

To the Legislators of the Idaho Interim Committee on Energy, Environment, and Technology:

Thank you for your service to the state of Idaho and for the time that you have dedicated to shaping the energy framework in this state. I know that the current review of the Energy Plan is no simple task, and I appreciate your efforts.

I am writing because I am concerned about the source of the draft 2012 Energy Plan that is currently posted on the Legislature website. The Task Forces of the Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance (ISEA) updated the Plan with new data, technologies, and insights based on changes in Idaho's energy environment since the Plan was adopted in 2007. Yet, even with these revisions, much of the original Plan, of which the state spent \$300,000 crafting and the Legislature overwhelmingly approved nearly five years ago, remained intact, and many of the recommendations remained unchanged or only modestly altered. The draft was then passed on to the Board of the ISEA, which includes no small business, consumer, or environmental advocacy representation. The final draft that resulted was heavily influenced by the individual interests of these corporate representatives and energy decision-making authorities. These entities should not be allowed to play such a significant role in the formulation of the rules and guidelines that they will ultimately be governed by.

As an Idaho citizen and energy consumer, I'm urging you to address this serious conflict of interest in the ISEA Board, and use the draft that the ISEA Task Forces submitted as a foundation for building the 2012 Idaho Energy Plan. The input of the ISEA Board representatives should be considered only as seriously as other groups' comments are considered, and certainly only as seriously as the people of Idaho's comments are considered.

The comments of the ISEA ARE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO TAKE IDAHO IN EXACTLY THE WRONG DIRECTION, AND ONLY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SPECIAL INTERESTS ON THE ISEA BOARD. These efforts are transparent and obvious and will be well publicized should the legislature succumb to these changes to what was a reasonable energy plan for the state of Idaho. Witness the recent federal energy regulatory agency's decision to reverse the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's ruling on PURPA wind projects.

I want to thank you for extending the comment period to November 4 at your meeting on October 20 so I could have the opportunity to share my input.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to reading your reply.

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