

### **Third Party Notification**

All residential customers may choose a third party to be notified regarding service termination. You may choose a relative, a friend, a member of the clergy, or an agency (such as the Department of Social Services) to be a "third party" for you. A third party will receive copies of any final termination notices we send to you because of overdue utility bills. The third party is not responsible for paying your bills, but may do so.

### **Medical Emergencies**

You can delay termination of service for 30 days by obtaining a certificate from a doctor or public health official stating that a medical emergency would exist or a medical condition would be aggravated if service is turned off. Payment arrangements must be made before the 30-day expiration date. The certificate must be signed by the person diagnosing the medical condition and must name the person affected. A second 30-day delay may be granted if another certificate is presented and it states that the serious illness or medical emergency still exists.

### **Moratorium**

Service will not be turned off during the months of December through February to any residential customer who declares that he or she is unable to pay in full and whose household includes children, elderly or infirm persons.

A customer who has not established a Winter Payment Plan (WPP) must pay the balance due or negotiate payment arrangements on or after March 1, to avoid service termination.

### **Winter Payment Plan**

You are eligible for the WPP if you declare that you are unable to pay your bill in full and your household includes children, elderly or infirm persons.

Monthly payments under the WPP are equal to one-half of the Budget Pay Plan amount during November, December, January, February and March. Under the WPP you must pay the balance due or negotiate new

payment arrangements on or after April 1. Failure to pay or make arrangements on or after these dates may result in your service being turned off.

A customer who participates in the WPP one year, has honored his or her payment arrangement and whose balance owing as of November 1 does not exceed \$75, or the customer's utility bill for the previous 30 days, whichever is greater, will be eligible for the WPP in the succeeding year.

### **Complaint Procedure**

You may, at any time, file a complaint and request a conference with an Idaho Power representative. After Idaho Power receives a complaint, we will immediately start an investigation. The results will be given to you and you will be given the opportunity to discuss the results. If you are still dissatisfied, a complaint may be taken to the Public Utilities Commission for review. Service will not be turned off during any part of this complaint procedure if all undisputed bills are paid.

### **More Information**

All Idaho Power customers are encouraged to visit our Web site at [www.idahopower.com](http://www.idahopower.com) for more information about our services, programs and activities. You can contact us online by sending an electronic message to [iwebster@idahopower.com](mailto:iwebster@idahopower.com), via mail at 1221 W. Idaho St. Boise, ID 83702, or by phone at 208-388-2323 from the Treasure Valley area or 1-800-488-6151 from all other service areas.

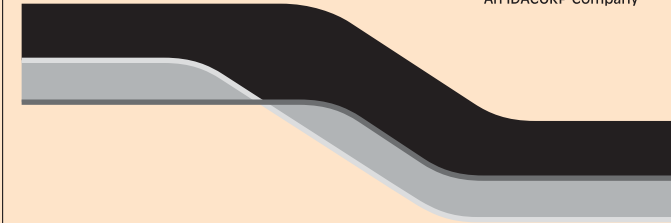
We appreciate the opportunity to serve you and are committed to providing you reliable electricity at a fair price.

*Si le gustaría recibir esta información en Español, favor de llamar Idaho Power.*



**208-388-2323 within the Treasure Valley or 1-800-488-6151**  
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## **Idaho Residential Consumer Information**

### **Introduction**

This brochure is a summary of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's rules and regulations regarding residential customer service. It is intended to help you understand your rights as an Idaho Power Company customer and will better acquaint you with some of our operating procedures. This is only a summary. Should you need more information, please contact Idaho Power at 208-388-2323 in the Treasure Valley area, or at 1-800-488-6151 if you are outside of the Treasure Valley, between 7:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (except holidays).

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission may be contacted at P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0074; in the Treasure Valley area call 208-334-0369, or 1-800-432-0369.

### **Customer Billing Information**

Idaho Power representatives read your electric meter at approximately the same time each month. If you have questions about your meter reading schedule or your monthly billing, please contact us at 208-388-2323 in the Treasure Valley area, or 1-800-488-6151. Your monthly bill is considered past due 15 days after the bill is mailed to you. A late payment charge is assessed on any amount remaining unpaid on the next month's bill.

