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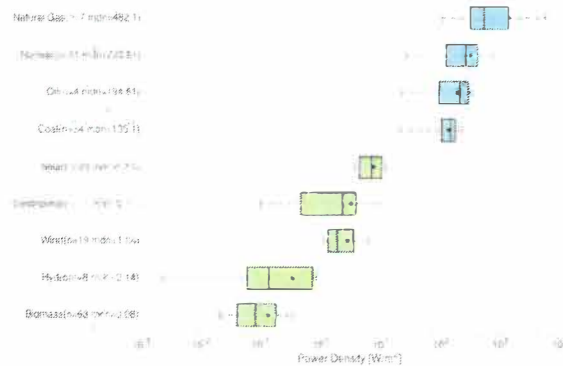
RE: Rocky Mountain Power Rate Filing

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to object to the proposed rate increases filed by Rocky Mountain Power. As a ratepayer, I reject that notion that the transformation to "low-cost, clean energy" claim made in their filing. It defies the law of physics to claim that wind and solar power generation is efficient or low cost. Every kilowatt of power generated by renewable power is a power management nightmare because it is variable in generation. Moreover the return on capital is horrendous because of the maintenance and replacement requirements of both wind and solar. No one speaks to the ecological foot print that wind and solar requires to generate power and then the new transmission lines required to move the power from generation sites to user sites. Has Rocky Mountain power considered the ecological impact of having to dispose of the blades used to generate wind power? They have to be buried because they cannot be recycled.

As ratepayer I should not be required to pay for management decisions that adversely impact the ratepayers and the economic health of the public traded company. It is patently wrong and furthermore gives the "fixed income" subscribers limited options.

Lastly, commissioners should understand that every kilowatt hour of renewable energy needs to be backed up with a secondary source of power generation known as "base" load power. Historically, this is where coal and nuclear played an important role. More renewables, bigger environmental footprint while producing less energy per geographic area! The illustration effectively shows this and will result in more rolling brownouts and blackouts.



Please reject the proposed increases made by "myopic" leadership team at Rocky Mountain Power.

Sincerely,

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# Rocky Mountain Power rate filing reflects low-cost, clean energy transformation

Rocky Mountain Power filed a request with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to implement its long-term plan to modernize how the company produces, transports and delivers electricity to power Idaho's future.

Beginning in 2022, the proposed new rates would result in an increase of \$19 million or 7% for customers overall. On average, residential customers would see an increase of about \$10.32 per month.

The Idaho commission will examine Rocky Mountain Power's requests and will determine whether the request should be accepted as filed, modified, or rejected. The rate change ordered by the commission would take effect on January 1, 2022. Rocky Mountain Power's initial request proposes the following changes by rate schedule:

Proposed Price Change - Effective Jan. 1, 2022	
Residential - Schedule 1	9.2%
Residential - Schedule 36	10.0%
General Service - Schedule 6	9.4%
General Service - Schedule 9	8.1%
Irrigation - Schedule 10	6.7%
General Service - Schedule 23	4.9%
General Service - Schedule 35	9.4%
Public Street Lighting	-38.6%
Contract - Schedule 400	4.9%
Overall Increase	7.0%

The public may comment on the proposal as the commission studies the company's request. A copy of the company's application is available for public review on the commission's website, [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov), under Case No. PAC-E-21-07. Customers may also subscribe to the commission's RSS feed to receive periodic updates via email. The request is also available at the company's offices in Rexburg, Preston, Shelley and Montpelier, or on the web at <https://www.rockymountainpower.net/about/rates-regulation/idaho-regulatory-filings.html>.

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