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Re: IPC-E-10-06, E-10-07, E-10-08

Dear Commissioners,

I agree with the premise that the PUC serves the public interest and it is not in the public's interest to have utilities that do not have the generation, transmission and distribution infrastructure to provide safe, adequate and reliable service to their customers. Customers should pay a reasonable rate for those services.

Our family has consistently reduced our electricity usage as is shown in the billing and usage chargs supplied by Idaho Power to Chris Hecht of the PUC. The problem is that the rate increases granted by the commission generate more revenue for less power usage.

For example, comparing our KWH for the first four months of 2010 with 2009 on meter 75359249, our usage was down 17%. The billing went down 2%. On meter 75360551 for the same four month period, usage went down 23% while the billing went down only 10%.

For the fourth quarter of 2009, IdaCorp reported its revenues increased 17% while it's profit more than tripled. The common stock of the company has been reaching new highs on a weekly basis. This is occurring as a result of the PUC allowing outsized rate increases over what should be considered a normal return.

Is the commission able to modify these constant rate requests which are generating huge profits on the backs of the customers? I am anxious to see how these new requests are handled. Relief for the consumer or more large profit gains for IdaCorp.

Please bring the rates to a level where you meet the goal mandated to the Commission of a fair return to IdaCorp and a reasonable rate for the consumer.

Very Truly Yours

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As I wrote before, I do not think it is up to the ratepayers to pay higher rates just because we have saved on electric use mainly because our pocketbooks are empty but also because we are urged to save power so that we can SAVE on our power bill. Then when we do reduce use, then it is deemed right and proper to then hit us with a surcharge for reducing consumption. Many find this rather a slap in the face and more of the usual corporate greed to give top execs high pay to do nothing but dream up more ways to stab ratepayers in the back. And to also give the stockholders money that they have not earned.

People don't come to meetings or write for the simple reason that they know that no matter what they say, the Commission has already made up their mind to give to whatever corporation is asking for ever more money the rate increases asked for.

Nor do most of us, who have next to nothing and never had a pension plan nor could we save for a pension, believe that we should pay for pension for somebody else just because we are forced to use a service i.e. electricity. Pension payments should come from the profits of the company and Idaho Power makes plenty, what with rate increases every year.

Meantime we, the ratepayers, get a decrease in pay or no pay each year. Perhaps Idaho Power ought to tighten their collective belts just as we poorer folks have to do. We soon will be squeezed to death, as we will have nothing left to tighten. All the while we are being told how low the rates are for Idaho Power compared to elsewhere. It is hardly a true comparison as our pay here in no way matches the pay elsewhere. While we lowly janitors here made \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00/year, the same job in New York or Chicago paid \$60,000.00 to \$80,000.00. As a cousin in New York City tells me, he makes \$33.00/hour as a desk clerk. I doubt anyone here makes that amount for any jobs.

So, no, most folk don't see that a rate hike is needed again and again and again year after year. First it was fixed cost, then it is pensions, and meters that we did not need nor ask for and now surcharges. What's next? A surcharge to pay those poor execs so they can use the bathroom? Or because they have a cell phone that we can't afford? Enough already. It is time that they hold the line and stop asking ratepayer to pay costs that should either come from profits or cut the fat pay to the execs just like the rest of us got.

I know this is a waste of time but I want to have my say. Many feel the same way but won't speak up as it is a useless exercise.

Sincerely disgusted with the greed,

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