

LYNN P. FINDLEY
State Senator



OREGON SENATE

DISTRICT 30

Baker, Crook, Grant,
Harney Lake, Malheur
and parts of Deschutes
and Jefferson Counties

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Megan Decker, Chair
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Commissioner Decker,

I am writing to express my concern regarding Idaho Power and Pacific Power's proposed rate hikes. Multiple constituents from within my district have reached out to express concern, and frustration. These potential changes will negatively impact Oregon ratepayers across the state. I urge you to take adequate time to review the proposals to make appropriate improvements.

My constituents are those with the highest poverty rates in the state. With the proposed increases exceeding inflation, low-income utility users simply cannot afford a 20-30% increase to their power bill. It's reasonable to assume that higher power bills will put more families on the street and cause more children to go without basic necessities. This will cause more Oregon residents to seek refuge in neighboring states that have a lower cost of living.

Thank you for your consideration. I urge you to modify or decline Idaho Power and Pacific Power's proposals. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lynn P. Findley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Lynn P. Findley