

December 6, 2011

Idaho Power

Dear Mr. Rick Astley,

On December 3, 2011, I received two duplicate letters from Mr. Rick Astley with Mr. Bell and Ms. Nordstrom listed as recipients of carbon copies. I intend to hand deliver this response letter to Mr. Chris Bell at the Idaho Power office in Twin Falls with the expectation that it will be faxed to the recipients who are located in Boise. I will however, mail a copy to Mr. Astley and Ms. Nordstrom via regular mail.

This letter is the response to Mr. Astley's letter dated December 1, 2011 concerning my refusal to allow an Idaho Power employee/contractor access to my property to replace my current power meter with an AMI Smart Meter. I have never refused to allow the Idaho Power meter reader access to the property to read my meter nor have I ever refused access to any other Idaho Power employee/representative who made a request for access for any purpose other than for exchange of the meter. It was misleading to imply otherwise.

As I made clear in conversations with the Tru-Check contractor and Idaho Power Customer Service Representatives both verbally and in writing, I do not want a smart meter installed. Smart Meter technology – regardless of the method of communications, is a surveillance, detection, monitoring, data collection, and communications and control device. Those capabilities are outside the scope of a public utility chartered to provide electric service. If your charter has been changed to Idaho de-Power and Spy, then please advise me of the law that requires me to submit so that I can verify it with the Sheriff's office and my attorney.

In Mr. Astley's December 1, 2011 letter, he states, "Once installed, this infrastructure will enable Idaho Power to provide enhanced customer services and reduce its operating expenses to keep customer rates as low as possible". In my response to the first letter from Chris Bell, as an accommodation to Idaho Power's desire to reduce operating costs, I offered to go on a program of level pay so that the meter will only have to be read once per year. Alternately, I offered to read the meter once a month and call in the reading which would also give Idaho Power the savings of only a once a year reading to verify usage.

My understanding is that the enhanced customer services you wish to provide are optional. The following is 16 USC 2621 (d) obtained through Internet access to the Library of Congress, database of US Code.

(14) Time-based metering and communications

(A) Not later than 18 months after August 8, 2005, each electric utility shall offer each of its customer classes, and provide individual customers upon customer request, a time-based rate schedule under which the rate charged by the electric

utility varies during different time periods and reflects the variance, if any, in the utility's costs of generating and purchasing electricity at the wholesale level. The time-based rate schedule shall enable the electric consumer to manage energy use and cost through advanced metering and communications technology.

You offered and I declined. My declination begins with refusal of the installation of the smart meter technology that provides the capability for the enhanced services and communications because once the smart meter is installed, my right of refusal of the offer is effectively nullified.

Your letter states that you wish to keep your operating costs low. I wish to keep the costs of your infrastructure low because as you know, all expenditures for installed equipment and facilities are direct pass through costs to the ratepayers. Replacing perfectly good equipment is an unnecessary expenditure that increases my costs and I object to the expense and the waste of it.

Sincerely,

Vicky L. Davis