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3932 Leland Way
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April 4, 2010

Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P. O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0074

Sirs;

Enclosed is a copy of the insert in my last bill for March and that bill.

My reaction is-- "Oh, boo-hoo, poor Idaho Power. Poor United Water, poor Qwest and Allied Waste. All these POOR companies have asked for raises for no increase in service. Only Intermountain Gas has been a good steward of the natural gas resource and price according to what they pay. United Water asks ever more for water they don't own and for infrastructure that we in old parts of the city and county derive NO BENEFIT from. Allied Waste forces us to use monstrosities for trash cans even though all our weekly trash fills ONLY ½ of a grocery bag. And they are running the recycling centers into the ground by this not sort recycling because the centers receive less for non-sorted recyclables. Allied Waste wants paid for no service when we have no trash to put out. They refuse to even consider that we older folks who live alone only NEED to place out trash perhaps on a MONTHLY basis therefore our service charges should match that. And poor old Qwest raised my bill this year. YET, YET, the Feds say that there is NO INFLATION therefore we on Social Security as our only income got no increase. But here comes good old, greedy Idaho Power wanting the ratepayer to give them more for their giveaway to the wealthy programs." That, folks, is my feeling to this money grab every year by this company.

We have been hounded for several years now to CONSERVE power and THEREFORE REDUCE our costs. Many of us who exist on shoestring budgets have cut back about as far as we can go without going to live in the streets. Yet here comes Idaho Power with this Fixed Cost Adjustment (FCA). Now, since people have conserved and cut back in their power usage in order to save money, Idaho Power thinks that they are entitled to have us pay for something we DON'T USE so they can keep high profits to give to the wealthy. If this is going to be the case then I think I'll just use a lot more and waste as many of my neighbors do now. IF I must pay for something I don't use then I may as well waste away. I DO NOT see that this is anything but highway robbery committed to us citizens who have done as asked and now, having done so will be punished for using less mainly because we have no money to do otherwise!

As to the smart meters, those were forced upon us also. As to having "detailed access to their usage, and will eventually be able to become more energy efficient and save money by adjusting their usage..." well I have no detail of my usage. I was told that I could see what each appliance uses on this meter. Well, I have looked at this supposedly "smart meter" and all I have ever seen is a constant number that is there all the time no matter what appliance is running. If several appliances ran at once that number is there all month. With the old wheel I might not have a number but I could have an idea if the

appliance was using a whole lot, moderate or little amounts by the speed. This thing tells me nothing at all.

These meters were forced upon us because it was supposed to reduce Idaho Power's cost by dumping their meter readers. Now they want us to pay for something that provides no added benefits to the consumer but will give Idaho Power control over our meters and power at any whim on their part. If they wish to cut off our power they can. No matter that we may be ill or that we may be canning or baking bread or even cooking our meals. So why in the hell should we be paying for something we didn't want and never needed??? They want additional revenue now when the claim was that they were saving money. PRETTY STRAGE ACCOUNTING IF YOU ASK ME!

And WHY IN THE HELL SHOULD WE, THE CONSUMER, PAY FOR SOMEONE ELSE'S FAT RETIREMENT WHEN WE HAVE NONE????? You will never answer that I know but that isn't right in anyone's book.

I know you are too cowardly to reply. I just wish Perry Swisher were still here. At least he looked out for the consumer and not just for the wealthy corporations.

Sincerely disgusted and made poor by the greedy,



Mrs. Sandra R. Hickstein

Important Information About Your Bill

Idaho Power is committed to providing energy efficiency initiatives and programs for our customers. This partnership with customers demonstrates our commitment to securing our energy future in the communities we serve. Meeting these commitments requires periodic filings with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC) and sometimes involves changing the rates we all pay for electric service.

Idaho Power filed three requests with the IPUC on March 15 which may affect your rates. Two of these rate actions expand our energy efficiency activities and underscore our commitment to helping our customers increase their energy efficiency, providing more opportunity for them to control their electric energy usage and costs.

Fixed Cost Adjustment (FCA)

The FCA is a pilot program designed to allow Idaho Power to invest in energy efficiency programs and activities without experiencing negative financial impacts. The program achieves this by reimbursing the company when it doesn't recover its commission-authorized fixed costs of providing energy due to reduced energy consumption encouraged through energy efficiency. Idaho Power has applied with the IPUC to make the FCA permanent.

The FCA annually adjusts residential and small general service customer electric rates up or down. If, because of reduced energy use during the year, Idaho Power under-collects the authorized fixed cost amount, it can collect the difference through a surcharge. If the company over-collects the authorized amount, it refunds the difference to customers through a credit.

