

From: [PUC Consumer Comments](#)
To: [Jan Noriyuki](#)
Subject: Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb
Date: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 7:00:07 AM

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Carolyn House
Submission Time: Aug 30 2021 7:22PM
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Hailey, ID 83333

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-21-25

Comment: "I am opposed to this initiative that will benefit the north of Blaine County at the expense of the entire county. This should be a local improvement district initiative."

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The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Debbie Town
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-21-25

Comment: "I would like to state my objection to the incremental underground costs being added to my monthly power bill. Idaho Power will put up a supplemental power line at no charge to customers if it is above ground but because the commissioners have requested that it be underground all of Blaine County is required to pay an additional fee. The supplemental power line will only benefit the residents in Ketchum and Sun Valley and will not be a benefit to any of the residents in the southern sections of the valley. We have not had a power outage since the big one many years ago and this supplemental power line is not necessary. Please do not put an additional charge on the residents of the valley that this powerline will not help in any way. If the residents of Ketchum and Sun Valley want this line underground then they should be the ones to pay for the additional costs."

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The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: IP

Case ID: IPC-E-12-25

Comment: "Why would Blaine County rate payers be asked to supply"redundant power" through a short underground line? If that line is underground it should be under ground the length of the Wood River Valley. This area has consistent winds. It has sporadic wind gusts and down drafts. The power lines are in danger of being impacted during winter storms as well as during summer fires and electric storms. Rate payers in Blaine County and in Idaho should not be paying for a short undergrounding to benefit a very wealthy high energy need small community. We need to consider alternatives such as local power grids near high demand areas. We need to consider some reliable backup energy sources for individual wealthy home owners whose demand strains all energy resources. Small residential rate payers should not be required to pay for a special scenic under grounding to benefit big businesses and wealthy residential users. Put a surcharge on those users to pay for their underground line or underground the entire line through the Wood River Valley."

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The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IOC-E-21-25

Comment: "I wish to express that I am opposed to the rate increase for the purpose of undergrounding the power line as proposed. I feel that the burden of cost should be on those who directly benefit such as those directly adjacent to the improvements. Should be an LID."

Name: Janet Duffy
Submission Time: Aug 30 2021 3:37PM
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Bellevue, ID 83313

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-21-25

Comment: "I am strongly opposed to having my rates increased to bury a secondary transmission line for the Ketchum/Sun Valley users. I believe that there is a need for a secondary line but the cost should not be on the backs of all county residents! Those people who feel strongly that the line should be buried should pay for the cost with a local bond or tax. "

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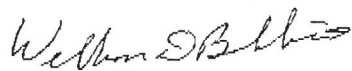
Re. IPC-E-21-25

As a resident of Blaine County, I am against the surcharge to pay for the undergrounding of the lines outside the scope of Idaho Power's original request. I feel the southern and eastern Blaine County residents should not have to help pay for this un-necessary expense. I can see no benefit to us at all. If the few people that are concerned about the view being spoiled, they should focus on stopping the construction of the unsightly homes being built within the view all along the highway south and north of Ketchum. Ketchum used to try to keep some sensible rules to protect the views, however now it is getting to be like driving through a canyon on main street in Ketchum and getting worse.

The break down on the surcharge is very discriminatory. Large commercial and industrial customers can pass the expense on to their customers as a cost of doing business, while the people in agriculture can only get what the market is for their products. Their costs keep going up i.e., Fuel, repairs, labor, and taxes. For example, I have five irrigation pumps I pay the power on, take those times \$14.36 equals \$71.80 per month, twelve months equals \$861.60 per year. I am a little guy; many farmers or ranchers have twenty or more pumps that they would need to pay this extortion on. A commercial business such as Silver Creek Auto only has one meter to pay for, so they only pay \$14.36 per month and have a larger profit margin. Most farmers and ranchers keep their pumps connected all year to save the expense of a connect/disconnect fee and the extra wasted resources involved connecting and disconnecting. If I want to put in a development or bury a power line in front of my property, I will have to pay for it myself, I am sure the County Commissioners would not help me pay for it. They would probably add on additional requirements at my expense. If the County Commissioners would put it to a legal vote, and truly explain what is going on, I am confident the full-time citizens would vote against it.

I really feel the people that want this portion of power line buried should pay for it themselves instead of getting others to pay for their wants to make their property more valuable.

William Bobbitt
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