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Oregon Public Utility Commission
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Baker County Parks does not support the rate increases proposed by Idaho Power.

Baker County owns and operates Hewitt and Holcomb Parks along the Powder River Arm of the Brownlee Reservoir. The campground consists of (60) RV sites that have electric and water hookups available to the campers. In addition, there are (3) restroom/shower facilities, a family home, (2) wells with pumps, a shop, and an office that all have electricity needs. The County takes pride in keeping our rates as low as possible to promote camping access to people of all income levels.

The proposed rate increases are astronomically too much, and should the increase be approved, the Parks will be harmed through increased costs leading to an increase in what we charge campers or relying on the County's General Fund to make up the difference. Neither of these options are workable.

Families are already having to reduce life needs and vacations due to inflation including fuel, restaurant, and grocery costs, simply camping and spending time enjoying the outdoors and making memories should not suffer the same cost increases.

Baker County Parks requests that the Oregon PUC denies the rate increases to Idaho Power.

Thank you,

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Commissioner Christina Witham
Baker County Commission