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October 29, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Power Committee
FROM: Shirley Lindstrom
SUBJECT: Southern Idaho Cooperatives

At our Coeur d' Alene meeting in September we invited several of our North Idaho Coops to come and tell the Council about their individual utilities, some of their challenges and what they would like the Council to consider when we are developing our Seventh Power Plan. Now that we are in Southern Idaho, we have asked some of our Southern Idaho Coops to do the same.

The presenters will be:

Jo Elg, Manager of United Electric, Burley, Idaho

Bear Prairie, Assistant Manager of Idaho Falls Power, Idaho Falls, Idaho

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Bracing (and caulking, weather-stripping, duct-sealing...) for winter



As you may have heard, Idaho Falls Power's residential rates rose Oct. 1, 2013, from 5.95 cents per kilowatt hour used to 6.25 cents per kWh.

IFP's rates are still among the lowest in the country, but keeping your house warm will cost more this winter. That makes it even more important to check your house to ensure that it's as energy efficient as possible.

[Here's a checklist](#)

BPA's Increases Affect IFP Rates

Increasing utility costs is never a popular subject, but it is the position Idaho Falls Power is in once again.

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) proposes to increase power costs by 9 percent and transmission costs by 11 percent, effective Oct. 1, 2013.

Wholesale power purchases from BPA are the largest expense in Idaho Falls Power's budget, with more than \$25 million spent in 2012. An increase on this single largest budget item (53 percent of the operating budget) has an impact.

With the rate increase, the average Idaho Falls Power residential will bill go up by \$3.65/month.

[Click here to read about BPA's rate increases.](#)

[See how our rates compare to those in other area cities!](#)

[See how our rates compare nationally!](#)



[IF teen receives accolades after attending the Idaho Consumer Owned Utilities Association Youth Rally.](#)

[Read Derek Roper's speech here.](#)



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To Report a Power Outage, Please Call 612-8439

Street light out?

Call 612-8430 or fill out the following form:

Where is the light located?*

What is the pole tag number?

How can we reach you?

140 S. Capital Ave., PO Box 50220
 Idaho Falls, Idaho 83405
 Phone: (208)612-8430 Fax: (208)612-8435

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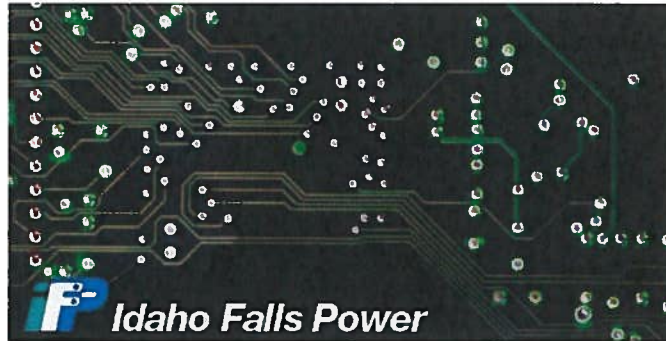
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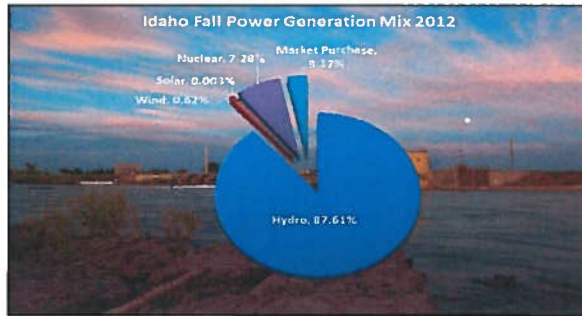
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Power Portfolio



Idaho Falls Power Portfolio



Click [here](#) to enlarge diagram.

SURPLUS ELECTRIC ENERGY

Idaho Falls Power (IFP) may, from time to time, have surplus electric energy to sell.

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HYDRO PLANTS

The City of Idaho Falls has operated a municipal electric generation system since 1900.

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BPA HYDRO

The Bonneville Power Administration markets wholesale electrical power from 31 federal hydro projects in the Columbia River Basin, one nonfederal nuclear plant and several other small nonfederal power plants.

