

Diane Holt

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Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 3:39 PM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Sean Rasmussen

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Boise ID, 83703

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: To whom it may concern: I would like to register my opinion regarding the proposed changes to schedule 6 and schedule 8 on-site generation rates. As a customer with on-site generation capabilities, I strongly urge the IPUC to exempt existing schedule 6 and schedule 8 customers from the changes in the rates their generation is calculated at, or at the very least, extend the time-line for existing customers, by at least 10 additional years, to allow recouping of the costs of their systems.

Many of us who have on-site generation systems installed at our homes, purchased these systems partially based on the return on investment, which we calculated using a 1 for 1 KWH credit, as outlined in the current schedule 6 and 8 language. To change these rates to nearly half in just 8 years will negate the return on investment for many, if not most of us, even though Idaho Power will still see the benefits of having those systems in the mix. This agreement makes us feel like we're having the rug pulled out from under us. At least customers who are contemplating installing these systems can make an informed decision, knowing the rates they will accrue credits at will drop. We existing customers don't have that advantage. We've already paid for our systems and would like to have the chance to re-coup that cost at the same rate Idaho Power would have charged us for the power we are generating (we are not making a profit here).

So while I understand the need and the reasoning behind adjusting the rates; I feel that existing schedule 6 and 8 customers should be granted exception to the proposed agreement. Our systems are installed and functioning, we are responsible for maintaining them, they aren't costing Idaho Power anything now, but will still provide a benefit to Idaho Power for years to come. Please do not go make us subject to this agreement which will make these systems a liability for those who installed them in good faith, and just want to see a return on investment and a reduced environmental impact.

Best Regards, Sean T. Rasmussen

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: It is a bait and switch after investing in solar power for Idaho Power to change the buy back rate for excess electricity. Clean energy investors entered into this expecting fair deal. These individuals should not have the rules changed on them midway through their investment. These new changes decrease the value of their investment by 50%. The electricity they generate is for the benefit of everyone, by decreasing our needs on non renewable resources. The only compromise worth considering is grandfathering the existing customers into the agreement presented to them.
Thank you

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POCATELLO ID, 83201

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am extremely disappointed and frustrated with the fact that the power I am putting back into the grid with my solar system (that I purposely purchased a larger than needed) would be considered any less valuable than power from Idaho Power. The power I am putting back into the grid is being consumed by other customers paying the full price. This is taking my investment and turning it into a huge profit machine for the company at the expense of the customer. When I purchased my system it was under the agreement that I would get dollar for dollar. That agreement should be upheld for the life of the system.

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BOISE ID, 83716

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Dear Sir/Madam,

I heard about new proposed rates for residential solar customers and would like to give me input. I have solar system installed almost 2 years ago with the main goal to decrease carbon "footprint". I believe every person, not just the government, should be a part of green future. By allowing Idaho Power to have different rates for solar customers IPUC helps to protect large corporation business. What about individuals? Having to install a solar system I made large investment with projected return in 15+ years. With new rates I am not sure if a return (not a surplus) will be ever achievable. I strong support the request to "grandfather" current rates to current solar customers to have a fair game between people and corporations.

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KIMBERLY ID, 83341

Name of Utility Company: idaho power

Comment: i have made a great investment into solar power to go green . i feel the rules should stay as there are now for us people that have solar now. the rules can change after it's been approved by PUC .but before then the old solar people should be grandfathered in Thank You

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Filer ID, 83328

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I made a huge investment about 2 years ago with putting up solar panels on my house. I had 74 panels installed at a cost of over \$70,000. One of the main reasons that I did this was that I saw it as a future investment that would pay off in the years to come. I am ok with the current way that I am receiving credit from Idaho Power for the excess KWH that my system is producing and I ask that there be a grandfathering clause that will allow me to protect my investment so that the new changes in solar regulation do not effect me for many years to come if at all. I did this for my future and if I am not grandfathered and new rates take effect on my system I will be stuck with even more expenses that I have not planned for or expected. Please allow current solar customers to protect our investments and offer at least a 20 year grandfathering clause. Thanks for your time!

