



March 8, 2018

Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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**RE: Docket No. IPC-E-17-13
Opposition to the net-metering segregation plan proposed by Idaho Power**

Dear Commission Members:

I am writing to express the opposition by Blue Raven Solar, LLC ("Blue Raven") to the proposal put forth by Idaho Power to relegate solar customers to a new rate class (the "Proposal"). We believe the Proposal is premature, unsupported by fact-based evidence, and threatens to derail Idaho's emerging solar power industry.

I am President of Blue Raven, a company selling and installing residential rooftop solar systems. Headquartered in Utah, we operate in nine different states and have over 400 team members. We have been operating in Idaho since last fall.

In 2017, Blue Raven had front-row seats to the fight between Rocky Mountain Power and solar advocates in Utah concerning a net-metering segregation plan. This led to the erosion of public interest in rooftop solar and removed (perceived or actual) the financial incentive used to justify the up-front cost of solar energy. We saw a dramatic decrease in solar system bookings once the deadline had expired to be grandfathered into net-metering program. As a result, we have been forced to direct our resources and efforts to other states.

We see the same uncertainty and attack on residential solar happening in Idaho. Increasingly, our sales representatives tell stories of sales lost because of the uncertainty caused by the Proposal and the apparent rate-reduction in net-metering. We hear the similar concerns from existing customer and the sentiment that they are being unfairly targeted by Idaho Power. We anticipate that if the Proposal is enacted, we, along with other solar distributed generation companies, will experience a destabilizing decrease in public interest in residential solar.

The Proposal suffers from its own prematurity and lack of supporting evidence. Before any action be taken by the Commission to change net-metering, Idaho Power should provide a "cost of service study" to support their position. Moreover, the Commission should perform a comprehensive net-metering avoided costs analysis to determine, among other things, the consumption patterns of net-metered and non-net-metered customers and whether net-metered customers are actually being overcompensated.

Finally, rooftop solar should be recognized and treated as the valuable resource it is. We are confident that a fair and balance analysis will show net-metered customers provide a value to the utility separate and on top of avoided power generation, including: increased resiliency to the

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utility grid; reduction in wear and tear on neighborhood transformers; lowered system-wide costs for all customers; reduction to the exposure and reliance on fossil fuels; and reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

We appreciate the opportunity to offer this opposition to the Proposal.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ben Peterson
Ben Peterson
President | Blue Raven Solar, LLC

With my signature, I acknowledge that submitting a comment in an open case constitutes a public record under Idaho Code § 74-101 (13) and all information provided by me in this letter is available for public and media inspection. My comment may be reviewed by the utility.

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Diane Holt

From: kazthea@mac.com
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Subject: Case Comment Form: Kaz Thea

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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. I have rooftop solar panels on my house in Hailey, ID and I am pleased with the reduction in carbon, cost savings, and just the knowledge that I am helping in my own small way to reduce my carbon footprint. We must reduce greenhouse gases now for a healthy planet. I sit on the Hailey City Council as an elected official. I am gravely concerned about the fate of our mountain town as we rely on snow for tourism and to provide our water supply, since 80% of our water supply comes from a snowpack in our mountains. Please maintain the net metering program as a simple and fair means to enable Idahoans to meet their own energy needs and to participate in reducing our carbon footprint and therefore, having an impact on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

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. It is critical to have net metering for private and public customers to invest in solar rooftop panels.

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Diane Holt

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Sent: Thursday, March 8, 2018 10:38 AM
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Subject: Case Comment Form: Al McGlinsky

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Case Number: ipc-E-17-13.
Email: al2mcgl@gmail.com
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Nampa ID, 83686

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Company

Comment: IPC has not conducted the cost-benefit studies that are needed to justify their proposed changes to the existing net metering program, of which I am a contributing member. W/o such studies, there is no demonstration of need for a special rate class for Solar or Wind installations.

The PUC should support and protect the members of the public who, through enormous personal investments, are trying to do what they can to reduce dependence on harmful coal fired plants which are doing harm, world wide, to the atmosphere, the climate, on which we are all dependent.

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Diane Holt

From: chamilton@ketchumidaho.org
Sent: Thursday, March 8, 2018 4:11 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Courtney Hamilton

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Ketchum Idaho, 83340

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.

