

## **Diane Holt**

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**From:** josephineklowe@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, March 2, 2018 2:43 PM  
**To:** Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Josephine Lowe

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Hailey Idaho, 83333

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Investing in rooftop solar to control energy bills while supporting Idahos clean energy sector is important to me. Please maintain the net metering program as a simple and fair means to enable Idahoans to meet their own energy needs.

The PUC staff looked at the details and found no evidence to support Idaho Powers request to segregate solar customers. I agree.

Because I cant choose my utility, I rely on the PUC to ensure fair programs. Again, please maintain the current net metering program.

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**From:** dw71tw@ymail.com  
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**To:** Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Donald Watt

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**Name of Utility Company:** Idaho Power

**Comment:** I am opposed to the creation of a new service classification for Idaho Power customers who have their own generation equipment. Although, I do not have the capacity myself, I believe that having individuals with generating capability will not significantly affect the costs of my electricity, in a negative manner. In fact, by encouraging more production facilities, I believe my rates will remain the same as peak demand from the grid will tend to remain steady. Creating a new customer class for those generating some of their own electricity could create a situation where this is discouraged, something which would not be beneficial in the long run.

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**From:** jrmcgee@cableone.net  
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Idaho Power uses ratepayer money to encourage customers to conserve. Some Idahoans go beyond by investing their own money into a solar system. Whether conservation or clean energy, customer just want to be treated fairly.

Idaho Power's own Net Metering Report claims solar customers actually lower the system-wide costs for all other customers. Before making changes the Idaho Commission should take the necessary time to determine the full range of costs and benefits that occur when a customers invests their own money in their own energy system.

Idaho Power claims solar customers are not paying their fair share. Normally a utility produces a "cost of service study" to prove this claim. Idaho Power refuses to do so. The Commissions should require this normal utility practice before considering any changes.

Idaho Power still collects a meter fee along with any additional use above what is made by the customer. This could be viewed as an attempt of greed instead of seeing the future in which customers are helping to stabilize an ever-growing and out of date grid.

Rooftop solar is not a "cost", but a valuable resource and should be treated as such. Some of the benefits that rooftop solar brings are:

Helps reduce peak demand that in turn damages grids and causes rolling blackouts.

Increases resiliency of the grid and reduces wear and tear on neighborhood transformers

Reduces new infrastructure costs for utilities that all customers pay for

Reduces exposure to volatile fossil fuel prices that all customers pay for

While I appreciate a regulated utility, competition is good. Many other states and markets have proven there is value in locally produced solar energy.

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**From:** skashirny95@hotmail.com  
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**To:** Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Sergei Kashirny

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Boise Idaho, 83716

**Name of Utility Company:** Idaho Power

**Comment:** Idaho Powers net metering program enables local citizens to support Idahos clean energy sector. Supporting this growing sector of our economic reduces the current reliance on out-of-state fossil fuels for roughly 50% of our electricity.

Investing in local solar power keeps more energy dollars in our communities and allows individuals to meet their own energy needs. Individual control and local economic growth are Idahoan values.

Please stand up for these values by maintaining the current net metering program.

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## Diane Holt

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**From:** jthomet@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 1, 2018 11:55 PM  
**To:** Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Jedidiah Thomet

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: Dear Commissioners,

I attended the March 1 public hearing in Boise, and I wanted to thank you for taking the time to hear from the public. I did not have my comments prepared in advance, so I'm composing them after the fact.

Not only is adding new rate classes for net metering customers unnecessary, but the new proposed rate classes will not reduce/eliminate the cost-shifting that Idaho Power claims is occurring. To prove this point, one need only look at the class of "net zero" customers -- those who generate more than they consume. Under the proposed Schedule 6, every net metering customer pays more for their consumption -- except the net zero customer, who still pays no more than the standard interconnect fee. Since no cost-shifting is resolved, it's easy to see why Ms. Aschenbrenner, in her rebuttal testimony, declared that "Recovering fixed costs through a volumetric rate simply does not work for this segment of customers", referring to net metering customers. While we do not know what percentage of net metering customers are net zero users, we can tell from Idaho Power's 2017 Annual Net Metering report that net metering customers had accrued 2.3 million unused energy credits at the end of 2016. With only 1,067 active net metering systems at that same time, it seems that the number of net zero customers would be fairly significant. Given that the proposed rate plan doesn't address the cost shifting, one wonders what the real purpose of the new rate plan is, except to be a vehicle for future fees and rate increases.

