

Idaho Public Utilities Commission

Case No. IPC-E-23-11

Idaho Power Proposal for general rate increase

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Enough is enough!! In reference to Idaho Power's general rate increase I respectfully request the IPUC to deny this proposal. Idaho Power President and CEO Lisa Grow cited in her brochure two disturbing comments. The first comment, "this case is largely focused on the infrastructure additions that have been necessary to reliably serve our growing customer base." As a customer that comment in itself indicates that growth is not paying its own way. Something is very wrong with that scenario. Why is that cost being passed on to current residents, instead of where it belongs, with the developers, builders and the people purchasing those new homes? She also states the average customer using 950 kilowatt hours per month would see a monthly bill increase of about \$11.61. How many of us are average customers? I know I am not and the rate levels Idaho Power structures their billing does not allow me to stand a chance of ever lowering my costs. In addition, my income does not increase monthly to afford all the various increases which have been granted to other utilities and municipalities in order to pay for this "increased customer base". No one is listening to the customers anymore. That is not the way the IPUC is supposed to work. Idaho Power is constantly citing their rates are one of the lowest electric companies in the country. That is one of the perks of living in the Pacific Northwest; our abundance of water to generate electricity. Is there some kind of competition going on that because one company charges more we should too? Why are we constructing huge wind towers to generate power for another state? That project too was not acceptable to those customers whose properties are impacted by the towers.

In closing, I have done everything I can to lower my electric power bill. It cost me thousands of dollars to have a Daiken ductless system installed in my home. Idaho Power is constantly pushing these mini-split systems. What they do not tell consumers is that you have to also have a backup heating system because they are NOT efficient in cold weather. I am lucky to warm my house to 65 degrees. If I light up my pellet stove, my secondary source, it will warm that room only, perhaps to 67 degrees. Those systems also freeze up in the winter. Please give serious thought to the ramifications of this proposal on all of Idaho Power customers.

Respectfully submitted,

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