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Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
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RE: Docket IPC-E-15-01 Comments on Duration of PURPA QF Contracts

Dear Commission and Staff:

As a company bringing the economy and benefits of utility scale solar to consumers, we were alarmed by the notion that avoided-cost based power purchase contract terms might be reduced from 20 years to as few as 2 years.

New power generation assets, regardless of fuel supply, are capital intensive efforts that fundamentally require years to amortize the cost of that capital. Debt and equity investors in our experience in the industry look for the assurance of 20 year or longer power purchase agreements to provide favorable or any financing for such generation projects. To limit power purchases to 2 or even 5 year durations would seriously jeopardize cost effective power generation solutions for Idaho's consumers.

We understand that marginal wholesale energy prices in the short term may on the surface appear cheaper than the cost of new generation. But it is a mistake to compare volatile and uncertain short term prices to the security of long term energy supply from resources such as solar PV, which of course has abundant non-fossil fuel and extremely low marginal costs.

Best Regards,

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Eric H. Larson  
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## Jean Jewell

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Comment: I strongly support the continued growth of renewable energy in Idaho, particularly solar and wind. The long-term drought will continue to decrease the use of hydropower for our energy needs in the NW. The PUC must maintain strong rules for Idaho and support investment in clean energy. A move to fossil fuels would be a foolish investment.

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