.com Thursday, August 25, 2011 10:25 AM Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Gayle A. Reichel follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-11-08 Name: Gayle A. Reichel Address: 1440 Cayuse Creek Drive City: Kimberly State: ID Zip: 83341 Daytime Telephone: 733-9472 Contact E-Mail: go4itidaho@msn.com Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Acknowledge:

Please describe your comment briefly:

I would strongly urge you to please vote against this proposed rate increase. I like many other people who live in Idaho find that the rates are high enough. With the economy as it is, people can't get work or if they are lucky to have a job it barely pays the bills. Idaho isn't known for having the jobs that pay to live a comfortable life. Most people live paycheck to paycheck and this rate increase is going to cause alot of problems for many people in this state. With insurance, water, food, and gas all going up why does Idaho Power believe that any of us can afford to have yet another hit. The PUC needs to vote no and realize that we, the average joe living in this wonderful state can't afford to keep dishing out the money that we don't have.

The form submitted on http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html IP address is 75.174.59.65

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From: Sent: To: Subject: bigbluewaves@msn.com Tuesday, August 23, 2011 10:56 AM Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Dana Wilson follows:

Please describe your comment briefly: No, No, and NO!!!!!! EVERY cotton pickin' year Idaho Power has increased our rates. We were SPECIFICALLY TOLD that by allowing them to install the 'digital' system, our rates would show a decrease -- THAT HAS NEVER HAPPENED!!! In fact, our electric bill has DOUBLED, even when we have kept our lights off, whittled our laundry down to five loads per week (damn-near IMPOSSIBLE with four teenagers in the house), and keeping our heat at 68 degrees during winter months when it's 30 degrees outside. STOP SCREWING YOUR CUSTOMERS!!!!!!! YOU DON'T 'NEED' TO INCREASE YOUR RATES, BUT YOU *DO* NEED TO THINK ABOUT THOSE PEOPLE YOU ARE SCREWING OVER!!!!!!

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Jean Jewell Thursday, August 25, 2011 10:58 AM Jean Jewell FW: PUC Comment Form

-----Original Message-----From: <u>zzdna@hotmail.com</u> [mailto:zzdna@hotmail.com] Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2011 7:54 AM To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Carla J Finis follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-11-08 Name: Carla J Finis Address: City: Boise State: ID Zip: Daytime Telephone:

Contact E-Mail: <u>zzdna@hotmail.com</u> Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

In perusing Idaho Power's 110-page application for an approximate overall rate in of 10% as well as supporting documentation in the form of 'testimony' I find it lacking in any substantial justification for such an increase.

Indeed it would seem that the primary justification rate increases has to do with their (and their stockholders') desire for a higher rate of return.

They cite the disastrous state of financial markets since 2008 as well as stated uncertainty of interest rates. Utility consumers should not bear the burden of their market or credit rating losses and it is unclear why they think interest rates are uncertain as the Federal Reserve has lowered them to essentially 0% and this month stated they will remain through 2013 (a full year beyond when their rate increase should take effect).

While they state (Section IV: 15) that 'the Company's expenditures related to energy efficiency and demand response have outpaced the recovery of those costs through the Energy Efficiency Rider' there is, first, no supporting documentation and second, it is presumed that these costs while initially outpaced would be recovered over time.

While Idaho Power is a for-profit entity there is no guarantee of certain profit or even any return let alone the ~8-11% of which they seem they are entitled. Citing rates of returns for other utility entities as justification for their rate increase is tantamount to collusion.

Idaho Power has failed to justify it's request for rate increases and its application should be denied.