

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

The following are important thoughts that I hope you will pay attention to:

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'd like to see an Energy Plan that provides the proper guidelines to actually move Idaho in the right direction when it comes to our energy future. I want to see a Plan that lays out policy objectives that direct that the Legislature, the Public Utilities Commission, and our utilities to act on the Plan's recommendations and make positive change in the Idaho energy realm. I want a Plan with strength and clear direction, and one that aggressively pursues a clean, safe, affordable, innovative system to meet our energy needs. Setting explicit standards and targets for utility energy efficiency programs, adopting appliance energy efficiency standards across the state, and requiring that the PUC continue to enforce achieving ALL cost-effective energy efficiency by electric utilities are just a few examples of what should be included in the Idaho Energy Plan. Additionally, the development of incentives for energy efficiency and renewable energy needs to be retained from the Energy Plan that was overwhelmingly approved by the Legislature in 2007. These incentives are key to helping Idahoans reduce their energy use, keep energy costs low, and spur economic development in this state.

As an Idaho citizen and energy consumer, I'm urging you to include standards and incentives in the 2012 Idaho Energy Plan, and ensure that the final Plan contains clear and direct mechanisms for implementation.

Also, I'm asking that you please extend the comment period for the review of this new draft of the Idaho Energy Plan. One week's notice on the Legislature website is not an adequate time frame for all members of the public to read and respond to the contents of this elaborate document.

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

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