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Subject: Case Comment Form: Ronald Garrett

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Case Number: ipc-e-18-15
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Telephone:
Address:
Boise Idaho, 83709

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: After purchasing (Oct. 2012), and before I installed my 3KW grid tied system Idaho Power started a campaign to remove any chance of us to recover or enjoy the fruits of our investments. At the time I was close to retirement and was hoping to off set my utility costs and to do my little part of energy conservation. Since my system produces less than our average usage(case#ipc-e-12-27)did not affect us. We don't produce more than we use. The monthly net metering system should be left as is. Now they,(Idaho Power)are working the system to rob me of any chances to even pay off my investment costs. There should be no change to any customer owned producers that are already in service nor any change for future installations for a one year time period after this ruling is decided. This year time period will allow any person that is in progress or want to invest in solar a reasonable window to join or finish their project before Idaho Power totally ruins this opportunity for the public to participate.

It is obvious that Idaho Power is not wanting to be a good partner in any portion of alternative energy. Please add me to the mailing list, email list etc. for any proceedings on this issue. Thank you for your time, Ron Garrett

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Subject: Case Comment Form: John Toolson

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Case Number: *IPC-E-18-15*

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Address: 2536 E 3769 N

TWIN FALLS ID, 83301

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I made the decision to spend \$75,000 to put solar on my house and make my house a "net zero" home as an investment. I analyzed the figures and based on the rates and the cost of the panels and installation, I'm looking at 10-12 years to recoup the cost. Now Idaho Power wants to change the rates???? They sell their excess power to California, they don't pay me for any excess that I produce, its free to them. How is it fair and ethical to change the rules after the game has started. I feel this is nothing but greed, trying to punish those seeking alternate energy. They see all the solar panels going up and instead of looking it as freeing up more power they can sell, they see it as a reduction in their revenue from Idaho residents, so they are trying to come up with ways to penalize those of us that have made a very large investment in our homes and discourage those thinking of making that investment in the future. Those that haven't purchased a power generation system yet can make their decision on the new rates and pencil it out for themselves to see if it works for them. Those of us that have already made the investment should at least be grandfathered in with the old rates. If not forever, at least until we have recouped our investment.

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Telephone: 2082064625
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Rexburg ID, 83440

Name of Utility Company: PacifiCorp

Comment: I am currently working for HorizonPWR and a large portion of our projects are located in areas serviced by the Idaho Power Co. If this proposed settlement goes through, this could negatively affect business and could eventually impact my job stability.

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Boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Comment: The original reimbursement rates should not be changed.

Sincerely,

Brian Murphy

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Boise Idaho, 83709

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: We invested a lot installing solar panels on our home and it has only been 6 months since has been installed. Idaho power is paying me for power production i am paying for. if they reduce my reimbursement i feel they should buy my system and pay me rent for the use of my roof. my investment and production in solar helps idaho power if this rule is changed less people will purchase solar. solar is a huge investment to the many families that are getting set up and changing the rules will be a huge set back.

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Address: 1265 Eric ct
Mountain Home Idaho, 83647

Name of Utility Company: Idaho power

Comment: Received a letter about customer generation, I installed my system back in June 2019 I don't understand how you can charge more than and pay less and less it does not cost you to receive power back and either way you still have to read the meter i don't understand the reasoning behind this

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Address: 3909 N Hackberry Way
Boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: My wife and I installed a solar generation system on our home in 2018. Our Return on Investment analysis was based on the existing Idaho Power program for customer power generation. Based on a fair program, we invested \$50,000 on a system to bring us close to net zero on external energy consumption. The existing plan allowed us to bank kilowatt hours when we generated them, then draw upon them when required. The new program takes kilowatt hours that we export to Idaho Power and converts them to a dollar amount at a reduced rate. When we need to use power from the grid, we will be forced to buy it back at the higher market rate. Obviously, this is an advantage to Idaho Power, but it is a great disadvantage and disservice to the consumers who already invested in on-site generation. We would never have invested in solar under the new rules, and will probably never recover our investment if those new rules are applied to existing customers.

