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Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 7:01 AM
To: Jan Noriyuki <jan.noriyuki@puc.idaho.gov>
Subject: Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: rocky mountain

Case ID: PAC-E-22-15

Comment: "Its all a charade. The decision to euphemistically "modernize" the rate structure has already been made. It'll pass unanimously just like Intermountain gas rate increase was approved. Intermountain asked, and was handed a rate increase of their weighted average cost of gas, WACOG, based on the price of natural gas at the time and forecast into the future around \$9 per BTU, British Thermal Unit. Bt natural gas spot price closed today, 3/29/23 at \$1.98. But this commission approved that rate increase for their corporate buddies. The "meetings" and "comments" are just your chance to scream into a vacuum. The truth is they don't care about anything that you think. Don't like the price hike? Move and sell your home to richer people who they really want living here. They bring the money, which is what they really want. They don't care about you at all. They care about newcomers who bring their money with them. The fixed customer service charge over 5 years is a 253%. increase while the Winter usage charge decreases by -23%. Ya know, when you really need electric heat. The summer usage charge decreases by -22%. So no matter how you differentiate between fixed and variable costs, its around a 225% increase in electric cost over 5 years. In all FIXED COSTS. That means you have no ability to control how much electricity you use and pay for. Its all just another corporate money grab and the "commission" is going to sell you down the river just like they did with intermountain gas. Don't like it? sell your house to some californians. Thats the people they want living here anyway. Not you. "

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kara Denning (kararenee2782@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message
<kwautomail@phone2action.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 12:10 PM
To: Jan Noriyuki <jan.noriyuki@puc.idaho.gov>
Subject: PAC-E-22-15 Rocky Mountain Power Rates

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Dear Idaho Public Utilities Commission,

please understand that feeding our families has become hard, having a roof over our heads extremely hard and now to keep our families warm during idaho falls winters? please don?t raise prices to keep our families warm. Thank you, kara denning

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission should reject Rocky Mountain Power?s proposal to nearly quadruple customers? fixed charge. A \$30 fixed charge is far out of line with comparable utilities in the state and creates a rate structure that incentivizes energy waste, harms low-income and low-usage customers, and increases the overall cost of our utility grid.

By reducing the value of a kilowatt?hour saved or self?generated, a higher fixed charge directly reduces the incentive that customers have to invest in energy efficiency or distributed generation. Customers who have already invested in energy efficiency or distributed generation will be harmed by the reduced value of their investments. With little incentive to save, customers may actually increase their energy consumption and states will have to spend more to achieve the same levels of energy efficiency savings and distributed generation. Where electricity demand rises, utilities will need to invest in new power plants, power lines, and substations, thereby raising electricity costs for all customers.

Data from the Energy Information Administration show that in nearly every state, low?income customers consume less electricity than other residential customers, on average. Because fixed charges tend to increase bills for low?usage customers while decreasing them for high?use customers, fixed charges raise bills most for those who can least afford the increase.

High fixed charges, such as the one Rocky Mountain Power is proposing, create an unfair, inefficient rate structure. Please reject Rocky Mountain Power?s proposal to increase rates to \$29.25 per month per customer.

Sincerely,

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From: Dameon Hansen (hansendameon@yahoo.com) Sent You a Personal Message
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To: Jan Noriyuki <jan.noriyuki@puc.idaho.gov>

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Name of Utility Company: Rocky Mountain Power

Case ID: PAC-E-22-15

Comment: "The Proposal to Modernize Residential Rates is a total scam by Rocky Mountain Power. It will only reward EXCESSIVE POWER USERS with cheaper power costs and PUNISH the MIDDLE CLASS, the OLD, the POOR and people who are trying to CONSERVE our resources to save this planet. This proposal shows the greed of Rocky Mountain Power Corporation. They are only looking out for the fat cats and themselves. Rocky Mountain Power has no conscience on what is fair to the majority of the population. If you want to be fair, raise the rates on the power abusers, like the present system is set up to do right now. According to their proposal, by year 5, the ABUSERS will be paying no more costs per KWA than the lowest power users. If you approve this rate change, it only shows that you are not looking out for the good of the people as you were appointed to do. I hope you take this to heart and do the right thing and reject this proposal from Rocky Mountain Power. I have made up an Excel spread sheet based on my own personal usage. It clearly shows the abuse of this proposal which it will inflict on the majority of its customers. It shows an average of over 9% increase yearly and a 59% increase over the 5 years. I am willing to send it to you if you really want to know the truth."

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