Finally, Schedule 6 would also have unanticipated consequences: The rates established in this schedule are sufficiently punitive to the net metering customer to disincentivise the installation of any site that is not able to achieve net zero status. As a result, a sizeable percentage of new installations would be net zero installations, further exacerbating the cost-shifting imbalance. While I urge the Commission to reject the creation of a new rate class entirely, I would also urge the Commission to reject these specific rate plans suggested in Idaho Power's application. As many others testified today, a more reasoned approach, considering the input of all stakeholders, can result in a better proposal, but the starting point has to be the rejection of the creation of these rate classes.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jed Thomet

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I understand the need to not charge less fortunate citizens to subsidize servicing those folks lucky enough to afford solar panels. I feel strongly, however, that Idaho needs to balance that with creating an atmosphere friendly to renewable energy. We have to leave this world to our kids and grandkids, and I want to leave them a world less polluted than I found it. Encouraging solar will also bring more jobs to the local area.

The \$65/month net metering fee that Idaho Power is asking for is more than my current electric bill without solar panels. I want to install solar panels on my roof, but I'm afraid to do so and be locked into paying even more than I'm paying now even though I would be generating enough electricity to offset my own usage. A modest net metering rate in the neighborhood of \$20/month would be a good compromise between encouraging people to go solar and helping offset some of the additional costs Idaho Power takes on to service net-metering connections.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am opposed to Idaho Power's request to create a separate rate class for residential solar customers. Idaho Power is targeting small customers who choose to self-generate electricity, punishing them for reducing energy use and rewarding higher energy use customers. Peak power generation by residential solar customers likely coincides with peak daily summer-time use by all Idaho Power customers, thereby reducing the need for outside power purchases or increased production of electricity from dirty coal.

If a new rate class is created without first conducting a thorough benefit / cost analysis you can be sure that Idaho Power will be asking for a rate increase for that new rate class of customers. It is essential that a thorough benefit / cost analysis MUST be conducted to determine if a new rate class for residential solar customers is even warranted.

Idaho Power claims that solar customers, which today constitute less than 0.19% of all customer demand, unfairly shifts costs of providing electricity service to other residents. However, the Company has yet to complete a comprehensive cost-benefits study to demonstrate there is even a cost-shift issue that needs to be addressed. In contrast, a 2016 report by the nonpartisan Brookings Institute found that net metering "frequently benefits all ratepayers when all costs and benefits are accounted for" in states that had performed analysis. Idaho Power's own analysis of rooftop solar identifies a cost shift that amounts to less than 0.02% of its annual revenues within the customer class.

Without conducting a cost-benefit analysis, Idaho Power has not put PUC in a position to make informed judgments about cost shifting by failing to account for the long term benefits rooftop solar provides, such as avoiding the need to build new power plants and transmission and distribution infrastructure.

Completing a comprehensive benefit-costs study is necessary before any changes to existing net metering policy are implemented. If it is determined that the fair value of energy exported to the grid is less than retail rates, any changes to existing policy should be focused on the value energy exported to the grid. Idahoans should continue to have the right to offset their own electricity usage at retail rates all customers pay, just like customers have the right to pursue energy efficiency.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I would like to be in control of my own energy bill! I believe that I have a right to supply energy myself, without interference from utility companies or public works. The program created by Idaho Power is good as is. I don't have an option to switch to a different utility company, so they need have an inherently fair system. This means NO to solar segregation.

Thank you for your time.

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## **Diane Holt**

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**From:** ronnie.huff@aol.com  
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am a current net metering customer with a 9.9 kw solar panel system. It is my hope to offset dramatically the amount of reliance on public utilities (electricity) for my home.

I oppose any change to the net metering process in that if I have to pay for just having the service, then why would I be credited at a lower rate of the electricity I use. I understand the need for creating differing use classifications, but lowering the rate at which the electricity generated is provided to the electric company does not make sense to me. I will have to pay one rate, but will be credited at a lower rate for the electricity I send back to the grid makes no sense. No commercial customers who are classified for on demand users pay a different rate for the electricity used because they are consuming more electricity than residential customers. Perhaps they should look at lowering the rate for those who are embracing renewable energy for home electricity consumption. Thank you for the opportunity to present my thoughts in opposition to any change with the net metering program.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

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