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**To:** [Jan Noriyuki](#)  
**Subject:** Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb  
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The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Co.

Case ID: IPC-E-21-21

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