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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 83720
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RE: IPUC Case No. IPC-E-15-01

Dear Commissioners:

The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce represents 889 business and organization members in South Central Idaho. We appreciate the opportunity to share our support for Idaho Power's request to reduce the length of time of guaranteed contracts related to solar and wind energy projects.

Low-cost energy is a key factor in the economic development success we've seen throughout Idaho and particularly in the Twin Falls area. Support for "green energy" sources is also an important part of our sustainability initiatives in our region. While we support these clean energy sources and their inclusion in Idaho Power's portfolio, we agree that forcing this electricity to be purchased even when it's not needed to meet demand will drive up costs.

Idaho Power's proposal for shorter terms on these contracts (two years) is more prudent than the twenty-year terms. The two-year contracts allow greater predictability in planning and will help to ensure quality, reliable sources for power to meet customer demands.

Again, on behalf of our 889 members in our Chamber and the communities which we serve, we encourage your support of the Idaho Power petition to modify the terms and conditions of these alternative energy source contracts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shawn A. Barigar". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Dear Commissioners:

As a tax-supported public entity, Idaho Power customer and employer, The Twin Falls School District #411 supports Idaho Power's petition to keep renewable energy/solar contracts to a period of two years. We believe the two-year contracts are fair and provide a reasonable way for rates to be kept in check while slowly growing and managing green energy opportunities.

The TFSD #411 operates more than 20 facilities in the Twin Falls community and we play a major role in the local economy. In addition, we are building two new elementary schools and a middle school all scheduled to be open and operational within the next two years. We are the second largest employer in the area and having access to reliable electricity at a fair price is essential to our school district's operations.

If Idaho Power continues to be required to purchase additional energy even though it may not be needed from young and less reliable energy sources under an agreement that locks them in for twenty years, this will certainly result in a substantial increase in energy rates for our district and other businesses in the state.

The TFSD #411 supports Idaho Power's responsible and balanced service and its tradition of providing quality service at a low cost. This is one of the reasons why the Magic Valley region has been so competitive within the economic development arena in recent years. We request that the Idaho Public Utilities Commission grant Idaho Power's petition to modify the terms and conditions of future PURPA energy sales agreement (IPC-E-15-01).

Sincerely,

Dr. Wiley Dobbs,
Superintendent of Schools