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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Comment: Commission Members:

A short story of how increasing cost of grid-tie solar would cause harm.

My family installed a rooftop solar system in early 2018. My wife and I embraced this move as a way to show our 3 children the importance of doing our part to slow climate change. We would have been unable to do this project without the grid tie schedule of 1:1 credit for KWh produced and the ability to carry these forward and use in future months. We have since purchased a used Nissan Leaf and an e-bike and have tried to reduce our carbon footprint with changes in our diet.

We would not have had the ability to start this whole movement with a solar installation if the current schedule was not in place.

The proposed changes to increase cost of grid-tie solar are aimed at protecting a monopoly of a powerful company that sees threat in the ability of customers to generate their own power. Idaho Power professes to support clean energy, continually encouraging customers to use less energy, but then moves to stifle solar expansion. This does not seem to make sense, until you consider that their primary goal is to profit from energy production and sale. They want to buy energy from rooftop solar customers at a discount, charge a fee for access, and sell as much energy to markets with higher rates. It's time that the public calls on Idaho Power to put it's actions in line with its words about being responsible to the environment.

Idaho Power should continue the schedule for onsite generation with grid-tie, and must honor the trust of customers, who like our family, installed very expensive systems based on the understanding that the agreement with the power company would remain stable.

Please side with the environment and with customers and citizens of Idaho and keep the current schedule in place. It's the right thing to do.

Thank you,
Eric Elliott and family

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Comment: We need more renewable energy generation in our nation, to decrease emission of carbon dioxide in order to slow the rate of climate change. Rooftop solar is an excellent way to allow citizens to participate in the solution, and grid-tie is key to allowing average homeowners this opportunity. Our power company, Idaho Power, should be supportive of renewable and clean energy production in every form, and has a duty to accommodate rooftop solar as a public utility with a responsibility to the public trust. With current cost of solar installation and 1:1 credit with no additional fees or high minimum monthly bill, the financial investment is a near break-even in Idaho. Any proposed increase in cost to rooftop solar customers will definitely discourage further proliferation of this excellent power production method. The commission should oppose any rate increases or decrease in KWh credit ratio that target solar and other renewable onsite generation of power. The right thing to do is to encourage further expansion of renewable energy generation.

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