

From: [PUC Consumer Comments](#)
To: [Jan Noriyuki](#)
Subject: Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb
Date: Thursday, August 26, 2021 4:00:24 PM

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Spencer Andrus
Submission Time: Aug 26 2021 3:57PM
Email: theelectricians@hotmail.com
Telephone: 208-481-0338
Address: Po Box 755
HAILEY, ID 83333

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-21-25

Comment: "I'm looking for explanation why customers would pay for Idaho Power infrastructure repairs, when Idaho Powers standards in our valley is any new work is underground but when they had to move their lines due to the new highway, they moved the lines overhead, and now customers are being asked to pay for them to go underground now. "

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The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: SUELLEN WAGNER
Submission Time: Aug 27 2021 9:26AM
Email: suellenwagner@me.com
Telephone: 213-248-5654
Address: 210 Willoway Rd.
Hailey, ID 83333

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-21-25

Comment: "RE: IDAHO POWER--PETITION FOR APPROVE SURCHARGE AND MODIFIED LINE ROUTE-WOOD RIVER VALLEY OPPOSE THE SURCHARGE! It is unfair to force all Blaine County residents to pay a surcharge for the cost of burying a transmission line in Ketchum and Sun Valley only. All communities lie along a scenic highway and all residents treasure the scenic beauty of our valley. I would agree to pay if the entire line were to be buried, but I OPPOSE this plan which degrades my community and forces me to pay for that offense. Either THE ENTIRE LINE should be buried or NO SEGMENT OF THE LINE should be buried. If the entire line is buried, all should pay the surcharge. If just a segment incurs the additional cost, that segment should pay the entire cost. The redundant line only serves the community that wants the buried line. The necessity for this redundant line has never been proven and there are better ways to provide backup power. Suellen Wagner East Fork resident"

August 25, 2021

Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720

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2021 AUG 27 AM 9:36

IDAHO PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

RE: Case #IPC-E-21-25,

Delivered via Facsimile 208-334-3762

Dear Sir/Madam:

My husband and I were totally shocked when we received the fancy full color Idaho Power flyer informing us that as Blaine County residents that we would be on the hook to pay off \$9.8 million dollars in undergrounding fees for the wealthy neighborhoods in north rural Blaine County, Ketchum, and Sun Valley. Now, we get to pay to preserve the wealthy resident's view corridor? This is ridiculous.

This area, like the rest of Idaho, is once again in the throes of the Covid-19 pandemic, combined with a shaky tourist-based economy and completely unaffordable rental housing for this county. People are living in their cars because so much of the rental housing has been turned into short term rentals leaving nothing available for the wages being paid. Times are not easy here. Businesses don't know if they can even open due to the lack of employees from the housing shortage and the Covid issues. Asking the working-class people and people like my husband and I, who are retired and on a fixed income, to pay more for the wealthy who want this undergrounded is simply wrong.

If the north County wants to underground their power lines, then let them pay for it. We have Idaho Power lines in our backyard and all along the recreation path from Bellevue north already. No one is complaining or suggesting that the lower valley's view corridor be preserved, just the north valley residents and everyone else should pay for it. Please send this back to the drawing board at the Blaine County Commissioner's office and suggest they tax the areas where the undergrounding will occur, not the south County which bears NO benefit from this taxation.

JUST SAY NO!

Sincerely,
Evan and Bart Lassman
P.O. Box 84
Bellevue, ID 83313
208-788-9421

Evan Lassman
Bart Lassman

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The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: justin Stevenson
Submission Time: Aug 27 2021 1:08PM
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Telephone: 208-720-1409
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Hailey, ID 83333

Name of Utility Company: ID Power

Case ID: IPC-E-21-25

Comment: "I am opposed to the secondary power line north of Hailey to Ketchum. In our biggest power outage no power got to Hailey so this redundant line would not have helped. Ketchum is situated a the end of a power source and should deal with a very rare outage. Thank you for taking comments "

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The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Don Mauro
Submission Time: Aug 26 2021 5:09PM
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Address: 20 Tyler Dr
Bellevue, ID 83313

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-21-25

Comment: "The plan to charge all Wood River Valley taxpayers for the direct buried lined in north valley should not be approved. North valley residents asked for this; it is a want and not a need. The county has never asked for approval from south valley residents to pay for this, probably because they are trying to sneak this in under the radar. My wife and I have no problems with above ground electrical cables. Let those that wanted something special pay for it, but do not burden south valley residents and businesses with this onerous surcharge. Perhaps if the folks up north had to pay the full amount for their want, they may come to their senses and say "never mind"."

Name: Jil Schmidt
Submission Time: Aug 26 2021 8:38PM
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Telephone: 208-309-2257
Address: PO Box 144
Bellevue, ID 83313

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-21-25

Comment: "I understand that if this case is approved it will add \$3.00 to everyone's utility bill for the next 10 years. First off, I have a problem with the \$5.00 "billing charge" I have to pay each month. The underground utilities for the Ketchum area is great, for Ketchum. I live in Bellevue, don't go to Ketchum but once a month if that. I don't feel that I should be responsible for the payment of this improvement. There is no benefit to me for this improvement so why should I have to pay???"

Name: Jock Brown

Submission Time: Aug 26 2021 6:53PM

Email: jocksbrown@gmail.com

Telephone: 208-720-8661

Address: 140 Friedman Lane

Bellevue , ID 83313

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-21-25

Comment: "I think that the surcharge that is being purposed is wrong, I live 20 miles away from the area that is to get the underground lines, this is bullshit that I need to contribute to this project, if you or the area that the underground line need the money get it from the people that it benefits not the people that it doesn't affect, I am tired of this crap. I am not in favor of this surcharge. Jock Brown "
