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Comment: First off, I would like to thank the Idaho Public Utilities Commission for accepting public comment. A thorough exchange of ideas and open minds are vital to coming to a mutually agreeable system for valuing distributed energy generation in Idaho.

I urge Idaho Power and the Utilities Commission to fully consider the reality of climate change. Human life, at the very least, is under threat of extinction due to our irresponsible patterns of consumption in the past as well as the present. The wealthy and powerful, those few who make decisions affecting the very many, often feel insulated from the most negative effects that are to come. Indeed, their money will protect them to some degree, but please consider: we are at a crucial point in human history. Without bold action to reduce greenhouse emissions and net consumption overall, suffering will eventually come for us all.

I understand that Idaho Power must remain solvent and that a solution may include adjusting the system for those who export energy to the grid. I ask that Idaho Power considers its role in preventing the worst effects of climate change. I ask that Idaho Power encourage, rather than smother, efforts to increase distributed solar generation. I ask that Idaho Power become part of the solution—to move forward with those who see a chance for us to overcome the greedy practices from the past that have brought us to this point. There is still time to ward off the worst effects of climate change, and decisions like the one Idaho Power is soon to make are, in fact, more profound than it may seem at this time. We humans have the awesome ability to plan the future in great detail. Let's look as far forward as we can, for the sake of our children and the world in which they must live.

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