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CARBON FOOTPRINT

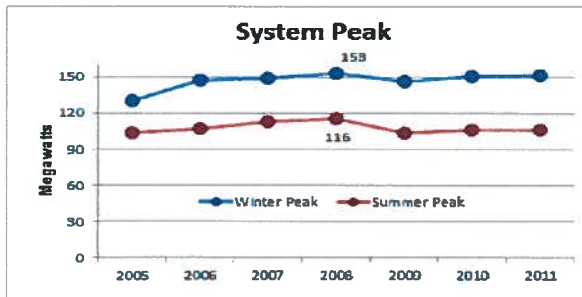
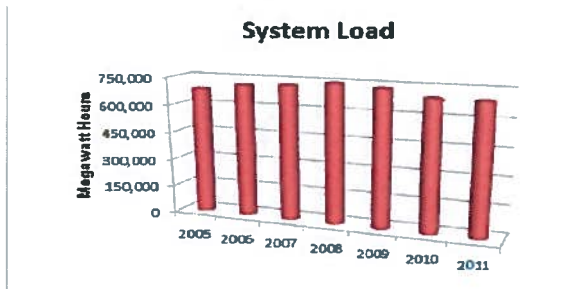
Carbon footprint of City of Idaho Falls facilities.

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The Foundation for Water & Energy Education has more information on hydro power.

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History of United Electric

United Electric Co-op, Inc. is a member owned nonprofit cooperative which was incorporated on January 1, 1998. United is the result of consolidating Unity Light & Power in Burley, Idaho and Rural Electric Company in Rupert, Idaho. The board of directors from each coop were combined to form the new eight (8) member board. Dean Nielsen is President, Bruce Beck is Vice-President and Cordell Searle is Secretary/Treasurer. United Electric employs twenty-six (26) full time employees.

United Electric Co-op is located at 1330 21st Street, Heyburn, Idaho 83336. United Electric provides service to both Minidoka and Cassia counties with approximately 577 miles of line and 6,600 customers with a projected growth rate of 1%. Residential usage is 40% of our power sales, General Service 19%, Industrial 13%, Large Commercial 3% and Irrigation 25%. Our annual operating revenue is \$15 million and our annual KWH sales is \$258 million. United Electric pays a total of \$193,000 in property taxes to Cassia and Minidoka counties.

A current United Electric Co-op rate schedule can be found [here](#).

United Electric is a member of several associations that keep us up to date on the issues that affect the industry. These associations include: National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), Idaho Consumer-Owned Utilities Association (ICUA), Idaho Energy Authority (IDEA), Northwest Irrigation Utilities (NIU), Snake River Power Association, Ruralite Services, National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC), Idaho Employers Council (IEC), National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC), Northwest Public Power Association (NWPPA) and Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS).

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Home Efficiency Programs

Residential Weatherization

This program is offered in conjunction with local participating insulation and window contractors to install measures that reduce electric heating and air conditioning consumption.

Program offers incentives for insulation measures in attics, walls, and floors. Rebates range from .07 per sq./ft. to \$1.12 per sq./ft. depending on existing and installed Insulation R values.

Weatherization program also offers \$2 to \$6 per sq./ft. for new window upgrades. Existing windows must be single pane with/without storms or double pane with metal frames. Replacement windows must have a U-factor of 0.30 or lower to qualify.

Appliance Upgrades

Members who purchase qualifying water heaters will receive a \$25 rebate, depending on make, model, and MEF ratings. You can download a PDF rebate form [here](#).

Members who purchase qualifying clothes washers that meet Energy Star qualifications will receive a \$40 rebate. You can download a PDF rebate form [here](#).

Ductless Heat Pumps

This program provides an option to customers looking to supplement or replace zonal heating systems using inverter driven ductless heat pump technology common in the commercial sector. No ducting is required for system installation. The heat pump technology also provides air conditioning more efficiently than through-the-wall air conditioners.

Program is offered through local contractors in the area. Project must be pre-approved through the Northwest Ductless Heat Pump Program. Participants will receive a \$1350 rebate for participating.

Local Participating Contractors:

- Ramsey Heating & Electric - 678-0459
- Green Pump Heating & Air - 678-2383

Call Chris Seibold for further details on energy savings programs 679-2222.

