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To: Mike Nugent
Subject: Idaho Energy Plan

Mr. Nugent,

I understand that the Legislature's Interim Energy, Environment, and Technology Committee sought the help of the state Office of Energy Resources (OER) and its Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance (ISEA) as part of the scheduled five-year review of the 2007 Energy Plan. I would like to comment on the process involved. Of the eleven members of the ISEA Board of Directors, five represent utility corporations: Avista Utilities, Idaho Falls Power, Idaho Power, Intermountain Gas, and Rocky Mountain Power. Another two members represent agricultural interests (Idaho Farm Bureau and J.R. Simplot Co.). No ISEA Board members represent typical residential consumers or small business consumers and these large corporations and the Idaho Farm Bureau represent special interests that often have agendas that do not reflect the vast majority of residential or small business consumers.

The Interim Committee's request for public comment has been very poorly advertised in the media. There are currently protests across the nation that our government officials seem to be under the control of large corporate and special interest groups rather than representing the general public. I urge the committee to extend and better publicize the request for public comments before angry citizens start protesting what seems to be corporate dominated legislation in our own legislature. People want to be involved and informed in our government processes. I think legislative committees need to increase their efforts at informing and involving ALL the citizens, not just corporate and special interests.

Thank you for hearing my opinion.

Sincerely,

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