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Citizen Comment to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission

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My power company is Idaho Power

I want you to know that:

- I want to keep solar and wind power **affordable** in Idaho.
- I may want to put solar power on my property in the future.
- I like solar & wind power because they will bring **thousands of jobs** to Idaho.
- I would like to see a **state incentive program** for installation of solar and/or wind.
- Idaho Power should continue to pay for power generated by customers; keep *Schedule 84* that provides net metering.
- Idaho Power should embrace solar power because it reduces the need for power during the day when air conditioners are running the most.
- Idaho should work with their customers to develop strategies to encourage distributed generation, as other power companies do.
- Idaho Power should invest in more renewable energy and divest from fossil fuels.
- Idaho Power should reimburse the cost of a home owner's solar system because they reduce the need for more infrastructure (power lines, power plants, etc.).

Additional Message to Idaho Public Utilities Commission:

Signed: Victoria Zalatoris Date: Aug 18, 2017

Your Name: VICTORIA ZALATORIS

Address: 5688 EVE ST.

City: Pocatello State: ID Zip: 83202

Email: vzalatoris@mac.com

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Additional Message to Idaho Public Utilities Commission:

Signed: Kathy Smith Date: 8-18-17

Your Name: Kathy Smith

Address: 1306 Gale Mtn RD

City: Poco Pocatello State: ID Zip: 83204

Email: _____

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Be progressive NOT regressive.
Even fossils don't like fossil fuels.

Signed: Fairy Coyle Date: 8-17-2017

Your Name: Fairy Coyle

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City: Pocatello State: Id Zip: 83201

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Additional Message to Idaho Public Utilities Commission:

Sustainables are the future. Hydro is increasingly unreliable as we see from recent history. Wind & solar are cheap & sustainable!

Signed: Chris Stevens Date: 8/18/17

Your Name: Chris Stevens

Address: 4801 Kim Dr

City: Pocatello State: ID Zip: 83204

Email: kekdog4@gmail.com

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John Reuter
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john@bluebirdsolaridaho.com
Idaho Power Customer
8/22/2017

Dear Members of the Public Utilities Commission,

On behalf of Bluebird Solar and Light, an Idaho based solar installation company, we ask that Idaho Power's request for net-metering changes be denied. We ask this for the following reasons:

- 1) Idaho Power wants to create a new rate class without telling its net-metering customers the value of the energy they produce. This lack of detail is creating uncertainty among solar clients which is directly hurting the local solar industry. No potential solar client will install solar without knowing their long-term potential savings. The Idaho Solar industry will come to a grinding halt, losing hundreds of jobs.
- 2) Net-metering in its current form creates local jobs.
- 3) Net-metering reduces pollution and carbon emissions.
- 4) Net-metering empowers customers to have control over their personal energy impact.
- 5) The energy generation from net-metering reduces the demands on Idaho Power plants.
- 6) Net metering will allow IPCO to avoid future utility scale renewable energy projects.
- 7) Net metering clients have (and will continue to) pay for their solar systems without any cost to IPCO for IPCO customers. If IPCO deems their work to install a net-meter greater than the current fee of \$100, then that is the change that should be made.

The Idaho PUC has the opportunity to be a leader for renewable energy and the rights of individuals rather than the local energy monopoly. It is essential to set the precedent firmly that Idaho Power must support the environment, it's clients, and the local economy by retaining net metering in its current form.

Thank you,
John Reuter
Bluebird Solar and Light, LLC