

Diane Holt

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Sent: Friday, October 25, 2019 3:30 PM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Mark Utting

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Boise ID, 83712

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am opposed to the reduction of solar power credit and the end of net one-to-one metering. My wife and I have invested close to \$30,000 in a solar panel system for our home and for you to approve that value to be reduced by 50% is unacceptable. The reduction to wholesale credit will NOT encourage Idahoans to go green. There are approximately 4,000 home solar systems in Idaho and this makes up such a small percentage of the Idaho Power base that the concern for insufficient payment for infrastructure is bogus at this time.

Rules should not be changed after Idaho citizens have made such an investment after carefully considering the costs and benefits.

Existing solar generators should, at a minimum, be grandfathered in under the current rules and not be penalized. The best course would be to have home solar encouraged to help reduce carbon emissions to the atmosphere.

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Address: 3030 W Barr St
Boise ID, 83703

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: We installed solar panels and have been extremely happy with the choice. Idaho Power should keep up its end of the bargain. We have invested in local clean energy expecting a fair deal.

Idaho families and small businesses shouldn't have the rules changed on them after they, like us, have already made their investment.

The new proposal could cost existing solar customers thousands of dollars on their electricity bills.

Allowing existing solar customers to stay on the existing net metering program and applying the new program to new customers is a commonsense compromise that allows all parties to keep agreements made in good faith.

You are not there to make profit but to provide affordable, clean, renewable energy, and is your duty to help families and businesses by making it as easy as convenient as possible to switch.

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Sent: Friday, October 25, 2019 1:54 PM
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Subject: Case Comment Form: Scott Syme

Name: Scott Syme
Case Number:
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Address:
Wilder Idaho, 83676

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Idaho Power should keep up its end of the bargain. Idahoans have invested in local clean energy expecting a fair deal. Leave the program the same. We need the extra investment in solar that will be stifled if they reduce the net metering amount.

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From: oms@centurylink.net
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To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: RICHARD STONE

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Boise ID, 83709

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I have recently purchased and installed a solar system to run my entire household. I am quite upset regarding the Net Metering Settlement. When I had my solar system installed last year I basically entered into an agreement with Idaho Power to return my unused power to the grid at the going rate as a credit and they would in turn provide needed electricity as needed at the same rate.

The Net Settlement agreement basically wipes out the agreement I currently have with Idaho Power. I made a major personal investment into renewable energy resources. This agreement will in fact hurt me financially related to this investment in the future I have made and is not fair. Idaho Power should be required to honor/grandfather the implied agreement we currently have. At this point, based on the agreement if allowed to proceed as is, was not a wise investment on my part even though I acted in good faith when entering into this purchase. Idaho Power should not be allowed to hurt me just for their gain!

I beg of the PUC to give serious consideration to requiring Idaho Power to live up to their commitments they have already made to those that have listened regarding renewable energy resources and took action. I would ask that we (those already with solar) be grandfathered as least long enough to recoup our substantial investments. This is just another example of big business hurting the consumer, please do not allow this to happen. Make them honor their commitment!

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Subject: Case Comment Form: Barbara Cochrane

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Address: 2335 E Parkside Dr
Boise ID, 83712

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am an existing solar powered home owner and believe that the current net metering rate needs to stay equal to the general rate customers pay. I invested in solar power for my home with rate numbers provided at the time and decided I would be able to absorb the expenses over time accordingly. It's not fair to change the rate for those of us already committed to contributing to the grid at a specific rate.

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Subject: Case Comment Form: Genie Weppner

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Address: 2800 N Lancaster DR
Boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: You should not allow the rules to change for Idahoans who have invested in clean solar energy. That would be unfair to those who in good faith invested in clean energy and would, in the end make the cost of this investment larger lengthening the payback period I expected from my investment

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To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Margot Callahan

Name: Margot Callahan
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15
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Telephone:
Address:
Boise ID, 83703

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Investing in solar energy was our decision to invest in our community's clean energy, clean resources and our future as a sustainable planet. We are not in the 1%, so it was a large financial investment based on Idaho Power's promise of our monthly payment, and the credit we lose at the end of each year that is a net gain for Idaho Power. By keeping the net metering for existing customers the same, you are investing as much in our community as we have.

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Hagerman Idaho, 83332

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Comment: Mark Bolduc
2932 S 1050 E
PO Box 117
Hagerman, Idaho 83332

October 25, 2019

RE: Net Metering

To whom it may concern.

On August 22, 2018 I entered into a contract with Gietzen Solar LLC to install a carefully planned solar project at our home. Our system was designed to produce power equal to our needs and utilize net metering with Idaho Power. We paid \$ 32,500.00 for this system based on Idaho Powers net metering program.

On September 28, 2018 Idaho power sent me a congratulations letter approving my project saying it was in compliance with their interconnection requirements (outlined in Schedule 72 interconnections to Non Utility Generation).

Idaho Power needs to keep up their end of this agreement and not change the terms suddenly. Current systems need to be grandfathered while new users follow their terms. In doing this project I used Idaho power cost and solar cost to determine my return on investment. It is unfair for Idaho Power to change this with me.

If Idaho Power is allowed to change the terms for existing users it will unfairly cost current solar project owners thousands of dollars each over the term of their system.

Idaho Power says they want renewable energy and encourage it yet when we are in operation the rules change. This is not fair.

I would ask you allow existing solar customers to stay on the existing net metering program and apply these new rules to new customers this allows all parties to keep agreements in good faith.

