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From: Samuel Dahlin ([dahlinism@gmail.com](mailto:dahlinism@gmail.com)) Sent You a Personal Message

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Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 7:37 PM

To: Jan Noriyuki <[jan.noriyuki@puc.idaho.gov](mailto:jan.noriyuki@puc.idaho.gov)>

Subject: PAC-E-22-15 Rocky Mountain Power Rates

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Sincerely,

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Today's high inflation, unaffordable housing and expensive FOOD is making it difficult for Idahoans to pay their current utilities, much less such a large increase. Please don't allow Rocky Mountain Power increase its fixed fee at this time. Thank you.

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Sincerely,

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Dear Idaho Public Utilities Commission,

As if the ridiculously over priced housing market wasn't enough, now you want to QUADRUPLE your rates. Seems a little crazy to me. Do you understand energy efficiency and fair rates, or do you just want to continue to line some fat cats pockets?

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Sincerely,

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Dear Idaho Public Utilities Commission,

This proposed rate hike makes no sense for the utility customers. It only means more profit for Rocky Mountain Power, which they don't really need or deserve.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 9:51 PM  
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Sincerely,

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<[kwautomail@phone2action.com](mailto:kwautomail@phone2action.com)>  
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 5:50 AM  
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Sincerely,

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**From:** PUCWeb Notification <[Do.Not.Reply@puc.idaho.gov](mailto:Do.Not.Reply@puc.idaho.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2023 7:01 AM  
**To:** Jan Noriyuki <[jan.noriyuki@puc.idaho.gov](mailto: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 Power

Case ID: PAC-E-22-15

Comment: "Dear Idaho Public Utilities Commission, I would like to express my concerns with the "rate modernization plan" proposed by Berkshire Hathaway's PacifiCorp. I feel increasing the monthly service charge by 366% over a relatively short period of five years is overly burdensome and unreasonable, particularly for smaller and lower income households and those who have based their decision to install solar panels upon having relatively stable fixed monthly charges. While I understand the need to re-balance the utility's sources of revenue, I believe an annual increase of 15% (rather than the 30% average annual increase proposed for schedule 1) would be much more reasonable and justified. For example, I feel fixed monthly charges of \$9.20 for year 1, \$10.60 for year 2, \$12.20 for year 3, \$14.00 for year 4, and \$16.10 for year 5 would be both fair and in the interest of the Idaho public who would be more readily able to adapt to the changes. This would allow PacifiCorp to more than double over five years the amount of fixed revenue they bring in while providing sufficient time for customers to adjust. Both the great state of Idaho (through statute 63-3022C, the "Idaho Residential Alternative Energy Tax Deduction") and federal programs have encouraged the installation of systems and devices that take

advantage of solar radiation, wind, geothermal, and some biomass resources for supplementing energy needs. By distributing electricity generation over a wider geographical range we increase the strength and resilience of the grid. By encouraging the installation and maintenance of renewable energy sources, we reduce pollution and help conserve the environment for future generations. In contrast to their assertion that "Rocky Mountain Power supports the desire of its customers for a sustainable environment for future generations," it appears they have a goal to discourage customer generation and solidify dependence on and increased use of their product. In November 2020 (through Case No. PAC-E-19-08), they closed schedule 135 and replaced it with schedule 136, a rate schedule less favorable to customer generation. With this current order, they seem to be once again discouraging customer generation in addition to reducing the incentive to conserve and reduce power consumption by hastily converting a significant portion of their usage-based revenue into fixed revenue. I find it ironic that Mr. Meredith justifies the elimination of tiered rates by stating "A large household with a lot of people living under one roof will be more likely to have usage in the higher second block rate than a person living alone. Effectively, inclining block rates unfairly reward some customers and punish others, often for reasons outside the customer's control." While there is merit to that argument, similar justification can be used to argue against the large increases in fixed monthly fees he has proposed. Large fixed monthly fees also unfairly reward some customers (large households) while punishing others (smaller households, those who wish to conserve energy, or those with their own generation methods). I disagree with his assertion that recovering costs through usage-based energy charges "results in larger customers who use more energy subsidizing smaller customers who use less energy." Indeed, I believe it is quite fair and just to charge users based the degree to which they use the service provided. I believe most people would agree it is fair and just for someone who buys twice as much gasoline as their neighbor to pay twice as much for the increased usage and that this higher cost shouldn't be considered a form of subsidy. So while I largely agree with the elimination of blocked tiered rates, I do not believe that increasing fixed charges at the speed proposed is just or reasonable. Thank you for your consideration, Kit Menlove Idaho Falls, ID"

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