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**From:** ccmcandrew@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 29, 2010 7:33 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from James McAndrew follows:

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Case Number: All present requests by Idaho Power to increase rates and associated residential customer charges. *IPC-E-10-06, IPC-E-10-07, IPC-E-10-08*  
Name: James McAndrew  
Address: 551 South University Ave.  
City: Blackfoot  
State: ID  
Zip: 83221  
Daytime Telephone: 208-785-6296  
Contact E-Mail: [ccmcandrew@hotmail.com](mailto:ccmcandrew@hotmail.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Company Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:  
Dear Idaho Public Utility Commissioners:

I again find myself with the urge to write you about Idaho Power Company's latest moves to come to the money trough of residential customers, who already pay among the highest rates, fees, charges and costs associated with the operation of this utility.

Although, I have a difficult time citing the myriad of rate hike requests by Idaho Power that are before the IPUC, I would like to address the following; Fixed Cost Adjustment (FCA), Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), Pension Funding, Energy Efficiency Services Charge and Advertising.

- 1) Fixed Cost Adjustment (FCA) - I understand this is a pilot program that Idaho Power wants to make permanent. I don't believe this should be allowed, as I would like to see the company continue to justify its position regarding this issue.
- 2) Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) - We all know that the so-called 'smart meters' will allow Idaho Power to charge more for electricity, once the meters are in place and the company can record real-time electricity usage. But why is Idaho Power wanting me and other customers to pay for this? Such a system will obviously be a cost-savings move for the company, as meter readers won't be required to make monthly visits where the meters are present. Idaho Power should use the money saved from having fewer meter readers, plus money from their capital improvement coffers to fund this meter system, rather than throwing it on ratepayers' backs.
- 3) Pension Funding - I find it a joke that Idaho Power has asked and I need to address this one. Idaho Power wants me to pay for contributions to their employees' pension fund? C'mon. I'll simply leave this one for you commissioners to decide.
- 4) Advertising - It is really upsetting to open the newspapers and see Idaho Power advertising on a regular basis. I can understand getting the word out, every once in a while, on safety issues like overhead and/or underground power lines. But self-serving issues like highlighting teachers and other mundane subjects in newspaper advertisements, simply to get the 'Idaho Power' name out there, is self-centered and certainly not financially prudent.

Idaho Power is the only game in town. It's not like they need to advertise to keep me and others from going elsewhere for electricity!

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to address these issues. I trust you will do your best when reaching final decisions on these matters.

Sincerely,

James McAndrew

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>  
IP address is 75.174.116.160

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**From:** jesse\_1042@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 27, 2010 4:01 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Jesse green follows:

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Case Number: idaho power rate increase  
Name: Jesse green  
Address: 2502 S. Black Cat Rd.  
City: Kuna  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83634  
Daytime Telephone: 922 1974  
Contact E-Mail: [jesse\\_1042@yahoo.com](mailto:jesse_1042@yahoo.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Add to Mailing List:

Please describe your comment briefly:

I am strongly against any rate increase for idaho power as my electric bill has went from \$91 a month in 2002 to \$261 a month. I understand this is in part because they went to a tiered rate schedule that disproportionately affect people like my self that heats with a heat pump because natural gas is not available. I strongly feel we should not be indiscriminately singled out to pay such high rates when we have little or no other choice.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>  
IP address is 174.19.153.180

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