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Name of Utility Company: Id. Power
Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: Idaho Power needs to use it's assets wisely. We live in a state with the most minimum wage jobs. I know elderly individuals that cannot pay their power bill. We have abundant opportunity for wind and some solar, yet Id. Power doesn't follow through to the extent they could because it is "cheap". They raise our bill when we conserve too much (I have saved the letter stating that conservation was too good and they didn't make enough) yet they encourage/aid conservation. I have lived in Idaho all my life and have compared rates with friends in other parts of the county. Our base cost may be cheaper but we have so many add-ons that it comes out higher. It is "tricky" advertising on their part. I realize you are political appointees who really do not have to answer to the consumer directly but we need a voice as you are SUPPOSED to be. Their power rates are too high now. Period. CONSERVATIVE thinking says live within your budget and Idaho Power should, too. Set an example. NO rate increase. Perhaps lower the bonuses too executives, no new office furniture for a year or two, making trucks work an extra year etc. These are things families HAVE to do why not a public monopoly? We don't get raises every time we want one, in fact not at all for years.

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