I ask that the IPUC do two things:

1. Grandfather all existing customers under the old program. Allow existing customers to continue to bank and draw kilowatt hours without having to pay Idaho Power for electricity we generated.
2. Require Idaho Power to submit a plan for new on-site generation customers that accounts for energy placed on the grid and drawn from the grid in one of two ways, both of which take the customer's position into better perspective.
 - a. Continue to track energy in kilowatt hours so that Idaho Power does not make money off power generated by individual customers, or
 - b. Initiate a program similar to the one proposed, but with the credit rate based on a percentage of the market rate, instead of monetary rates (set to be 4.4 cents per kWh for schedule 6 customers and 4.9 cents for Schedule 8 customers). If the credit rate is set at 4.4 cents indefinitely, the penalty to solar owners will increase as the market rate increases.

Thank you for your consideration.
Charlie and Beth Ennis

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American Falls ID, 83211

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: 1. Please tell me the date for the IPUC determination on whether the changes requested by Idaho Power.

2. There are three rate structures that will be adopted prior to the final rate structure of 4.4 cents/kWh for schedule 6. The first rate (8.9) is specified in the letter I received from Idaho Power. What are the rates for customer-generated power to be in 2024 and 2026?

3. The final rate (4.4) is 55% of the current non-summer charge and 52% of the summer energy charge. Will these percentages stay constant as the rate I pay to Idaho Power changes? If the charge from Idaho Power goes up to 10 cents/kWh, will the rate paid to customer-generators stay the same or go up?

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Boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho power

Comment: The PUC should uphold the original program that was agreed upon by Idaho Power and solar customers. Idahoans have invested in local clean energy expecting a fair deal.

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Caldwell Idaho, 83605

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I would like to see the rates remain the same for all net meter customers. Failing that, I strongly urge that existing customers retain the rates that were in effect when they decided to make these large, long term investments in solar power.

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Shoshone Idaho, 83352

Name of Utility Company: Idaho power

Comment: I have read that Idaho Power is committed to clean power and has a goal of 100% clean power by 2045 (as I am). I do not see how punishing the consumers who are committed as well and who produce extra power at times, is helping to reach that goal. Most all of the homeowners like me are just trying to produce enough to break even since we will not get cash for our overproduction. We are aiming towards net zero. I have already invested my own money to reach that goal based on the rate that was set in my agreement with Idaho Power and changing that for me now will do me financial harm that I cannot accept without protest.

If these proposals are accepted and put into practice I will be forced to invest additional money into storage in order to attempt to realize my investment, adding many years towards its realization.

I respectfully ask that Idaho Power leave things as they are in the interest of the public and Idaho Power's clean energy goals. At the very least I ask that existing net metering customers are left out of these changes. It is not fair to those of us who have invested in a goal of net zero to have the rules changed on us after the fact.

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Subject: Case Comment Form: Gregory Mortensen

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Mountain Home ID, 83647

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: To whom it may concern:

When I bought the Solar Panels I was under the impression I was helping the environment and making a good investment. The idea of Solar Panels being a good investment came from the original monthly net metering program agreement with Idaho Power. If the rates dropped as Idaho Power and others are proposing, there is a high chance my investment in the environment won't be much good at all. As a result I will be stuck with a debt rather than an investment. Please require Idaho Power stick with their original agreement for those who already have Solar Panels or other power producing means. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Gregory Mortensen

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Meridian ID, 83642

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I would like to comment on the solar that was installed on my house in 2017. I hope that you would grandfather in customers that have already put into the system. I feel that I contribute many megawatts of power into the grid during the summer peak days. My system produces more than what I use at this time. Do you original proposal was that we would receive credits during the wintertime hours. I hope that someone doesn't go back on their word and change it for the peoples that have already purchased solar and are putting in power to the grid.

