



## Tell state regulators how an added \$30/month on your Idaho Power bill will impact you personally!

**The Backstory:** This year, Idaho Power is asking regulators to approve a new bill increase for customers. At \$10.7 million from Oregon customers, **this is the largest request in over 10 years.**

The proposed bill increase could be incredibly damaging for Eastern Oregon households. An average household would see an increase of **\$30 per month**, a 27% increase in monthly electric bills. CUB is concerned that an increase in this size could lead to a rise in disconnections.

### Testimony Template Guideline

**Step 1: Introduce yourself.** Give your name, city/town, and relationship to Idaho Power. (Are you a customer? How long have you been a customer of Idaho Power?):

**Step 2: Identify your connection to this bill increase:**

- A \$30-a-month increase would cause me financial hardship.
- I would have to choose between paying other bills, like groceries or medication, to afford this increase.
- All of my bills are not currently manageable and I am concerned by this increase.
- I am concerned that this rate increase will impact loved ones or members of my community.
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**Step 3: Write 2-3 sentences expanding on the issues you checked off. Elaborate on how each concern relates to your personal life.** If you are already financially strained with the high bills, how is your household cutting corners? What can you foresee impacting you on an immediate level with this bill increase? How might this increase impact your family, friends, or other members of your community?

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**Step 4: Reiterate your perspective and thank the members of the Commission.** State why reducing the rate increase will directly benefit you and your community. Encourage them to consider your concerns and take action.

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## Here's an example testimony with this outline:

Members of the Public Utility Commission,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am here today to speak out against Idaho Power's proposed rate increase. I have been an Idaho Power customer for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Over the years, my bills have continuously increased year after year. My current household budget already limits my ability to provide for my family and afford the rising cost of living. An additional \$30 a month in utility bills will negatively impact me and make it even harder to afford essential purchases, such as gas, medication, and groceries.

My savings barely survived the pandemic and my family, along with people like myself, have been struggling to get back on our feet. Each year, my bills have increased and it gets harder and harder to catch up when my paycheck hasn't changed.

This rate increase harms my family and my community. Idaho Power needs to think about its customers before making such a drastic change to our bills. I implore you not to approve and/or reduce this rate increase and support the needs of Idaho Power customers who are struggling to afford their bills already.

Thank you for your time and for listening to me,

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