

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 don't understand how Idaho Power is asking to decrease our solar panel electric generating fee's during peak hours of generation and then asking for an overall increase in fees for electricity we bring in. I also know this is complicated and that costs have gone up. I appreciate the grid but want more fairness, like not having to fight to make it cost effective to install solar. Two subjects here but they crossover for us.

Thank you,
Lori Wright"

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: "Idaho Power Company (IPCo) wants a rate increase to pay mostly for growth of the population in its service area of Idaho. Like Veolia Idaho Water Company (Veolia), IPCo has a failed business model. The IPCo infrastructure requirements could have been done by developers of residential and commercial structures. IPCo would have inspectors to insure the infrastructure is safe and reliable. Further, all these new developments are paying the going rate for electricity use like the rest of us adding substantial revenue to IPCo and in turn its parent IdaCorp. Read the revenue and dividend projections from May 2023 IdaCorp has posted for investors on its website. IdaCorp is dependent nearly entirely on wheeling excess power generated by IPCo and selling wholesale at higher rates than IPCo charges its customers to electric power hungry markets mostly in the West through the intertie network.

IPCo seeks an overall increase to adjusted base of 8.61 percent. an overall rate of return of 7.702 percent, with a capital structure comprised of 51 percent equity and 49 percent debt, and a 10.40 percent rate of return on equity ("ROE").

Many IPCo customers, particularly individual investors, commercial and industrial IPCo customers, would love to have a 7.702 per cent rate of return and a 10.4 per cent ROE. A lot of t IPCo customers are barely getting by living pay check to pay check and certainly not investors only dreaming of owning a home where their children in school get free or reduced lunch and some free breakfast. Such a request would unduly burden this latter group pushing them further down the the economic ladder.

The PUC can see from the proposed Stipulation, IPCo is willing to have a 4.25 rate of return informing the Commissions the IPCo Application and its Affiants or Expert Testimonies inflated their numbers to gouge their customers for its and idaCorrp's inflated benefit.

In IPC-E-23-14, IPCo proposed On-Peak and Off-Peak hours. I maintain the same approach should apply to non-solar co-generators to incentivize through hours of use reducing the use of electricity deferring the use to Off-Peak hours, when consumption such as washing and drying clothes and running the dishwasher occur during Off-Peak hours. The period would apply year around. On-Peak would start at 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Off Peak hours would be 9:00p.m.to 8:00 a.m. Other states and utilities have similar hours to incentivize and defer higher electricity consumption to Off-Peak hours.

I heartily urge the PUC at a minimum Order the rate increase of the Stipulation but better yet reduce the rate of return to 3.5 per cent and the corresponding total dollar figure they can collect from their customers.

Further, the proposed increase in customer billing rate ultimately to \$15 per month is outlandish and hardly based on the cost of preparing the monthly bills when the labor and materials are relatively static, and the bills are computer generated and done in mass mail handling reducing the postal costs per piece. IPCo offers no discount or savings for customers who use at IPCo's urging customers to receive their bills electronically. I implore the PUC to reject the IPCo monthly incremental billing rate entirely."

The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-11

Comment: "I am strongly against the proposed increase of the service charge by 200%. It is absolute neglect on the commission side to protect own people from the monopolist. Service charge is the way to keep "a cost" lower but the total bill will be significantly higher. More importantly, the commission should protect the most vulnerable citizens, which are typically single, elderly or new families who tend to leave in a smaller properties and therefore to use less electricity. If someone bill is only 30-40 \$ a month by just increasing service charge it will increase the bill by 25-30%!!!

While I do understand the need to increase the price or electricity, it should be the cost not a service charge. When I fill a gas, I pay only for I use."

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

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Comment: "I object to the Idaho Power request to increase the service charge amount for residential customers from \$5.00 per month to an eventual charge of \$15.00 per month. This is an unprecedented request to TRIPLE the current service charge and reflects a perverse scheme to impose a rate percentage charge increase that would fall most heavily not on customers who use the most electricity but on those customers who use the LEAST electricity. The percentage increase on service cost for those customers who seek to minimize electricity cost would result in a penalty for electric conservation by an unavoidable base charge that saddles those who conserve with a greater cost to subsidize those who do not attempt to conserve. Although the 3x times service charge increase is unprecedented it is not a new attempt by Idaho Power to siphon funds from low electricity users as a similar service rate increase was requested approximately 15 years ago and was rejected by the Commission and I urge the Commission to do the same here. Theodore Blank"

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Case ID: IPC-E-23-11

Comment: "I urge the Public Utilities Commission to reject Idaho Power's rate increase application and to reject the proposed settlement. I'm especially angry about the impact that the increase in monthly service fees will have on customers who produce energy for Idaho Power through on-site generation. Idaho Power claims that their proposed rate increase will result in a 10.78% increase for residential customers, but a jump from \$5 per month to \$25 per month is actually an increase of 400%. If the service fee goes up to \$35 per month, the percent increase would be 600%.

It's obvious that Idaho Power is seeking to find a way to make more money off customers who have taken the initiative to save energy through home improvements such as better insulation, purchase of energy-saving appliances, and installation of rooftop solar systems. Idaho Power claims they need higher rates to cover infrastructure costs, yet they refuse to recognize the commitment of thousands of dollars in personal funds that a single homeowner invests to conserve energy and install systems such as rooftop solar that actually add clean energy to the grid.

Don't let Idaho Power get away with a rate increase that would discourage customers from conserving energy. The citizens of Idaho who invest their hard-earned money in energy saving improvements should be rewarded with credits from their power providers, not penalized by unjustified rate increases."
