

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho power

Case ID:

Comment: "As a single income family, not by choice (I was recently laid off and the job industry for my field is TOUGH), another increase to an already absorbent bill could be detrimental to my family. I am not alone in this, Idaho power sells our power and resources to other states. We have windmills and solar panels everywhere but yet Idaho residents are paying through the nose for electricity. "

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho power

Case ID: IPCE 25-16

Comment: "Asking for monies and then increasing monthly charges?
Double edge sword to me!"

The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-25-16

Comment: "A 17% increase is ridiculous. This will impact so many people in our community. Please rethink this, people can barely afford groceries! "

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-25-16

Comment: "Idaho Power is a monopoly, there is no other power company to compete with them in my area, as of right now, the rates are just barely bearable, for those who can afford it. Maybe instead of hiking rates, you cut some of your assets, or let other power companies come in and share the load... "

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-25-16

Comment: "Please do not allow Idaho Power a 17% rate increase to our power bill. There are many people in Idaho that have to choose between paying for medications or keeping their Power on. This will also cause those who can barely afford to keep their power on to lose their power. I understand price increases or needed, but a 17% at one time is too much for customers. Thank you."

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID:

Comment: "Regarding the rate case process just being covered by the media now in early June, the power company probably needs continuing increases generally because of economic conditions that probably will never change enough to stabilize power rates. One way to affect future rates is to require that the power company invest in future sources of energy that will minimize costs and thus rates. From what I have heard, Idaho Power is committed to net zero emissions on a certain time schedule by investing in solar energy. This policy is part of a fad that is beginning to fade because of its flaws. The recent big outage in Iberia flagrantly displayed the flaws in the solar and wind approach to providing energy.

To make solar and wind useful as a major portion of the system, frequency stability capability is required. To do that costs a lot of money thus making solar and wind less attractive. According to what has been written, nations that have come to depend on solar even without frequency stability are currently charging up to three times higher power rates.

Idaho Power should be prevented from using rate income for pursuing excessive solar. They should be required to go in the direction of nuclear power to minimize these ongoing rate increases.

Please consider these long term considerations in your current rate deliberations.

The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho power

Case ID: IPC-E-25-16

Comment: "Hello, it has come to my attention that idaho power is pushing for a 17 percent residential increase. This is not good. Maybe you all should look inwards and cut unnecessary spending before you hurt the entire city. I bet if I went through your books I would find a bloated system that needs trimmed. We already pay too much as it is, and with the summer months here that is really going to break the bank of a lot of people. I strongly advise against this increase as it is not fair. The increases you have already imposed on us the past few years has already been a devastating blow to my finances, and I am sick of having to compensate for that just to have a cool and comfortable home."

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-25-16

Comment: "To the Public Utilities Commission,

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed rate hike by the power company, which unfairly targets residential customers. The significant increase in electricity demand is primarily driven by the rapid expansion of data centers operated by companies like Meta

and Micron, not by households. It is unjust to burden residential ratepayers with higher bills to subsidize the energy consumption of these corporate entities.

According to a 2025 Department of Energy report, data centers accounted for approximately 4.4% of total U.S. electricity consumption in 2023, with projections estimating this could rise to 12% by 2028 due to the growth of AI-driven facilities. Specifically, Meta's data centers consumed 14,975,435 MWh of electricity in 2023, a 34% increase from prior years, driven by their AI infrastructure demands. Similarly, Micron Technology has expanded its operations to meet the growing need for high-bandwidth memory chips for AI applications, further straining the power grid. These figures clearly demonstrate that large-scale data centers, not residential users, are the primary contributors to increased energy demand.

Residential customers, many of whom are already grappling with rising living costs, should not be forced to bear the financial burden of grid upgrades and new power infrastructure necessitated by these energy-intensive facilities. A recent analysis indicated that in some regions, residential ratepayers are covering up to two-thirds of the costs for transmission projects driven by data center expansion. This is inequitable when companies like Meta and Micron directly benefit from these investments. The Public Utilities Commission should instead require the power company to implement a cost allocation model that targets high-energy users, such as demand-based pricing or direct infrastructure cost agreements for data centers.

Moreover, the environmental impact of data centers' massive energy consumption cannot be ignored. While companies like Meta tout sustainability goals, their facilities significantly strain the grid, often requiring new power plants or transmission lines. Residential customers, who consume a fraction of this energy, should not subsidize these developments. In Georgia, for example, proposed legislation aims to protect ratepayers from utility bill increases driven by data center energy demands, offering a model for fair cost allocation that the Commission should consider.

I urge the Public Utilities Commission to reject the proposed rate hike for residential customers and direct the power company to develop a fair pricing structure that holds high-energy consumers like Meta and Micron accountable for their disproportionate energy use. This approach would ensure equity, encourage responsible energy consumption, and protect households from undue financial strain.

Sincerely,
Justin Barrie

Sources:

-Department of Energy report on data center power consumption, 2025 -Meta data center electricity usage, DCD, 2025 -Micron Technology AI-driven expansion, Reuters, 2025 -Data center cost allocation issues, Volts, 2025 -Georgia legislation on data center rate hikes, Georgia Recorder, 2025"

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Case ID:

Comment: "Why do you have to raise the utilities so much. I am 65 yo, disabled, in pain 24/7 and a widow.. I was in the hospital 2 yrs ago fighting for my life because of the flesh eating disease, which wiped out my left arm.. I struggle every day physically and financially. Why do you feel it necessary to raise rates? Cause your profit margin isn't big enough? Well it's hurting the older community!!"

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho power
Case ID: IPC-E-25-16

Comment: "ID the rate increases have been continual and consistent. My power bill last winter was eye popping. I was considering solar but the net meter agreement is now gone. Can we look at alternative energy sources. Can we actually hold the developers accountable in some capacity, they get rich and we get rate increases to facilitate our mayors build baby build policies. "

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Case ID: IPC-E-25-16

Comment: "Please stop allowing Idaho Power from continuing to increase the electric cost!!!! I have solar panels and every year the benefits I received from solar kept coming down and down. Enough is enough!!"
