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Comment description: IPC's PCA, Bennett Mtn., and tax adjustment rate cases should be deferred or denied outright. Something is structurally wrong when IPC requires "rate relief" every year. If IPC needs to ask for a moratorium on new construction for a period of time to get its supply in line with existing demand, then so be it.

Those of us who have lived here for years are being continually asked to foot the bills for all the new customers IPC has signed on. These are the people who should pay a surcharge for new power production facilities, such as Bennett Mtn. This idea is not dissimilar to impact fees charged by the City of Boise to developers. New IPC customers should be paying impact fees to defer the incremental cost of providing new generation capability.

Speaking as an agricultural irrigator, yearly increases in power costs will soon put me and other pumpers out of business. I cannot continue to pass on my increased irrigation charges to downstream buyers. If I then have to eat the increased cost of production, I will be left with no profitability. Irrigators, at least, should be exempt from additional near-term rate increases. It is far easier for commercial and industrial electricity users to defray increased costs. Residential consumption is minimal enough so as not to be crippling. Let non-irrigation users bear the near-term costs for whatever the IPUC determines is fair rate relief for IPC. And make new IPC clients pay surcharges for the problems arising from their entry into the IPC market.

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