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April 30, 2003

Re: Idaho Power Company proposed rate reduction

Dear Commission Members:

I write to comment on Idaho Power Company's proposed rate reduction for electrical rates for the period May 16, 2003 to May 15, 2004. Caldwell Professional Center Inc. (CPCI) is a small commercial user of electricity at its office building in Caldwell, Idaho.

CPCI approves the rate reduction, but urges the Commission to make the reduction "just and reasonable." The rate reduction for small commercial users is only 11%, while large commercial users will receive a 24.7% reduction. Is this "just and reasonable"?

According to a recent article in a leading nationwide newspaper, small businesses are "vital to economic growth because they create most new jobs." It is in the "public interest" to encourage small commercial users by reducing their electric rates by the same percentage as large commercial users. To do so would level the competitive playing field and encourage small commercial users to expand their businesses and to hire new workers. This would stimulate the Idaho economy at a higher level than the present rate structure. Idaho's economy is currently in a recession and needs stimulation from every source, including electrical rates.

CPCI requests the Commission to consider all relevant factors in reaching a decision on the reduction of electrical rates and to make a decision that is "just and reasonable" to small commercial users and in the "public interest."

Sincerely yours,

*Wayne P. Fuller*

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Corporate Secretary

cc: Wm. J. Brauner, CPCI President