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A Comment from Charles Dickson follows:

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Idaho Power is currently seeking approval of yet more rate/cost adjustment requests. One, the FCA, which the Company seeks to make permanent. Two, the AMI, which concerns 'smart metering' technology. Three, which concerns pension funding. These are all issues that should be funded by the Company, not the consumer. I'm particularly concerned about the first two, which will be funded almost entirely by residential and small general service customers. I think, in view of current economic conditions, that most Idaho customers, particularly residential and small business, cannot afford any additional costs placed on them for basic necessities to which they are a 'captive market'. This will further reduce and impair economic recovery and growth in Idaho, and needlessly burden already struggling consumers.

I find it ironic that Idaho Power openly encourages energy conservation and efficiency improvements by its customers, then expects to be reimbursed for the revenues lost in the process, and the costs incurred to implement the programs. It sends a clear message to us that there is little point in trying to conserve, since we still pay. It's just re-categorized, and called something else.

I have personally spent many years and a great deal of money to reduce my energy costs, only to find them escalating every year, no matter what I do. I am not rewarded, I am charged for the efforts. And my power is still delivered over the same transmission lines and through the same meter that I had 20 years ago.

And what about the ever-expanding customer base? Perhaps we need more competition in this marketplace, so that Idaho Power will also become more competitive, and be willing to fund their own cost-saving and efficiency programs, which is the way most businesses are operated. At any rate, I urge you to not approve the requests at this time. Or, at the very least, reduce the amounts that Idaho Power is seeking.

Thank you.

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