## Rules For Deposits

Idaho Power normally doesn't require a deposit for new residential service. However, a deposit will be required if:

1. You have not paid an undisputed bill for service received from us in the past four years.
2. Your service was terminated within the past four years for one of the following reasons:
  - a. You have not paid an undisputed delinquent bill.
  - b. You misrepresented your identity for the purpose of obtaining service from us.
  - c. You did not pay for damages to our facilities caused by your negligence.
  - d. You have obtained, diverted, or used service without authorization.
3. You provided materially false information when applying for service.
4. You have not had service for at least 12 consecutive months during the last four years and you do not pass an objective credit screen.
5. You request service at a residence where a former customer who owes a past due balance for service incurred at that location still resides.
6. You have received two or more written final notices of termination within the last 12 consecutive months.
7. You have sought any form of relief under federal bankruptcy laws.

## Required deposits

If a deposit is required, you will be notified in writing and given a chance to discuss the issue with us. Once the deposit is received, it will be noted on your next billing statement. Interest will be paid on your deposit from the date it is taken until it is applied to your account. Deposits, with interest, will be applied to your account promptly after you maintain good credit with us for a period of 12 months. The deposit cannot be more than one-sixth (1/6) of the amount reasonably expected to be billed to you over the next year. This estimate is based either on the amount of electricity used during the past year or on the type and size of your equipment that will be using electricity. If the entire amount of the deposit cannot be paid before service is started, you can arrange to pay one-half (1/2) of the deposit at the time of application for service and the

remaining half within 30 days.

## Rules For Termination Of Residential Service

Idaho Power must follow stringent guidelines before terminating your electric service. Electric service can be turned off, or service denied, with proper notification for one of the following reasons:

1. Not paying a bill within 15 days after the bill was issued, or paying a delinquent bill with a check or an electronic payment drawn on an account with insufficient funds.
2. Not paying a required deposit or deposit installment.
3. Misrepresenting your identity to receive service.
4. Failing to abide by the terms of a payment arrangement.
5. Denying or willfully preventing our access to the meter.
6. Intentionally wasting energy through improper equipment or other means.
7. Failing to apply for service or not paying the balance owed on another account.
8. Applying for or receiving service as a minor not competent to contract as described in Idaho Code Sections 29-101 and 32-101.

Utility service can be turned off only between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. unless we are unable to gain access to your meter during normal business hours. If we are unable to gain access during normal business hours, service may be turned off between the hours of 4 p.m. and 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Service cannot be turned off on weekends, holidays, or after 12 noon on Fridays or on any day before a holiday.

## Proper Notification

Your service cannot be turned off without Idaho Power first notifying you in writing at least seven days in advance. We must diligently try to notify you in person or by telephone at least 24 hours before turning off service. If your bill is paid with a check or an electronic payment drawn on an account with insufficient funds, or you do not make an initial payment (according to a prior payment arrangement), only 24-hour notice will be given.

## Restrictions on Terminations

Your residential service cannot be turned off if:

1. Your past due balance is less than \$50 or two months of charges for service, whichever is smaller.
2. You are being charged for another customer's bill (unless you have a legal obligation to pay the other customer's bill), or you are being charged for any other class of service.
3. You failed to pay a bill for non-utility goods or services.

## Termination Without Notification

Idaho Power can terminate your service without notification only under these conditions:

1. A dangerous or hazardous condition exists.
2. You obtained service without our authorization or knowledge.
3. A court, the Public Utilities Commission, or another authorized public authority orders us to terminate your service.
4. We have diligently tried to notify you of our intent to terminate your service, but we have been unsuccessful in our attempt to contact you.

## Payment Arrangement Options

If you cannot pay a bill in full, arrangements can be made with us to ensure continued service. A schedule will be developed for you to pay part of the amount immediately and the remainder in installments.

## Budget Pay Plan

This plan spreads your energy charges evenly over a 12-month period. In order to be eligible for the Budget Pay Plan, your account must be current and not in arrears. The levelized payment will be determined by the average of 12 monthly billings based on either the historical charges or an estimate of future charges. The Budget Pay amount for each electric service on the account will be adjusted to the next higher dollar. This payment plan does not reduce your overall energy expenses, but it may help you manage your budget.