Please consider What do you original proposal listed.
Lavon Webb

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Boise Idaho, 83712

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: It is patently unfair to change the rules for those of us that have already made a substantial investment in solar power based on a certain return on power generation. Existing solar owners invested in their systems in good faith knowing it would take 20 years or more to get back what they put in. It's not fair to force existing solar owners onto a new program that reduces the value of their investment by 50%. These proposed rules amount to nothing more than a 50% tax on my investment. Additionally, these proposed rules do nothing to help save our air and our water and our climate.

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Boise ID, 83712

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Comment: Idaho Public Utilities Commission members,

I was present at a very well attended IPUC hearing about generating a separate rate class for net metering. I left with the impression that a rate increase for current uses of solar was not supported by any of the experts testifying. I also left with a clear sense that a through examination of the costs and benefits of small distributed energy producers would be analyzed before a new rate class would be considered.

I have seen no new data. The promised study seems not to have been conducted. Further, I am shocked by the speed at which Idaho Power wants to act to raise the rates for net metering. I do not see any rationale at all for this increase, much less a compelling rationale.

On Mobley Drive, where I live, you will see several solar arrays put in by myself and my neighbors who want to create green energy. On hot and sunny days my own roof top solar powers not just my own home, but my excess power goes to a power pole where it connects directly to the 220v going to my neighbor who does not have a solar array. I do not see how my power generation would ever leave my block, and likely not even the power pole, before being consumed. In effect, I am providing a small scale local power plant that is consumed by my neighbor, not only costing Idaho Power nothing, but saving them the need to produce energy on the days when they are most overburdened.

Idaho Power touts their own commitment to renewable energy. But when consumers generate renewable electricity at their own expense, Idaho Power undermines the cause of renewable energy. I see this as not only as an active undermining of energy security, but of democratic and civic engagement if not the democratic process itself.

I ask that the Idaho Public Utilities Commission be the counter balance to Idaho Power and make sure the interests of all Idahoans are taken into account.

Please slow down. Why is Idaho Power in such a hurry? Please make sure the public is provided with the data promised during the hearing process. Let everyone affected by the proposed settlement look at the data and understand any proposals that are based on that data.

I would also ask that we engage in long-term lateral thinking by exploring how net metering works in other states and countries. Let us use best practices.

Finally, it seems a very reasonable expectation not to switch the rules on people who have made good faith investments for the good of the community. Please grandfather all of us with existing rooftop solar into the agreements we entered

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boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: All existing net metering clients should be grandfathered.

The rules should not change after people have made a monetary decision to invest in solar energy. Also the IPUC should encourage the investment into clean energy for the good of our survival.

Which is more important than a slight gain in Idaho power's bottom line.

Thank you

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Ketchum ID, 83340

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Co.

Comment: I have a substantial investment in a 8.4kw system installed and brought online in Fall of 2017. Any changes to my net metering agreement will potentially alter my planned return on investment. Currently I pay service charges of \$17/mos. on my net metering bill. Any changes will certainly impact my investment.

Sincerely,
James Rosenfeld

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Dear Idaho Public Utility Commission (IPUC) commissioners:

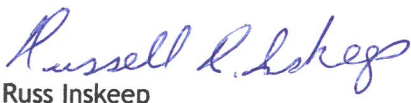
I am writing to you regarding the letter I received from Idaho Power dated October 23, 2019. The letter is regarding the settlement agreement between Idaho Power and the Staff of the IPUC detailing changes to the compensation structure for residential customers with on-site power generation.

I have read the letter and the settlement agreement and believe the primary beneficiary of the settlement is Idaho Power at the expense of customer on-site power generators (Customer Producers). Because there appears to be little or no benefit to the Customer Producer, and because Customer Producers each spent significant capital to install power generating equipment (primarily solar panel systems), I respectfully ask that you exempt existing customers with on-site generation from the changes resulting from the settlement. If existing Customer Producers are not exempt, I ask that Idaho Power be required to produce monthly statements showing the hourly production and usage so Customer Producers can manage their usage to mitigate their losses and maximize the value of their production.

