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RE: Case No. PAC-E-22-15

IPU Commission:

I am writing to express my opposition to the Rocky Mountain Power request to change their Electric Service Schedule. I am very troubled at the multiple and ever more frequent request to adjust electrical rates. The current proposal to change the Residential Service and Electric Service Schedule. The proposal once again reflects the ill-advised decisions to embrace solar and wind power generation while phasing out "steady state" coal and natural gas power generation. It also reflects the overzealous efforts to force the population to convert to electric powered vehicles.

Rate payers who do not have solar power or electric vehicles SHOULD NOT be subsidizing or having to pay additional charges for the choices of other rate payers. Those who choose to install solar and have electric vehicles should pay a different rate than those who have chosen not to invest in this variable electrical power generation or to replace their fossil fuel vehicles with an electric vehicle that they charge at home with subsidized solar/wind electrical power. Rocky Mtn. Power is simply attempting to convert from a use-based rate to a large "fixed-base" monthly charge component that has nothing to do with rate payer usage! That is not what utilities were created for under their monopolistic authority. Among other things, the IPU Commission was established to ensure that utilities electrical charges would remain accessible and affordable to the across the spectrum of the populace in the service area.

I am disappointed with Rocky Mountain Power and its management and their business approach. Rather than invest in the most efficient and lowest cost source of power generation they are pursuing a very, very risky renewable power generation approach that is taking eastern Idaho into the same vulnerability that is being experienced in California—ever increasing electrical rates and declining power grid reliability! Is that what the IPU Commission wants for Idaho? When will the IPU Commission wake up to the insanity of the electrical utilities providing power to Idaho communities?

I strongly express my disapproval of the proposed rate increases and schedule changes.

Sincerely,



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Rocky Mountain Power proposes to modernize residential prices

On October 20, 2022, Rocky Mountain Power filed a request with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission proposing to modernize its prices for residential customers.

Residential rates contain two components, a fixed monthly customer service charge and an energy rate or price per kilowatt-hour. The utility proposes a gradual transition over five years to increase the customer service charge for the two residential rate schedules, which will allow energy charges to be reduced. The change is proposed for Electric Service Schedule No. 1 – Residential Service, and Electric Service Schedule No. 36 – Optional Time-of-Day Residential Service.

For Schedule 1, Rocky Mountain Power proposes to gradually increase the current \$8 per month customer service charge to \$29.25 per month over five years. At the same time energy charges will be lowered accordingly, keeping the overall revenue coming to the utility the same. The company proposes the first change, from \$8 to \$12.25 for Schedule 1, with subsequent changes annually for the next four years. These changes must be approved by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

If approved, the table below shows how the customer service charge would increase over the five-year transition for **Residential Schedule 1 customers**, and how energy charges would be reduced accordingly.

Transition Year	Summer Season		Winter Season		Customer Service Charge
	First Tier Energy Charge (\$/MWh)	Second Tier Energy Charge (\$/MWh)	First Tier Energy Charge (\$/MWh)	Second Tier Energy Charge (\$/MWh)	
Present	11.1966	13.0999	9.3305	10.9165	\$8.00
1	10.6887	12.2114	8.9073	10.1761	\$12.25
2	10.1809	11.3229	8.4841	9.4357	\$16.50
3	9.6731	10.4344	8.0609	8.6953	\$20.75
4	9.1652	9.5459	7.6377	7.9549	\$25.00
5	8.6574	8.6574	7.2145	7.2145	\$29.25

For **Schedule 36, Time-of-Use residential customers**, the transition is detailed below:

Transition Year	Summer Season		Winter Season		Customer Service Charge
	On-Peak Energy Charge (\$/MWh)	Off-Peak Energy Charge (\$/MWh)	On-Peak Energy Charge (\$/MWh)	Off-Peak Energy Charge (\$/MWh)	
Present	15.2201	5.3672	13.0395	4.9346	\$15.00
1	14.8656	5.2422	12.7359	4.8196	\$17.75
2	14.5112	5.1172	12.4322	4.7047	\$20.75
3*	15.5632	4.9922	13.3335	4.5898	\$23.50
4	15.1420	4.8672	12.9726	4.4749	\$26.50
5	14.7738	4.7423	12.6572	4.3600	\$29.25

*On-peak period and seasons change in year three of the transition period.

For customers taking service on Standard Residential Schedule 1, tiered rates that penalize customers with higher prices for monthly energy usage over 700 kWh in the summer season and over 1,000 kWh in the winter season would be phased out over the transition period.

For customers taking service on Time of Day Schedule 36, the request also includes updates in the third year of the transition to shorten the on-peak period, better aligning the on-peak and off-peak periods with today's costs of providing energy.

For most customers, the change to their monthly bill will be less than a dollar in each of the annual price changes. The most a customer's monthly bill would increase would be about \$4 in any of the annual price changes during the transition. Generally for customers who use more energy than average, their bills would decrease.

The Idaho commission will examine Rocky Mountain Power's request and will determine whether the request should be accepted as filed, modified, or rejected.

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, under Case No. PAC-E-22-15. 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 RockyMountainPower.net/Rates.

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