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From: 1cw@cableone.com
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2012 11:19 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Charles Whitmire follows:

Case Number: IPUC-E-11-19
Name: Charles Whitmire
Address:
City: Pocatello
State: Idaho
Zip: 83201
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: 1cw@cableone.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

How can anyone justify raising the price of ANY commodity because they are not selling enough of that commodity. The voters of Idaho should not be penalized for being conservative. The main reason, we the people, for the people, by the people are being conservative is simply because we can NOT afford the cost of electricity NOW. It is not the consumers fault that Idaho Power did not build their own power plants along time ago. Idaho Power has a monopoly now on electricity. There is no other place I can buy it. They do not use ANY Union Labor therefore forcing me to subsidize a workforce that does substandard work with no benefits or retirement. The only entity that stands between poor people on fixed incomes & unemployed people in a standstill economy is YOU THREE BOARD MEMBERS (TWO REPUBLICANS AND ONE DEMOCRAT) on the IPUC Board appointed by Governor Butch Otter. Please protect us Idaho VOTERS from the greedy Idaho Power Company. Thank You.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
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From: thompsonj5@msn.com
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2012 5:23 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Jim Thmpson follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-11-19
Name: Jim Thmpson
Address:
City: Rigby
State: ID
Zip:
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: thompsonj5@msn.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

Per an article in the POST Register, Thursday, February 23, 2012 by Sven Berg, it is my understanding that the 'customer base', at the bidding of the 'Utilities'; reduces their consumption of electricity, probably by putting in TOD meters, scrimping on heat and trying to only use power between the hours of 10PM to 7AM(off peak time). The 'Utilities' saves electricity overall and especially at peak hour times 7AM to 10PM(peak hours), but indicates that it is losing money because the customer base is not paying as much as it was before they started to conserve energy so the PUC compensates the 'Utilities' for their 'loss' using the Fixed Cost Adjustment Program(your tax dollars).

WHAT IS WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

The customer base ends up paying the same amount of money for less power and the 'utilities' revenues increase after it collects the original amount, ie. Fixed Cost Adjustment(your tax dollars) plus the power bill from the customer base. Since the Utilities' cannot just dump the excess power it gained from the conservation of its customers it is fairly safe to assume that it sells the excess power on the grid.

Rocky Mountain Power a Utah based company, uses the same philosophy and the PUC recently granted them a big increase so it follows that we probably should subsidize Idaho Power too. It appears as if the PUC is once again not acting in the best interests of the public that it was commissioned to protect.

It would be nice if the PUC started looking out for the public welfare instead of the 'bottom line' of the 'utilities'

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