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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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Diane Holt

From: king727b@hotmail.com
Sent: Thursday, March 8, 2018 9:04 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Victor Buckingham

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Case Number: IPC-E-17-13
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Kuna Idaho, 83634

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Shame on Idaho Power and their greed. In a world that needs alternative energy Idaho Power is trying to stifle it's growth.

Maybe it is time to shake up the PUC, it seems that the PUC is in the pocket of the big money to even entertain such a proposal.

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Diane Holt

From: jullpaul@isu.edu
Sent: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 6:43 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Paula Jull

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Case Number: IPC-E-17-13
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Pocatello Idaho, 83204

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I support solar net energy metering in Idaho. Studies by Lawrence Berkeley National Labs show that solar net-metering may actually lower retail electric rates. Idaho Power should encourage, not discourage, solar and distributed generation.

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Diane Holt

From: davesivertsen@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 7:02 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Dave Sivertsen

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Case Number: IPC-E-17-13
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Telephone: 2089897390
Address: 2292 W. Windchime Drive
Meridian Idaho, 83646

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I had solar panels installed on my house last year, because I didn't think my electricity should be coal generated and transported from Wyoming. Any change to the net metering agreement harms me and to those who have taken a stand against fossil fuels. Clean energy is the future.

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Diane Holt

From: mail@offshoreodysseys.com
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Subject: Case Comment Form: Gavin McClurg

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Ketchum Idaho, 83340

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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Sent: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 11:18 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Judith Foster

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Address: 2270 Winterhaven Dr
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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Diane Holt

From: blackrockforge@cableone.net
Sent: Thursday, March 8, 2018 3:11 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Margo & Dennis Proksa

Name: Margo & Dennis Proksa
Case Number: IPC-E-17-13
Email: blackrockforge@cableone.net
Telephone:
Address:
Pocatello ID, 83204

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Comment: Hello,

Thank you for listening to the people served by Idaho Power!

We are in favor of a future for Idaho that supports renewable energy rather than inhibits its development and implementation.

We need to reduce air pollution to protect our health-especially children and the elderly who are most vulnerable to poor air quality.

Climate change is real and the cost of doing nothing to limit carbon emissions from coal power plants and cars is beyond measure. Encouraging renewable solar energy is common sense! There seems to be a shortage of common sense in this day and age.

Idaho Power needs to promote solar everywhere in Idaho because we are a state blessed with more sunshine than most. It needs to be affordable for the middle class. It's criminal to discourage and prevent more solar energy use. Idaho Power is in business to take care of the citizens here-not act like the ruler of Idaho, dictating how we will live!

Idaho Power could be proud of promoting solar energy as a part of the mix! Be supportive of advanced technology. We're all in this together and have a responsibility to take care of our future as we struggle to deal with extreme storms and other weather caused by dependence on fossil fuels. Humans are all the same want to be happy and avoid suffering. Let's make life happier and healthier and be a model of how to live right.

Thank you for listening. We have solar panels on our business Blackrock Forge and they heat hot water for the house and for heating the floor of the shop. Not quite the same as voltaic, but important to us.

Have a nice day!

Margo & Dennis Proksa
Blackrock Forge INC/Pocatello

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Diane Holt

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Sent: Thursday, March 8, 2018 2:37 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Alan Hausrath

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Case Number: IPC-E-17-13
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Boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Company

Comment: I am writing to comment on IPC-E-17-13; I write as an Idaho Power customer, current net metering customer, Idaho Power shareholder who wants the company to succeed, and grandfather who wants a livable world for his grandchildren.

I urge the Commission to deny Idaho Power's (IPCO's) request to create new rate class for new net metering customers for the following reasons:

1. The request is premature in two ways.

First, the issue addressed is so small that the amount of time, effort, and paper spent by the company, the intervenors, the Commission, and the public just don't make any sense. At the present time, approximately 0.2-0.3% of IPCO's customers are net metering customers and the company projects that that fraction could rise to approximately 1.25% by 2022. Since reputable studies (Putting the Potential Rate Impacts of Distributed Solar Into Context, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, <https://emp.lbl.gov/publications/putting-potential-rate-impacts>) show that rooftop solar's impact on rates is minimal until penetration reaches at least 5%, let's wait until then before we think about this.

