

IDAPA 31 – IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

31.81.01 – Energy Consumption Reporting Rules

Who does this rule apply to?

All suppliers of electricity, or natural or manufactured gas, including public utilities, municipal, mutual nonprofit, and cooperative corporations.

What is the purpose of this rule?

The issue of ground water depletion requires careful evaluation and study. Pertinent to such evaluation and study is the electric and natural and manufactured gas consumption of motors pumping water from wells.

What is the legal authority for the agency to promulgate this rule?

This rule implements the following statutes passed by the Idaho Legislature:

- Authority of the Electric and Natural or Manufactured Gas Consumption from Ground Water Pumping Act (hereinafter the Energy Consumption Act), [Chapter 13, Title 62, Idaho Code](#), and the Public Records Act, Section [74-107\(13\), Idaho Code](#).

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

Rules 0 through 10

000. LEGAL AUTHORITY (RULE 0).

Chapter 13, Title 62, Idaho Code.

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001. TITLE AND SCOPE (RULE 1).

These rules apply to all energy suppliers. These rules should be construed in connection with the Energy Consumption Act, the Public Utilities Law, the Public Records Law, and other applicable state laws.

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002. -- 003. (RESERVED)

004. PUBLIC RECORD ACT COMPLIANCE (RULE 4).

The energy consumption reports required by these rules are exempt from public disclosure and copying under Section 74-107(13), Idaho Code.

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01. Consumption Reports. The Department may release consumption reports to state entities including water districts and ground water districts to determine annual water usage or to other state and federal entities for research purposes provided the identity of individual customers or accounts is protected from public disclosure and cannot be ascertained from the reports.

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005. DEFINITIONS (RULE 5).

The following terms used in these rules are defined:

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01. Commission. The Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

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02. Consumption Reports. The reports created by the energy suppliers as authorized by these rules and submitted to the Department.

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03. Department. The Idaho Department of Water Resources.

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04. Energy Suppliers. All suppliers of electric power and natural or manufactured gas including all public utilities, municipal, mutual nonprofit, and cooperative corporations providing energy to an irrigation customer.

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05. Geographic Areas. Areas served by energy supplies as designated by the Commission.

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06. Irrigation Customer. A customer pumping ground water that is:

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a. Receiving service from an energy supplier under an irrigation service tariff or rate schedule; or

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b. Irrigating three (3) or more acres if such information is known to the energy supplier.

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07. Irrigation Season. As used in these rules means the calendar period from March 1 through October 31 or the energy supplier's billing cycles that include the calendar period.

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08. Service Location. The geographic position of the irrigation customer's pumping location(s) by address, pole number, legal description, longitude-latitude designations, or other description of where the service is delivered, to the extent such information is readily available to the energy supplier.

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006. -- 010. (RESERVED)

REPORTING RULES

Rules 11 through 20

011. REQUEST FOR REPORTS (RULE 11).

No later than July 1 of each year, the Department may request consumption reports from energy suppliers for the current irrigation season.

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01. Notification by Department. The Department will notify energy suppliers serving specific geographic areas that consumption reports must be submitted. (4-6-23)

02. Submission of Consumption Reports. Once the Department requests the consumption reports, the energy supplier will prepare and submit the report to the Department as soon as possible following the close of the irrigation season but no later than January 5 of the following year. (4-6-23)

012. CONTENTS OF CONSUMPTION REPORT (RULE 12).

01. Content of Consumption Reports. Each consumption report will contain, to the extent available, the customer's full name, customer account number, service location, service location identification number, and the amount of energy consumed in kilowatt hours (KWH), or cubic feet of gas, or other applicable volume measurement for each service location. For each service location, the annual consumption report will state how much energy the customer consumed for each billing period during the irrigation season, and for the entire irrigation season. (4-6-23)

013. REPORT FORMAT (RULE 13).
Consumption reports will be forwarded to the Department electronically unless otherwise agreed to. (4-6-23)

014. -- 020. (RESERVED)

REIMBURSEMENT RULES
Rules 21 through 999

021. REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS (RULE 21).
Energy suppliers are entitled to reimbursement by the Department of the costs for preparing and submitting the consumption reports. Energy suppliers seeking reimbursement will itemize in sufficient detail their actual costs in preparing and submitting the data. (4-6-23)

022. RESOLUTION OF REIMBURSEMENT DISPUTES (RULE 22).
When an energy supplier and the Department are unable to resolve a reimbursement dispute, either party or both may seek informal dispute resolution with the Commission's staff. If the outcome of the informal proceeding is unsatisfactory to either party, the aggrieved party may file a formal complaint with the Commission under its Rules of Procedure. (4-6-23)

023. -- 999. (RESERVED)