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Comment: "I am writing to express my deep concern and vehement opposition to the recent announcement of a nearly 10% power rate increase by Idaho Power. While I understand that inflation has been affecting various sectors of the economy, this percentage is beyond what can be reasonably justified, especially in the current economic climate. Inflation has indeed been taking its toll on families across the nation, and I, as a single parent, have been diligently managing my household finances to provide a stable environment for my family. However, the proposed power rate increase would place an unbearable burden on my already strained budget. As you may be aware, single parents face unique financial challenges, and a substantial rise in utility costs threatens our ability to meet basic needs, let alone provide a nurturing home for our children. The timing of this rate increase is particularly concerning, given the possible impending recession that economists have been warning about. An abrupt and steep rise in electricity costs during such a vulnerable economic period could have disastrous consequences for low-income families like mine. It is essential for Idaho Power to consider the broader implications of this decision on your customers and the community as a whole. I urge Idaho Power to reassess the magnitude of this rate increase and explore alternative solutions to mitigate its impact on customers. Implementing a rate hike of this scale without transparent and reasonable justification is unfair and shows a lack of consideration for the well-being of your consumers, especially those facing financial hardships. I implore you to take into account the human aspect behind these numbers. The lives of countless families hang in the balance, and it is the responsibility of Idaho Power to support your customers during challenging times, not exacerbate their struggles.

In conclusion, I demand that Idaho Power reconsider the nearly 10% power rate increase and provide a detailed explanation for the proposed escalation. Please demonstrate a genuine commitment to the welfare of your customers and the community you serve by working towards a more sustainable and compassionate solution. Your understanding and timely attention to this issue will undoubtedly shape the perception of your company in the eyes of the public."
