

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Co.

Case ID: IPC-E-23-11

Comment: "IPCo's request for increasing the monthly service charge (Schedules 6 & 8) from \$5.00 to \$20.00 for on-site generators does not seem warranted. Service charges should cover operating expense costs (OPEX) required to run operations by the utility (in this case Idaho Power as an Investor Owned Utility - IOU). This would include labor costs, it's own power costs, sales & marketing, etc. Capital cost are returned via another avenue through the rate structure, as are variable fuel costs through mechanisms such as Power Cost Adjustment).

The increase from \$5/mo to \$20/mo is a 300% increase in monthly service fee. Yet IPCo does NOT layout how its OPEX has risen by 300% for onsite generators. Short of scrutiny of how OPEX has exploded to justify this spike in monthly service fee, the PUC needs to demand a detailed financial justification for this increase. Otherwise, it looks like the IOU is trying to shift its variable costs (OPEX) for into a fixed cost model. This would be a significant shift in the business model allowable for IOU's, and does NOT serve the public's best interest.

I urge the PUC to demand a detailed cost accounting of OPEX from IPCo over the last 5 years to justify the spike in monthly charge, and to reduce any increase in monthly service charge to a level to is fair and truly reflective of OPEX.

Respectfully,
Paul Cooperrider"

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-11

Comment: "I urge you to REJECT Idaho Power's proposal in this case.

I am totally against Idaho Power's request for a general rate increase. The proposal seeks to gouge customers who use lower amounts of electricity and penalizes those who have invested in energy efficient home improvements and/or solar. An increase in the flat monthly fee from approximately \$5 to \$35 would be a 600% increase. This is intolerable!

This proposal would significantly harm those who are committed to reducing the amount of energy they consume. And, it is especially unfair for customers who have more than one meter at their residence.

Idaho Power should not be allowed to bring this case before the Public Utilities Commission at the same time that they are trying to change the rate structure for on-site generation. What a bunch of underhanded maneuvers! Idaho Power's private shareholders do not need any more profits.
