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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

SAMUEL and PEGGY EDWARDS,)
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 Complainants-Appellants,)
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 v.)
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 IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES)
 COMMISSION and PACIFICORP, dba)
 ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER COMPANY,)
)
 Respondents.)

Docket No. 51238

Appeal from the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

Samuel and Peggy Edwards, Rexburg, Appellants pro se.

Raúl R. Labrador, Idaho Attorney General, Boise, for Respondents.

This case concerns an appeal from the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”). Samuel and Peggy Edwards (“the Edwards”) refused the installation of a “smart” electrical meter on their property, citing health concerns. PacifiCorp/Rocky Mountain Power Company (“Company”), the supplier of power to the Edwards’ home, considered this lack of consent as a denial of access to the meter base located on the property. As a result, the Company eventually informed the Edwards that electrical service to their home would be terminated, unless the Company was allowed to replace their existing meter with a smart meter. The Edwards filed a formal complaint with the Commission, refuting that they had denied the Company access to the meter base, and asserting that the Company should allow them to “opt-out” and choose a reasonable alternative to the smart meter. In response, the Company filed a motion to dismiss the Edwards’ complaint, which the Commission granted. The Edwards then filed a motion for reconsideration, which the Commission also dismissed. The Edwards appealed to this Court.

On appeal, the Edwards make the following three arguments: 1) that the Commission acted unreasonably by failing to interpret and apply Idaho Utility Customer Relations Rule 302; 2) that the Commission unreasonably interpreted the Company’s tariff as providing it with the authority to access the Edwards’ property to replace their existing meter with a new one; and 3) that

termination of their electrical services for refusing installation of a smart meter violates their constitutional right to secure their safety under Article 1, section 1 of the Idaho Constitution.