Or, looking at it another way, if we accept IPCO's claim that each net metering customer is "subsidized" at the rate of \$37 per month by the remaining customers, a little arithmetic shows that this means that each remaining customer "subsidizes" the entire class of net metering customers at the rate of \$0.10 per month which could rise to \$0.50 per month by 2022. I don't believe that the \$37 is correct but, even if it is, this is trivial. This is the same as forgetting to turn off a few light bulbs for a few hours or putting food in the refrigerator while it is still hot. It is not worth the effort of creating a new rate class and designing a new tariff.

These effects on rates pale in comparison with the effect on rates of major capital expenses such as Boardman to Hemingway, upgrading emissions controls at an existing coal fired plant, or a new gas plant. The Commission should reserve its time and energy for big ticket capital expenses which genuinely affect our rates rather than for the dime store issue of net metering.

Secondly, IPCO has never completed a proper cost benefit analysis of rooftop solar; they seem to know a lot about costs, not so much about benefits. When we know the true value of the electricity provided to the company by net metering customers, the benefits, then it might be appropriate to consider a new rate class and, potentially, new tariffs. Until then, let's not waste everybody's time and effort.

2. No system of rate classes or tariffs can ever treat every customer "fairly."

Of necessity, rate classes lump together many customers with different circumstances and costs of service. It is certainly cheaper for the company to deliver electricity to dense urban areas which might have as many as 150 customers per mile of distribution line, than it is for rural areas with, perhaps, only one customer per mile of distribution line. Or, for another example, customers with air conditioning have driven the summer peak, which governs the company's generating needs, far more than customers without air conditioning. Each of these examples involves tens of thousands of people, far more than the number of net metering customers, and yet we don't create separate rate classes to reflect all distinctions of this sort. I write this not to pit rural customers vs urban ones, or people with AC vs those without, but simply to illustrate the point that any tariff treats different customers differently due to their circumstances, and is "unfair" to some class of customers.

3. Rooftop solar uses Idaho resources to produce Idaho energy.

By definition, net metering customers produce energy here in Idaho with no capital costs to IPCO. Each kWh produced here generally replaces more than a kWh generated out of state (due to transmission loss) by burning coal and thus keeps our Idaho dollars here in Idaho. If this new rate class is introduced, it will create enough uncertainty about solar energy that rooftop solar growth will slow to a crawl and we will continue to ship dollars out of state into the foreseeable future. Moreover, Idaho solar panels are generally installed by Idaho residents, providing jobs here at home. Why would we want to destroy good Idaho jobs for the sake of buying our energy from out of state? It simply makes no sense for our state to slow the growth of solar.

4. Rooftop solar, indeed all solar generation, produces no carbon dioxide.

Each kWh we produce at home using solar energy generally replaces a kWh generated by burning coal or gas and thus reduces the CO₂ footprint of the class of IPCO customers. It also reduces SO_x and NO_x pollution and soot. As we have seen from the hurricanes and fires of the last year, one of the most pressing threats facing humanity is climate change. It is universally accepted by reputable scientists that climate change is driven by atmospheric concentration of CO₂ and that our concentration of CO₂ is currently at dangerous levels. It is ethically and morally irresponsible of Idaho Power to do anything that retards the growth of solar energy in its service area and that seems to be what the creation of a new rate class is designed to do.

I urge the Commission to reject the creation of a new rate class and to direct Idaho Power to do everything possible to reduce its CO₂ emissions.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Diane Holt

From: brct@cableone.net
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To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Chris Brown

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Email: brct@cableone.net
Telephone: 2088412294
Address: 13135 w scotfield st
Boise Idaho, 83713

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Dear Respected Members of Idaho Public Utilities Commission:

In reference to Idaho Powers Net metering request:

I would ask you to consider the following: A thorough study should be conducted that looks at all relevant information regarding the costs and benefits of roof top solar installations for the near and far term.

Furthermore: That you consider the current situation where solar panels now have a 25 percent tariff and steel and aluminum will also incur tariffs. This will drive up the construction costs for large and small power generators especially large generators like Idaho Power ie there are many many tons of steel and aluminum that go into the construction of a conventional power plant; I know I spent a good part of my career involved in the construction of power plants. As a home owner who was considering a home solar install I have now delayed due to rising costs. I think Idaho power is proposing a solution that is in need of problem.