Based on a comprehensive financial analysis (I have 28 years of financial analysis experience), knowledge of IPUC's past advocacy of Customer Producers, and no indication power generation compensation rates would change, I made the well-informed and financially-modeled decision to purchase power generating equipment (solar panel systems) and paid to have them installed on my residence. Had there been any indication IPUC would enter into an agreement which significantly harms Customer Producers, I and many like me with limited capital would not have spent that capital on power generating systems. If your decision is to not exempt existing customers with on-site generation from the changes resulting from the settlement, I respectfully ask that IPUC or Idaho Power be required to reimburse Customer Producers for the capital spent on power generating equipment since that equipment will lose a significant amount of its value as direct result of the settlement.

Please reply via mail letting me know if existing Customer Producers will be exempt from the settlement. If not exempted, please let me know what recourse I have for recovering the capital invested in power generating equipment, which will lose a significant amount of its value as a direct result of the settlement.

Respectfully,



Russ Inskip

Cc: Sierra Club
Idaho Clean Energy Association
Idaho Power
Idaho Governor Brad Little

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho power

Comment: I am a solar customer that built my plan on the understanding that I would eliminate my energy bill and give back to the grid. If the rules are changed then this project was for nothing as is my attempt to lower my carbon footprint while saving money. This will hurt my family in a way I might need to change my address as I will not be able to afford this program. Please don't punish people like me for trying to help the planet. Thank you

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Boise ID, 87302

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I'm writing to advocate for the grandfathering in of existing net metering clients of Idaho Power into current and future solar power metering policies unless those updated policies expressly benefit owners of private sustainable power generation more than existing policies. As an Idaho Power customer, solar panel owner, and sustainable power researcher, my view is that penalizing early adopters of sustainable power generation is in bad taste, hinders needed progress towards sustainable power solutions, and abdicates opportunity that Idaho Power possesses to demonstrate national leadership in helping to ameliorate the global climate crisis.

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Boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Idaho Public Utilities Commission members, I was present at what I suspect was the best attended IPUC hearing in the last 10 years; namely, generating a separate rate class for net metering. At that hearing I left with the impression that a thorough examination of the costs and benefits of small distributed energy producers would be analyzed as part of a new rate class I haven't seen any of that data. Does it exist? I am shocked by the speed at which Idaho Power acted to raise the rates for net metering. I would love a chance to understand the rationale, not just see the proposed settlement.

If you would come to my block, you would see my roof top solar powers my home on sunny days, then excess power goes to a power pole where it connects directly to the 220v going to the four plex next door. I suspect the load of these 5 residents is always more than my small 5Kwatt system generates. Stated another way, my power generation never leaves the block, and likely not even the power pole, before being consumed. This is one data point – locally generated power is consumed locally, there are no distribution costs.

I don't have any simple insights into reduced need for expensive power plants or value of green energy or other costs and benefits to be taken into account when figuring out net metering fair billing. That is why I would love to see the data.

Idaho Power has a love / hate relationship with renewable energy. They love their dams, their huge solar farms, and maybe their big windmills (I don't know if they have any wind turbines, but I wouldn't be surprised). Then when anyone else generate renewable electricity, Idaho Power does everything it can to imply it is worst than not having it at all. I am asking Idaho Public Utilities Commission to be the counter balance to Idaho Power and make sure Idahoans interests are taken into account.

My first request is to slow down. Don't approve the settlement for at least 6 months. Let everyone effected by the proposed settlement look at the data and understand the settlement.

My second request is to think long term, see how net metering is done in other states and make sure any long term net metering approach matches where the industry is heading.

My third request is to at minimum grandfather in those of us with existing rooftop solar. You are talking about effecting a select group of individuals who made personal financial decisions based on one understanding only to have a key assumption being changed.

Thanks for all you do to make Idaho a great place to live.

Todd Fischer
1005 N 12th St
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Diane Holt

From: kwhite511@msn.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 12:46 PM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Kenneth White

Name: Kenneth White
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15
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Telephone:
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Nampa US, 83687

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Comment: Hello,

I first learned of collaborations and discussions about electrical power rate hikes in a letter to me dated 10-23-2019 from Idaho Power. I have had no representation in any of these negotiations mentioned in the letter which have been going on for years. I demand an opportunity to come up to speed on what has been discussed, seek representation if needed, and form alliances with other people in my situation. That situation being an independent homeowner who invested personal funds from a retirement nest egg (\$38k solar system) under the auspices that I would be buffered from any future Idaho Power rate hikes.

