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Comment: "On March 14,2023 I attended the workshop held in Idaho Falls on the so called "Residential Modernization Rate Plan". Before attending I reviewed my past two years electrical usage/bills. Through some very extensive calculations I came to the conclusion that this proposed rate change will be detrimental to those like myself who are low KWH users. My home's living space and hot water are heated with natural gas. My peak KWH usage falls at about 800 KWH one month in the heat of the summer when my well runs significantly longer necessary to water my lawn. At that point the proposed rate plan would be a "break even" for me compared to what I'm paying now. My average monthly usage falls around 580 KWH. Therefore, the proposed rate plan would cause a significant increase in my electrical costs. Due to the current administration's "war on fossil fuels" those of us using natural gas are already experiencing record high gas prices. This proposed rate plan would cause undo burden to those of us who are low KWH users, many who are retirees living on fixed incomes, with no incentive for conservation measures. It would seem logical that those who use the most electricity, that don't necessarily practice conservation measures, be responsible for any necessary rate increases. If Rocky mountain needs to change their rate schedules I suggest they find a plan that works for everyone, that doesn't punish or unduly burden those who are making efforts to conserve, or those who can least afford it. I have read all the other comments posted on this proposal and am in agreement with most of them that, this is not a good plan for most of Rocky Mountains low KWH users. Since Rocky Mountain has a monopoly over most of it's customers, we have little recourse to increased rate proposals except through the PUC. It seems past proposed rate increases have all been approved. I personally hope that the members of the Idaho PUC when deciding on this proposal will make their decision based on the needs of the Idaho taxpayers and not on the wishes of Pacific Corp's shareholders. I appreciated the opportunity to attend the workshop in March and look forward to attending the hearing on April 18th in Idaho Falls. I plan on commenting there in addition to these comments. Respectfully submitted, Brett Parkinson "

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