

THE IDAHO PUMPER

Rethinking Irrigation Load Control: Irrigators need to contact the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (PUC) about proposed changes to limit and reduce Idaho Power and Rocky Mountain Power's Irrigation Load Control Programs.

The deadline to send your comments to the PUC is February 9, 2011.

IIPA has been negotiating with both companies for several months and disagree with the proposed changes. IIPA is concerned that, if the proposed changes are adopted, utilities will reduce the credit irrigators receive and replace irrigation load control programs by building more expensive generation and transmission. The benefits to the utilities and other ratepayers will be lost.

The PUC wants to know how changing the irrigation load control programs will impact your farming operations and participation.

Time is limited. Please send your comments to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission by mail: P.O. 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0074; by fax at (208) 334-3762; or, by email at www.puc@idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html. Again, the deadline is **February 9th.**

Listed below is an overview of the existing programs and proposed changes. The proposed changes **ONLY** impact the **Dispatchable** option, not the electronic timer option.

IPCO Irrigation Peak Rewards

Dispatch Season: June 15 to August 15
Times of Interruption: 1 p.m.- 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday
Frequency of Interruption: Maximum 4 hours per day, 15 hours per week
Interruptibility: capped at 60 hours/season
Incentive: \$32/kW estimated average per year*
Advanced Notice: 4 p.m. day prior to event
Opt-out Option: Up to 5 times with penalty.

Proposed Changes:

- Reduce credit to estimated \$13-14* (fixed) + variable credit **based on IPCO usage**
- Reduce program use or replace it with existing thermal resources or purchase power.

*provided by IPCO

RMP Dispatch Curtailment

Dispatch Season: June 1 to August 31
Time of Interruption: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., Monday through Friday
Frequency of Interruption: Maximum 4 hours per day, 12 hours per week
Interruptibility: capped at 52 hours/season
Incentive: \$30/kW
Advanced Notice: Day ahead
Opt-out Option: Up to 5 with penalty

Proposed Changes:

- Reduce credit to \$25.30/kW
- limit the number of participants
- Company selects participants
- Limit size of pumps to at least 50 hp
- Opt-out penalty increased to approximately \$5 per request

If you have questions about these programs, please contact IIPA's office at (208) 381-0294.