

## Talking Points on the Idaho Power Rate Increase

I can't believe that Idaho Power had the nerve to ask for a 20 percent rate increase from Idaho families to pay for things like executive perks. We can barely pay the bills as it is! Idaho Power cut off our power because we couldn't keep up with the bills, and now they want to ask us for more money when they don't even need it? That's outrageous.

We're lucky here in Idaho that we have the PUC and their staff to keep the utilities in line. Idaho Power asked for \$85 million a year. The PUC staff went through all their paperwork and found \$70 million worth of fat to cut out of that request. Now we need the PUC to tell Idaho Power that that kind of greed doesn't cut it here.

Idaho Power wants to raise the monthly charge from \$2.50 to \$10. That's a four hundred percent raise! Maybe rich Idaho Power executives wouldn't notice an extra \$7.50 on their bill every month, but for me and my family that means a meal we have to go without or a doctor visit we can't afford.

We live on \$xxx a month in (social security/disability/etc) and our monthly bill is \$xxx. Now Idaho Power wants to raise the rates by 20 percent. I wish I could just announce that I need 20 percent more income and get it, but it doesn't work that way for me and it shouldn't work that way for Idaho Power. The PUC should tell Idaho Power no.