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Diane Holt

From: mbusshp6m@icloud.com
Sent: Thursday, March 8, 2018 12:25 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Martin Marzinelli

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Case Number: IPC-E-17-13
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Eagle ID, 83616

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Comment: To: Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC)
Subject: Idaho Power schedules for on-site generation by customers.
Date: 3/8/2018

Greetings,

I would like the IPUC to consider the following comments related to case #IPC-E-17-13).

My understanding is Idaho Power (IP) thinks people with roof top solar who supply generated power to the grid are not paying their fair share and thus wish to establish the ability to create new rate schedules for that group.

IP should be required to prove this assumption with a detailed cost/benefit study before any options for different rate schedules are allowed or granted.

The study should investigate the true comprehensive costs of their proposal. This should include a wide range of economic impacts such as: the benefits to society for zero-emission energy generation, improvements to air quality and individual's health, potential reduction in energy costs compared to current and future fossil/other fuels, less reliance on non-local energy sources, and local economic development and job growth.

The study should also consider any benefits that might occur because roof top solar may eliminate or delay the need for large infrastructure improvements to the grid as a whole (new power generation projects, new or upgraded transmissions lines, etc.).

IP customers should have the right to generate their own power, and use the existing grid to accomplish that goal. Eliminating customer choice and thwarting clean energy independence should not be allowed.

I am certain it is the IPUC's goal to effectively evaluate utility issues and make the best decisions possible for our future. It seems unlikely the commission can accomplish that noble goal without first requiring IP to study this important issue more thoroughly and report back to the commission. I hope the commission will make this a requirement for IP.

Sincerely,
Martin Marzinelli

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Diane Holt

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Sent: Thursday, March 8, 2018 12:56 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Joshua Johnson

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Ketchum Idaho, 83340

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Idaho should be growing clean energy options to reduce our reliance on out-of-state fossil fuels. The net metering program is the only means for individual Idahoans to invest money in their own locally generated clean energy.

The Idaho PUC staff looked at Idaho Powers documents and found no reason to segregate solar customers. Instead, I ask the PUC to direct Idaho Power to consider the full range of costs and benefits that arise when customers avoid utility power and meet their own needs with local clean energy.

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

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Diane Holt

From: fabulis00@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, March 8, 2018 1:00 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Michael Stambulis

Name: Michael Stambulis
Case Number: IPC-E-17-13
Email: fabulis00@gmail.com
Telephone:
Address:
Boise ID, 83702

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

I appreciate the opportunity to submit my testimony in response to Case Number IPC-E-17-13 (Idaho Power's application to establish new schedules for residential and small general service customers with on-site generation).

My name is Michael Stambulis, and I am an engineer with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. I am also a solar user – my wife and I had a 6.38kWp solar array installed on our Boise North End home in March 2018.

I understand Idaho Power is not asking for a rate hike at this time. I believe approval of this application would allow them to create uncertainty around current and future solar installations. It also appears approval of this application would allow Idaho Power to raise rates whenever they desire. Such uncertainty coupled with a future cost increase (which will happen if they are given the power) will undermine Idaho's solar industry, and the result will be to torpedo the solar industry similar to what happened in Nevada.

I do not believe Idaho Power has provided you, as commissioners, with a cost-benefit analysis to justify this request. Their own studies have shown that rooftop solar would only cost shift less than .02% of its annual revenues within our customer class.

Idaho Power states on its own website that: (1) "there's potential for customer-owned power generation systems to become sufficiently cost-effective and efficient. With that in mind, an increasing number of our customers may choose to install such systems on their homes or businesses," (2) "climate change is a significant policy issue that will have major implications for Idaho Power", and (3) "renewable generation resources have little if any greenhouse gas emissions."

With these points in mind, Idaho Power and our state should be promoting policies which expand renewable energy generation. As you well know, Idaho's population is expanding rapidly, and our state should meet increasing energy demand with renewable generation resources versus expanded fossil fuel capacity. Rooftop solar projects are one important component of expanding non-carbon emitting generation.

In addition, there are numerous studies demonstrating the potential jobs associated with renewable energy industries such as solar.

As consumers, we are stuck with an energy monopoly whose proposed action is punitive to those of us who are leading the way by becoming more self-sufficient and producing cleaner energy. We should be encouraged to conserve and generate our own energy, thereby reducing Idaho Power's dependency on 'dirty' fossil fuel sources from their seven

different coal, natural gas & diesel power plants. Idaho is fortunate to have fairly 'clean' hydroelectricity but that market is totally 'saturated' and the future is undeniably in alternative energy sources.

