



# Irrigation news

Keeping Our Agricultural and Irrigation Customers Informed

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## Irrigation Customers— The Backbone of Idaho Power

Irrigation customers are important to Idaho Power. We're focused on improving your experience with us and continuing to serve as your trusted energy advisor.

There are many ways we listen to you: in-depth discussions, one-on-one conversations with our agriculture representatives (ag reps) and at irrigation workshops and ag shows. In December 2017, we met with several groups of irrigators and listened to their feedback. We appreciate the valuable information you shared and wanted to give you an update on our progress:

- Our customer solutions advisors are calling irrigation customers who may not rely on irrigated agriculture for the bulk of their household income. We plan to provide them with information on energy efficiency offerings and how to contact their ag reps.
- We are looking for better ways to find and decrease power interruptions on rural distribution feeders. We also plan to communicate directly with customers to improve motor protection in areas where momentary interruptions tend to occur more often.
- Idaho Power will continue to heighten our communication about our talented power quality technicians and engineers who can help you solve problems before or after preventable electrical damage.

If you'd like to contact us, visit [idahopower.com/irrigation](http://idahopower.com/irrigation) to find your local ag rep. Or, email us at [irrigation@idahopower.com](mailto:irrigation@idahopower.com).

# Rate Decrease!

# -4.25%

For Idaho Irrigation Customers

## Rates Decrease for Idaho Power Irrigation Customers

Earlier this year, Idaho Power asked the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC) to reduce electrical rates for Idaho Customers through the Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) and due to recent federal and state tax rate changes.

Starting June 1, 2018, irrigation customers in Idaho will experience the following rate changes:

- Power Cost Adjustment -1.91%
- Impacts from Tax Reform -2.33%
- Combined impact -4.25%

The PCA is an annual adjustment mechanism that passes on both the benefits and costs of supplying energy to Idaho Power

customers. It has two main components: the forecast and the true-up. The forecast reflects our anticipated power supply costs, and the true-up balances last year's predicted costs with actual power costs.

Actual power supply costs were less than anticipated last year. This was due to better-than-expected water conditions, resulting in more low-cost hydro generation available to serve customers.

Thanks to Idaho Power's diverse resource portfolio and the low-cost energy generated by our 17 hydroelectric dams, our irrigation customers pay some of the lowest energy rates in the nation.

## Irrigation Efficiency Rewards for Custom Projects

Make energy efficiency upgrades to your irrigation system, and receive a cash incentive from Idaho Power — all while reducing your electric bill and increasing your bottom line. Idaho Power's Irrigation Efficiency Rewards program encourages energy-efficient equipment and design in irrigation systems.

The Custom Incentive portion of the program is for retrofits of existing systems or the installation of a new irrigation system. The incentive is based on an annual reduction in energy usage.

- **For existing systems:** the incentive is based on energy savings estimated for your proposed modifications. Your ag rep can help with suggestions.
- **For a new system:** the incentive is based on how energy efficient the system is compared to a standard system.

Contact your ag rep to request a free energy evaluation of your pump to determine how to make your system more energy efficient. Visit [idahopower.com/irrigation](http://idahopower.com/irrigation) for more information and for a list of the local ag rep in your area.

### It's easy to participate! Follow these simple steps:

1. Contact your local ag rep.
2. Submit a project proposal to Idaho Power.
3. After installation — provide your ag rep with copies of your invoices and a description of any changes to the pre-approved design.

*Thank you!*

Irrigation Peak Rewards Participants — Thank you for your continued enrollment and engagement in the program! We look forward to a safe and productive 2018 season.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Who is eligible for this program?

All Idaho Power customers who own or operate an irrigation system for irrigation of agricultural crops or pasturage.

### Why is Idaho Power paying me to use less energy?

Energy efficiency benefits all our customers because it helps delay the need to acquire more costly resources to meet energy needs for the electric system. Energy efficiency is good for your business because it can reduce your costs.

### How do projects qualify for a Custom Incentive?

Calculations are based on previous energy usage and the proposed modifications or the new system plan.

### What if I submit a Custom Incentive application and then change something about the project?

If the project is installed differently than proposed, energy savings and the incentive will be recalculated.



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For more information about the Irrigation Efficiency Rewards program, including applications, visit our website: [idahopower.com/irrigation](http://idahopower.com/irrigation).