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Boise, Idaho

Petition to Reconsider:
Reference: Case # IPC-E-18-15
Order no. 34509
Idaho Public Utilities Commission

Dear PUC Commissioners :

We are students concerned with the future of Idaho who want to do our part to sustain our future and the future of all Idahoans. We have read the Commission order and think that it accurately reflects our concerns as expressed in written and public testimony heard on December 3, 2019, with a few exceptions.

- 1) We would like the Commission to reconsider the distinction made between net metering customers before December 20, 2019 and potential net metering customers after that date. **We request that the Commission allow all new net metering customers who sign up during the period preceding any approved change to the reimbursement formula to use and be grandfathered under the current compensation formula.**
- 2) We would like the Commission to provide assurance to all current and future Idahoans who are considering investing in rooftop solar energy. We feel that the proclamation as written does not provide any certainty in rates for future rooftop solar investors leaving them at risk of unexpected change (as we have seen in this exact recent situation). We recognize that Idaho Power has the right to change their rates according to the market, however, Idaho Power's customers also have the right to assurance and clarity on where their future with energy lies especially because Idaho Power is the main, and biggest provider in southern Idaho.
- 3) We also would like the Commission to require Idaho Power to be fully transparent in all affairs, especially with their current execution of a cost-benefit analysis of the net metering process. We hope that throughout this analysis, Idaho Power is unbiased and clear. We expect Idaho Power to carefully gather data from various situations that use net-metering, not simply one focused area/situation. We expect the results to be shared and created to be comprehensive to the general public. We also trust that the Commission will appoint other third parties to gather and collect data and consider reviewing all data from all parties.
- 4) We would like the Commission to consider the market of on-site solar generation. The effect of changing the net metering system would be catastrophic for the growing solar industry in southern Idaho. A halt in new solar installation during the period of the cost/benefit study would drastically impact the profitability of solar companies. Solar installation companies may choose to relocate to neighboring states, hurting our economy and also causing many difficulties to all current customers looking for repair or maintenance on their systems.
- 5) In addition to the economy, we would like the Commission to seriously consider the future of Idaho. If Idaho Power's changes to net metering are made, we fear that future customers will be reasonable and defer any decision to invest in on-site solar generation. Or in other terms, we, the young generation of Idaho, fear that we will be unable to invest in on-site generation solar energy, regardless of our desires to

do so. We the children of Idaho are simply seeking and fighting for a clean, sustainable future for Idaho and ALL its people.

As students and advocates for renewable energy, we understand the critical importance of rooftop solar as a way to assure **Idaho's sustainable, clean future**. The current threats to solar are a deep concern for those of us who deserve a clean future to live in and hope to move towards clean energy as soon as possible.

We very much appreciate the direction in order to allow for multiple opportunities for public input in the development of a cost/benefit study. We believe that such a study will provide important information to inform any future changes to the reimbursement formula. In the meantime and until any such changes are approved, we ask that the Commission allow any future on-site generating customers to continue and be grandfathered under the current formula, recognize our request for transparency in future proceedings, and appropriately value rooftop solar as a means of power supply. We sincerely hope that Idaho Power and the Public Utilities Commission will continue to work with Idahoans to make rooftop solar and net metering a sustainable and reasonable process for future generations to move Idaho closer towards 100% clean energy by 2045.

Thank you for your consideration.

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