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Sent: Saturday, April 15, 2023 12:00 PM
To: Jan Noriyuki <jan.noriyuki@puc.idaho.gov>
Subject: Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Bill Cheeseman
Submission Time: Apr 15 2023 11:37AM
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: ~~IPC-E-23-09~~ **IPC-E-23-12**

Comment: "Idaho power is asking for a power-cost adjustment price increase of 11.9 percent due to natural gas prices. So natural gas prices fluctuate, and have come down significantly from their highs last year. In fact, natural gas futures dipped below the \$2/MMBtu recently, lower then what it was in 2019. How does Idaho Power justify basing a 11.9 percent increase in electricity prices when gas prices are now so low. This increase isn't justified, based on their justification of cost related to higher natural gas prices. I ask the commission to disapprove this request for the reasons cited. Thank you. "

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To: Jan Noriyuki <jan.noriyuki@puc.idaho.gov>
Subject: Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb

The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: eric barlow
Submission Time: Apr 17 2023 1:25PM
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kimberly, ID 83341

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: ~~IPC-E-23-09~~ **IPC-E-23-12**

Comment: "Good afternoon, Commissioners, I'm writing in request that the IPUC deny Idaho Powers

application requesting to increase FCA rates 11% to the tune of \$200.2million. Please deny case number: IPC-E-23-09 submitted by Idaho Power March 13th. Idaho power is stating an 11% price increase for residential customers and citing the statement below as the reason why: "This year's Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) calls for a price increase as a result of higher power costs related to natural gas and market prices, lower than expected hydro generation and a limited coal supply." (Idaho Power Files Annual Power Cost Adjustment - Idaho Power) Let's look into this further: A year ago, natural gas was \$7.77 a BTU. It has been dropping like crazy the last 12 months. Natural gas futures dipped below the \$2/MMBtu recently, lower than what the cost was in 2019. How does Idaho Power justify an 11.9 percent increase in electricity prices when natural gas prices have been steadily dropping and now are so low? The price of coal has also dropped significantly, and currently is around 136.75. This market price for coal today is currently near the median price of coal for 2021. Both Natural gas and Coal prices have been steadily and significantly dropping. We have a record snowpack in areas this winter. Therefore, hydropower generation this summer should also be setting a record. There is going to be more water in some of the rivers in a very long time. There looks to be an abundance of cheap energy across the board currently and projected for the coming year. The overall market costs from multiple sectors are dramatically going down and have been for a while. Natural gas market price is at 2019 levels. Coal currently is at 2021 market prices. The cited statement above by Idaho power about natural gas, hydropower, and coal is questionable when it is looked into carefully. Why is Idaho power not focused on increasing hydro power generation this summer with record snowpack? That would help to increase Idaho Powers revenue towards the \$200 million goal as requested. Why is Idaho power not focused on purchasing coal and natural gas when it is at its lowest price in bulk and higher quantities to offset the need to purchase when market price is high? This also would help lower overall costs, and also contribute to creating \$200 million in Idaho powers pocket. These are my concerns as to why I believe Idaho powers application should not be approved. Please deny case number: IPC-E-23-09 Thank you. Sincerely, Eric Barlow customer & resident of Kimberly, Idaho"

Name: eric barlow
Submission Time: Apr 17 2023 1:27PM
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Telephone: 661-645-6384
Address: 1211 Columbine St
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: ~~IPC-E-23-09~~ **IPC-E-23-12**

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The following complaint was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: eric barlow
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Telephone: 661-645-6384
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power **IPC-E-23-12**

Contacted Utility: Yes

Comment: "Good afternoon, Please do not approve Idaho Powers FCA adjustment request. Please do NOT approve case number: IPC-E-23-09 that was filed March 13th, 2023. Idaho power is requesting an 11% price increase for residential customers and citing the statement below as the reason why: "This year's Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) calls for a price increase as a result of higher power costs related to natural gas and market prices, lower than expected hydro generation and a limited coal supply." Let's look into this further: A year ago, natural gas was \$7.77 a BTU. It has been dropping substancially the last 12 months. Natural gas futures dipped below the \$2/MMBtu recently, lower than what the cost was in 2019. How does Idaho Power justify an 11.9 percent increase in electricity prices when natural gas

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