

## Jean Jewell

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**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Kerrin McCall

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: Kerrin McCall PO Box 353 Ketchum, ID 83340 208.726.5859

June 23, 2015

Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, Idaho 83720-3762

Re: IPC-E-15-01

Dear Commissioners:

As a member of the Ketchum Energy Advisory Committee, the Wood River Electrical Plan Community Advisory Committee and the Wood River Valley Renewable Energy Working Group, I have been involved with Idaho Power energy issues for over five years. In January 2014, IPCo formed the Energy Working Group specifically to design a renewable energy pilot project in the Wood River Valley. Our team, including Billy Mann of Ketchum-based Sagebrush Solar, worked for over a year in collaboration with IPCo staff and the full awareness of CEO, Daryl Anderson, to plan, locate and negotiate terms for a community solar project in Ohio Gulch between Hailey and Ketchum.

In January of this year, 2015, IPCo blindsided our yearlong efforts with their PUC filing to limit PURPA contracts from 20 years to 2 years, making it impossible to secure financing for the very project IPCo brought us to the table to design and implement. When asked "Why did IPCo even begin talks with us and then bring our efforts to an abrupt halt with the PURPA filing", the response from the company was "We didn't see all this solar coming." It's remarkable that the electric utility with the supposed expertise and responsibility for our state's energy future does not have the foresight to see what is obvious to any one even slightly following the rapid rise of the solar industry worldwide.

IPCo's filing to change the rules that enable clean energy development, right when clean energy is absolutely critical to our state's economic and environmental future, is not only shortsighted but unfair to independent energy developers making it impossible for them to compete with utilities building and financing their own projects with 20 year contracts. Buying Idaho's independent clean energy brings investment and job creation to our communities. Currently, \$35 million per year leaves the Wood River Valley to pay for energy

generated out-of-state. This hurts the local economy and contributes to climate disruption and environmental degradation.

You've heard many of the arguments and your guidelines suggest that they not be repeated by everyone offering testimony. Yet, it must be stressed that when local efforts for resilient energy production are thwarted by short term contracts, meaning contracts terms under 20 years, then local jobs, tax base, energy self-reliance and security are being ignored in favor of environmentally disruptive energy sources, record corporate profits, record executive salaries and shareholder dividends.

IPCo's participation in disruptive energy includes coal, natural gas and what the company refers to as their "renewable" resource, hydro. However, energy and water are inextricably intertwined. This consideration is critical when making rulings for the drought ridden West's energy future. The task of generating electricity is responsible for nearly 52 percent of surface fresh water withdrawal. Forty percent of that withdrawal is used to cool power plants. Consider the following statistics concerning water used by power plants. Coal uses 1,100 gallons of water per MWH. Natural gas uses 300, and solar uses zero. Energy production and distribution strain our limited water resources.

Now, consider another energy/water issue. Idaho is fortunate to have hydropower. Although essentially carbon-free, dams cause significant damage to anadromous fish, natural river flow and water temperature. Continuing to burn climate-disruptive coal is decreasing snow pack and increasing drought, which reduces hydro power. This causes more coal to be burned emitting more carbon and using more water. This cycle can only be mitigated with solar.

The energy/water/environment nexus is a particularly critical component to decisions made by the PUC concerning the future of renewable energy production in our state. It is my perspective that the PUC and Idaho Power have an ethical responsibility to open all pathways to providing clean, water tolerant and environmentally responsible electricity to the residents of Idaho. The solar / advanced energy systems era is here. IPCo needs to reinvent its business model and embrace the inevitable, powerful movement to clean energy. To preserve a secure future for generations to come, the IPUC should listen to residents of our state, not solely the interests of a utility clinging to an antiquated paradigm.

With that said, I'm handing over to the commission a petition titled "Promote, don't Smother Idaho's Clean Energy Future" As the PUC considers the public's input in their decision making process, I'm certain you will gratefully receive 1000 signatures of Idaho residents who support solar energy development.

Sincerely,  
Kerrin McCall

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: Idaho Power should not be required to enter into long term contracts for renewable energy. Generators shouldn't be allowed 'sweetheart' deals due to government regulation. If they want in they must take the risk and be competitive like any other business. Renewable energy (wind and solar) only benefits the generator and is not a practical baseload energy source on a utility scale. It is more expensive than current market prices not only to purchase but then to schedule and integrate on and off the grid. Utilities have to provide full capacity anyway for when intermittent supplies (renewables) come on and off line and therefore have no reliability or financial benefit to the ratepayers. Utilities should be allowed to shop for the best deals and negotiate terms that best serve the ratepayers.

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Name of Utility Company: IDAHO POWER  
Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: I think it is imperative that we embrace greener energy. I would encourage you to not reduce the current agreements. In fact, I believe we should be doing everything possible to bring more alternatives into the conversation. Coal fired plants should be eliminated in favor of more sustainable sources.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: Please remember that climate change is urgent and solar is a locally based climate solution (and one that grows our local economies). I support our local solar energy suppliers and hope that you will do so as well.

Idaho needs clean energy to protect our air, water, and climate. If you have kids and grandkids, you will NOT hamper the growth potential of the local solar companies by shortening the length of time their contracts are in force.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: Dear PUC: I cannot attend the public hearing this evening, June 24th, in Boise, ID, so I am making my comments here. As a bill payer and one who believes in the power of the sun, I would like the opportunity to power my home with solar. In a region where the sun shines the majority of the time, please don't let Idaho Power change policies to make this more difficult/expensive for the rest of us. Idaho Power should be leading the way, as water for hydropower is a diminishing resource.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.  
Sincerely, Ann DeBolt

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Name of Utility Company: Id Power  
Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: Solar power just MUST happen in Idaho - it makes sense very way you look at it.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: Please do not allow Idaho Power to reduce the use of solar and individual methods to reduce energy usage. There are other alternatives and I want to be able to use them.

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