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To: Northwest Power and Conservation Council
Fr: Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho
Re: Comments - Fifth Power Plan

The Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho (CAPAI) represents the six community action agencies in Idaho, as well as the Idaho Migrant Council (IMC) and the Canyon County Organization on Aging (CCOA). The mission of these agencies is to serve low-income families in Idaho, providing assistance to help them raise themselves out of poverty and achieve self-sufficiency. We deal in many areas of assistance including assistance in paying home heating bills, job skills training, child care, family development education, housing, and emergency food assistance. Our energy assistance programs fall primarily in three areas - assistance with paying energy bills (LIHEAP), home weatherization and leveraging activities aimed at finding resources from private and public arenas to assist with these and other programs..

We have reviewed the Fifth Power Plan and find it lacking in its protection of low-income consumers. There does not appear to be any plan presented addressing increased energy assistance or weatherization programs aimed at the low-income population.

In the past two years our organization has been working hard to increase awareness of these needs, including increasing utility participation in weatherization programs and proposing legislation to allow for increased energy bill assistance. CAPAI hopes that the Northwest Power and Conservation Council will not forget Idaho's low-income families. Please include low income provisions as a priority in your plan. Low-income families need both stable rates and weatherization assistance so no family has to choose between food and electricity

Thank you for your attention to our comments.

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