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Comment: As a homeowner who has put their money where their beliefs lie, and installed rooftop solar, I have provided a benefit for Idaho Power and all Idahoans inline with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission rules.

To change the rules, for people who invested or will invest in Idaho's future, will do two major things.

1. It will shift any power away from the individual power producers (ie: homeowners). As power producers, again, under the existing rules of IPUC, we have created a seat at the table. To ignore or reduce our seat is against the goals of IPUC and a detrimental practice. We have provided a benefit to the community which is paid out at the rate previously agreed upon (net metering). To shorten this length of time which we have invested against is plain wrong. To shift the investment benefit away from the homeowner and give it to Idaho Power is stealing.
2. It will reduce future homeowner investment into clean energy. While IPUC's mission statement may not be for economic expansion or clean energy, the distribution of energy sources and the desire of homeowners to create jobs locally should be enough for IPUC to latch onto. The goal of the IPUC should be to create the greatest good and reducing the current net metering regulations goes against this.

Distributed (rooftop) solar has benefits to the grid, including decreasing the need for energy generation and transmission that the per-kWh fees are designed to collect money for.

There are studies which demonstrate that the net metering is responsible for financial benefits greater than its costs. When power companies such as Idaho Power are getting, touting, and selling these benefits, at no additional payment to the rooftop solar owners and investors, it is discriminating that they then come back to the IPUC and request even further reduced benefits to us.

Please do not allow this discrimination.
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