During 2009, Idaho Power's energy use per customer decreased, in part due to increased energy efficiency; the company under-collected fixed costs from both residential and small general service customers. The filing proposes to collect \$6.3 million for one year, or an additional \$3.6 million over currently billed amounts. Beginning June 1, the company proposes to receive an additional 0.1218 cents/kilowatt-hour (kWh) from residential customers and 0.1535 cents/kWh from the small general service class.

Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)

Responding to a changing technological environment and past directives from the IPUC, Idaho Power continues to install advanced

metering infrastructure (AMI), including smart meters, for customers across its service area. This technology will provide enhanced customer and environmental benefits, reduce operating costs associated with meter reading and improve meter reading accuracy, outage monitoring and restoration.

Customers with smart meters currently have detailed access to their usage, and will eventually be able to become more energy efficient and save money by adjusting their usage to take advantage of lower price periods. Smart meters also will allow more customers to participate in more energy efficiency and peak demand reduction programs.

If approved, this action will increase residential, small business and irrigation customers' rates uniformly by 0.41 percent over base rates, and will produce an estimated \$2.4 million in additional revenue per year.

Pension Funding

Pensions help Idaho Power attract and retain high quality employees, ensuring our ability to provide customers reliable, responsible, fair-priced electric service on-demand.

The IPUC has acknowledged that it is appropriate for Idaho Power to request rate recovery for reasonably and prudently incurred cash contributions for pension expenses. This would be recovered through a uniform base rate increase of 0.77 percent or \$5.4 million.

Overall Impact of These Actions

If approved, these requests collectively will have differing impacts on the rates paid by our customers. The table below shows the average percentage change in amounts currently billed:

	Residential Service	Small General Service	Large General Service	Large Power Service	Irrigation Service	Overall Change
AMI	0.34%	0.35%	0.28%	0.09%	0.30%	0.37%
Pension Funding	0.41%	0.41%	0.41%	0.41%	0.41%	0.41%
Fixed Cost Adjustment	0.96%	1.24%	1.53%	1.81%	2.10%	1.26%
Overall Change	1.75%	2.00%	2.22%	2.31%	2.81%	1.26%

For a typical residential customer using 1,050 kWh of energy each month, the monthly bill would increase by \$1.59 per month during June, July and August and by \$1.53 during non-summer months.

Idaho Power's applications are filings open to public review and comment and subject to IPUC approval. They are available on the company's Web page at www.idahopower.com/idahoratefilings or at the commission's Web page at www.puc.state.id.us. Copies also are available at Idaho Power offices or at the IPUC office in Boise.

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 PO BOX 70, Boise, ID 83707
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 Se habla español
 For faster service please call
 Tuesday - Friday 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Customer Name: WALT & SANDRA HICKSTEIN
 Account Number: 5592233165
 Billing Date: 03/25/2010
 Print Date: 03/25/2010

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Service Agreement No: 7508421429

Next Read Date: 04/22/2010

Service Location: 3932 LELAND WAY/BOISE, ID

Meter Number	Service Period		Number of Days	Reading Type	Meter Readings		Meter Constant	kWh Used
	From	To			Previous	Current		
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Billing kW	BLC
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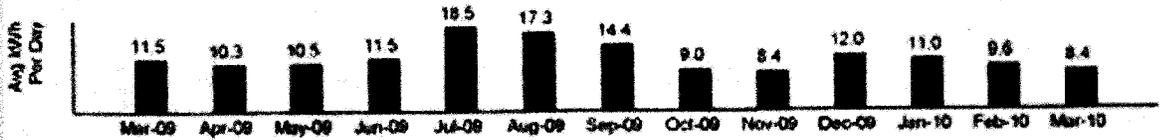
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02/22/2010 - 03/23/2010 29 days

Service Charge	\$4.00
Non-Summer Energy Charge 0-800 kWh @ \$0.056953 per kWh	\$14.01
PCA @ \$0.014022 per kWh	\$3.45
Energy Efficiency Services	\$0.99
Current Charges - Electric Service	\$22.45

CR = Credit kWh = Kilowatt-hour PCA = Power Cost Adjustment kW = Kilowatt BLC = Basic Load Capacity G = Generation

Your Electric
 Use Pattern



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 BOISE, ID 83707

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ACCOUNT NUMBER: 5592233165
 DUE DATE: 04/09/2010
 PLEASE PAY: \$22.45

Amount Enclosed

\$ 22.45

Please write your account number on your check
 or money order made payable to Idaho Power.

Project Share pledge,
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