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

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IPUC Commissioners,

My name is Micah Hornback, and I've been working for a solar installer here in Garden City, ID for the last 4 years. Since I've been working in this industry, I have closely observed the ongoing net metering debate. After close observation, I recognize Case # IPC-E-18-15 Order No. 34509 as the most detrimental to my ability to honestly and clearly provide the terms of investment for my future solar customers.

With all due respect, nothing within Case No. IPC-E-18-15 Order No. 34509 provides any reasonable grounds for future customers to invest in a solar installation while uncertainty regarding the net metering program persists. In fact, the immense uncertainty of the proposed grandfathering date prevents any reasonable individual from investing in solar power who did not have a financial commitment by December 20th, 2019. It is unlikely anyone would sign a contract for a solar installation given that the existing net metering policy is now in flux. Without a reliable net metering policy in place, solar installers will not be able to ethically nor reasonably explain the economics of a solar investment to potential customers. This could place the entire solar industry on hiatus until comprehensive studies are completed and a new net metering policy is reinstated. The economic repercussions to solar installers will be manifold. Moreover, the timeline on these changes are as uncertain as the changes themselves, further creating a difficult platform for conveying the current state of affairs to inquiring parties.

I am petitioning the IPUC to reconsider the proposed date of December 20, 2019 and extend grandfathering dates to include all installed systems up until the new net metering policy has been finalized and approved.

I appreciate your time and consideration,

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