

# IDAHO



PROJECT NAME	TYPE
Bear River Narrows Hydroelectric Project	Hydro
China Mountain Wind Project	Wind
Cottarel Mountain Wind Power Project	Wind
Gateway West (ID Portion)	Transmission
Hammett	Nuclear
Idaho Power Company IGCC	Coal
Northwestern/Montana States Intertie Project (ID Portion)	Transmission
Ridgeline Energy, Goshen South Wind Farm Project	Wind
Sempra Energy, Jerome Plant	Coal

## Economic Overview

Population (2009 in thousands)	1,545
Personal Income per Capita (2009)	\$31,632
Employment (Aug 2010 in thousands)	688.7
Unemployment Rate (Aug 2010)	8.9%
Change in Jobs (Jan. 2008 – Aug. 2010)	-50,900
All State Government Expenditures	\$7.67 bn

## Electricity Costs (cents/kilowatt hour)

Residential (June 2010)	8.21
Commercial (June 2010)	6.87

## Benefits from Proposed Energy Projects

### Upfront Investment (total of all projects)

Total Economic Output (in PDV)	\$19,600,000,000
Employment Earnings (in PDV)	\$6,500,000,000
Average Annual Jobs	46,000

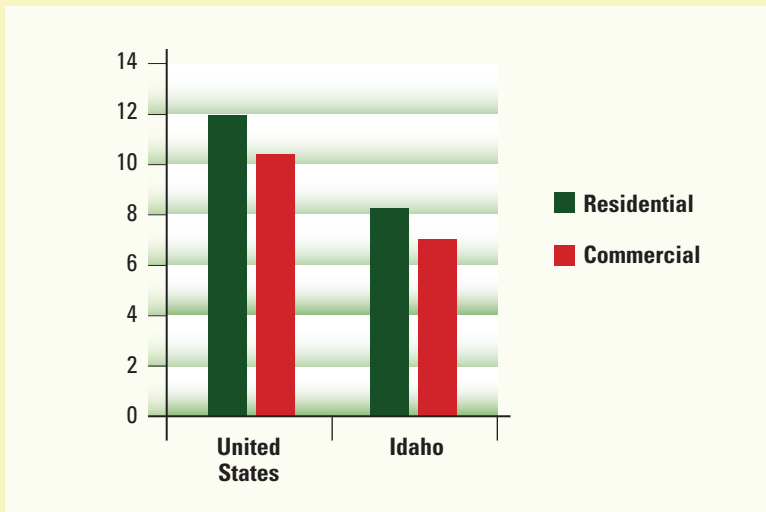
### First Year of Operations (total of all projects)

Total Economic Output (in PDV)	\$1,700,000,000
Employment Earnings (in PDV)	\$400,000,000
Average Jobs Created in Year 1	9,900

## Example Project

### Bear River Narrows Hydroelectric Project

In December 2006, the Twin Lakes Canal Company submitted application to construct a new hydroelectric power plant on Bear River. The project would create a 200-acre reservoir backing up to the Oneida Dam. Organizations such as Idaho Rivers United and the Greater Yellowstone Coalition fought to prevent construction, asserting that the project would harm water quality, threaten fish habitat, and flood prime recreation territory. In October 2007, competitor PacifiCorp Energy filed a motion with FERC requesting that the license application be dismissed and the preliminary permit be rescinded, contending that the proposed dam would conflict with its own hydroelectric license. As of July 2010, FERC had yet to issue a decision.



**U.S. vs. Idaho Electricity Costs**  
(cents/kilowatt hours)