Respectfully,
Mark E Bolduc

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From: simply_kristie@hotmail.com
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 6:11 PM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Kristie Nixon

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Boise Idaho, 83706

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Co

Comment: I think it is fair that all people connected to the grid pay their share of maintaining that infrastructure! The current net metering program allows non-solar customers to pay for solar customers use of the grid. That isn't fair! I totally support Idaho Powers proposed changes to the net metering program and I KNOW without a doubt Idaho Power doesn't take this lightly. They are a fair and ethical company!

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To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Haley Thomason

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Boise ID, 83709

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am an existing solar customer. Please keep me on the current net metering program. It is unfair to reduce the value of my investment by making my excess solar power cost me more to buy back. I invested in local clean energy expecting a fair deal and I shouldn't have the rules changed on me after I already made my investment. The new proposal could cost my thousands of dollars on my electricity bills on top of the thousands of dollars I already invested for the equipment I bought to save money on my electricity Bill's.

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Subject: Case Comment Form: John Thirion

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Address:
Meridian Idaho, 83642

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Why changing the rules after the facts, every time someone is putting their own money to do something for the environment they end up having to be punished for it. very soon Idaho will find a way to tax extra for electric and hybrid cars as Washington is doing .

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Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 7:50 PM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Kevin Myers

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Nampa Idaho, 83686

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Comment: Don't cave in to Idaho Power's request to change the net metering program.
It's unfair to pay less for consumer-produced power.

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Subject: Case Comment Form: Maria Held

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Middleton Idaho, 83644

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: My husband and I invested in rooftop solar panels in January 2018 as a clean energy source. We made this investment with the understanding that for every kwh we send to the power grid when we produce more than we use we would be credited a kwh to use during the months when solar production does not meet our demand. As we near retirement we thought this a wise investment to keep our energy costs from increasing as our income becomes fixed.

The main page of the utilities webpage proclaims „Idaho Power is committed to our goal of 100% clean energy by 2045“ under the trademarked slogan of „Clean today. Cleaner tomorrow“.

On the other hand Idaho Power is making it harder for their customers to invest in solar panels by decreasing the value of their investment.

Allowing us as existing solar customers to stay on the existing net metering program and applying the new program to new customers is a commonsense compromise that allows all parties to keep agreements made in good faith.

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Boise ID, 83704

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Idaho power is allowed a monopoly for providing power to the customers in this area. With the plan that allows them to pay customers only 50% of what the customer pays they are profiting on electric they didn't make.

For example, if the solar setup returns 2 kWh to the grid the customer only get credit for 1 kWh while Idaho power can charge their neighbor the full price for the 2 kWh. So Idaho Power is getting a 100% profit margin on the power returned to the grid.

This is for power they didn't create. They only provided the transmission lines that have been paid for for years by the customers.

I understand that they can't operate at a loss but taking a 100% profit margin is very large for only providing the transmission lines that have already been paid for.

A better solution would be to limit their profit margin to 10%. This would allow solar power creating to get paid for 9 out of 10 kWh of power created while still paying Idaho Power for providing the transmission lines.

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Boise ID, 83712

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I'm against Idaho Power being able to reimburse solar users less for power they put back into the grid. I think we should continue to reimburse them at the current rate due to climate concerns.

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Subject: Case Comment Form: Austin Hearst

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Caldwell ID, 83605

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Hi, It seems like really bad business to be changing the rules mid stream. I agreed to one set when I installed my solar, I doubt that Idaho Power would agree to a new agreement that wasn't in their favor, why should I.

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From: jragdsdale@gmail.com
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To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Jordan Ragsdale

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Case Number: IPC-E-18-15
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Telephone:
Address:
Eagle Idaho, 83616

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Idaho Power recently revealed to its current Schedule 6 customers a plan to eventually and effectively nearly halve the credited rate for any excess power generation to the grid on an hourly basis. They do this under the guise that Schedule 6 customers get to use Idaho Power's infrastructure "for free" and that it transfers cost onto other customers. This has been proven to not be the case in multiple studies done in the US. Whatever came of this study (Case No. IPC-E-18-15)? These studies show that the excess generation typically doesn't leave your own neighborhood, and often adds power during peak demand times when peaker plants would have to be utilized using fossil fuels. This seems like a benefit to Idaho Power, not the other way around. Studies in 23 states found over 15 ways distributed solar adds value. A 2017 LBNL study and Brookings Institute found distributed solar may lower retail electric rates.

Costs of transmission aside, changing the rates of existing Schedule 6 customers is unconscionable. Each customer has their solar system built around their own unique site location, power usage, budget and long term payoff goals. We signed an agreement with Idaho Power assuming we could plan on the rate being the same going forward. Idaho Power should not have the authority to "renegotiate" this contract with a 3rd party, only with each and every individual solar system owner as they are the ones that have everything to lose. At the very least, I strongly urge the IPUC to consider the rate changes at this time to only apply to new on-site generation customers, not existing customers, who only represent 0.25% of Idaho Power's customers. Schedule 6, or residential "rooftop solar" is expensive and most customers take 12 years or more just to recoup the cost of their equipment even at current rates. Cutting the credited rate in half will dash the goals, dreams and budgets that many home solar users envisioned when they originally pursued the idea. Allow future on-site generation customers to make an informed decision, but don't change the rules on those of us who have already invested so much.

Thank you for your time,
Jordan Ragsdale

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