Thank you for your leadership in regulating our utilities in order to protect us, the consumers, safeguard our environment and assure our access to safe, sustainable and reliable energy. I am optimistic that you will make the right decision in denying this request based on the lack of evidence from Idaho Power and the preponderance of evidence & logic on the people's side.

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Diane Holt

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Boise ID, 83702-3717

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Please deny Idaho Power's request to create a separate rate class for net metering customers.

Urge Idaho Power to embrace renewables! They should buy solar panels, install them on residential and commercial roofs. They would then own the means of generation and customers, stock holders, rate payers and the community would benefit from solar production--a real boon during peak times in summer

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Diane Holt

From: mkuehntabor@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, March 8, 2018 11:51 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Margery Kuehn-Tabor

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Case Number: IPC-E-17-13
Email: mkuehntabor@yahoo.com
Telephone:
Address:
Cambridge ID, 83610

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

As a net metering customer of Idaho Power, I strongly oppose the request for Idaho Power to increase the rate paid by net metering customers. IPC-E-17-13

There is no factual basis to support their claim that there is a "wealth transfer from lower-income customers to higher-income customers". We saved money for a long time to build an energy-efficient home and install a small solar array. And where does Idaho Power get their figures in the Idaho Statesman's guest opinion by Adam Richins, August 11, 2017, stating that my system cost shifts \$60 per month from my electric bill to someone else's? If a \$60 fee is tacked to my electric bill every month, I will end up paying more in electric bills than if I had no solar system at all. I paid Idaho Power over \$7,000 to install the electric line to my house. I think I've paid a fair share of the infrastructure.

Idaho Power should step out of the dark age of fossil fuels and habitat altering hydro power and encourage home solar and wind power generation. Idaho Power has a monopoly that discourages forward thinking and wants to penalize Idahoans for trying to do their part to reduce greenhouse gases.

Thank you,
Margery Kuehn-Tabor
Cambridge, ID

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Diane Holt

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Sent: Thursday, March 8, 2018 10:38 AM
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Company

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March 6, 2018

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Greetings;

I'm writing about (Case # IPC-EW-17-13 83201), the Idaho Power request for a new classification for customers with on-site generation and interconnect to Idaho Power's system. Idaho Power claims that such customers are not adequately supporting the system. There is little or no doubt that Idaho Power wants to increase charges to these customers.

I have 28 solar panels on my roof, installed nearly three years ago. I purchased them because I could afford to, and because it was the right thing to do. I'm a retired respiratory therapist and am aware that dirty air compromises the health of every one exposed to it. Solar generated electricity should be replacing coal-generated electricity since coal is a serious pollutant. Solar should also be replacing hydro since dams make it difficult for fish to migrate and survive.

I did not purchase solar panels because I expected to make money from them. I did it because I want my children and grandchildren and others in the younger generations to have cleaner air to breathe. I also drive an electric car and charge it with my solar panels.

Citizens who generate their own electricity and feed the surplus into the Idaho Power grid are helping to reduce the cost of electricity for everyone. The more people who do that, the less likely that Idaho Power will have to invest in new expensive sources of electricity.

Cleaner air also benefits the health of all our citizens. Now we pour pollutants into our air and breathe it, pollutants that would make any food or drink inedible, even though we only eat and drink a few times each day, but

breathe into our lungs 10-40 times a minute depending on age or activity, and we do it around the clock, not just when we're awake. If any thing our air should be cleaner than our food and water. But clean air had never been seen as the necessity that it is, compared to food and water, even though we use much more of it.

The Idaho Power request takes away the ability of citizens to be independent and self-sufficient. It's a request indicating that Idaho Power simply wants to have control of all the sources of energy and doesn't want the average citizens or customer to have any say in the process of selecting energy sources. In that sense their request infringes on our democracy.

Dirty oil and coal, especially coal, are dying as sources of electricity. We should be doing everything we can to speed up their demise. Everyone will benefits with a cleaner environment and fewer health problems. Citizens who generate their own electricity with roof top solar or wind energy should be rewarded for doing so, not punished as Idaho Power advocates.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leonard Nolt". The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first name "Leonard" and the last name "Nolt" clearly distinguishable.

Leonard Nolt
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