I am sure that there are others like me who are retired and living on a fixed income.

Idaho Power has dishonored their commitment and I will suffer the consequences, but not quietly.

If Idaho Power wanted a plan to kill solar in Idaho they surely have found it with IPC-E-18-15.

Respectfully,

Ken White
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Diane Holt

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Pocatello ID, 83201-9003

Name of Utility Company: IDAHO POWER

Comment: After receiving assurances about net metering from Solarize Pocatello and from our installer (Intermountain Wind and Solar) my wife and I elected to do the right thing for our imperiled planet and invest \$30,000 in solar panels with the understanding that we might recoup most of our investment after about 11 years.

The above cited proposal makes that impossible. I feel that there has been a breach of trust, and that we, who have made this investment for the common good, are being punished.

If not here, then I would like to know where I might make an impactful comment on behalf of the many families who are in a similar position.

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Diane Holt

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Subject: Case Comment Form: Christian Chesley

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Case Number: IPC-E-18-15
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Telephone: 2083124734
Address: 171 E. 900 S.
Burley Id, 83318

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Good Afternoon. I am a solar panel owner in BURLEY Idaho. I currently have a 10 kilowatt per hour system and I'm in the process of adding another 10 kilowatt per hour system. For a total of 20 kilowatt-hours. I love the net metering program, so when I heard that they were considering changing the compensation to the homeowner I became very concerned. I understand Idaho power has to make money, and I'm all for that. I do not owe that they told me one rate and then without any a feedback from the customers they're just going ahead and changing the rate. It feels like a bait and switch. I recommend the grandfather in the customers who are ready are using solar panels. But better yet, I think the first 25 kilowatts that customers use should be the full price net metering. Anything more than 25 kilowatt-hours they can compensate the solar power owners at a reduced rate. That way residential users like me who are under 25 kilowatt-hours get the full benefit of the net metering. And then commercial users, big farms, outside companies, can set up solar panels, but they are reimbursed less. So that way it's encouraging homeowners to be green, and discouraging big corporations from moving in and abusing Idaho power net metering

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Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 1:42 PM
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Subject: Case Comment Form: Michael Fuchs

Name: Michael Fuchs
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15
Email: mfuchs@q.com
Telephone:
Address: 903 N Houston Rd
Boise ID, 83706

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am in favor of the Public Utilities Commission to grandfather current solar panel users into the existing rate.

Thank you.

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Diane Holt

From: Eschwid@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 1:46 PM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Elana Story

Name: Elana Story
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15
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Telephone:
Address: 488 W Sandstone Ct
Boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: The current proposition to change net metering should have been open for discussion in the public rather than behind closed doors. Many people, myself included made an investment in solar for the benefit of the community to have clean air and save energy. This investment is being undervalued and changed after we purchased it and current owners should at least be grandfathered into the old reimbursement system. Changing the net metering is sending the wrong message to the community that solar power is not valued and the power companies are putting profit over clean energy investment.

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To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Austen Breninger

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Case Number: IPC-E-18-15
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Telephone: 2088170605
Address:
Boise ID, 83709

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Comment: Hello,

I would like to comment on this case - I made an investment in solar this year under the rules at that time and expect those rules to remain in place. Idaho Power is a monopoly, and it is not OK for them to lower the solar power credit rates all of the sudden, or over the course of 8 years. Since the beginning of the solar project on my home, we expected the current rates were to remain the same. I understand that Idaho Power company wants more money, as would any business. However, those of us who made investments under a certain agreement would like to maintain that agreement. Do not lower the rates for on site generation; as that is basically stealing power that I generate from my home. Thank you!

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BOISE ID, 83709

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am in favor of grandfathering current solar energy owners at the current rate structures. The decision to make an investment in solar energy includes many variables including economic.

An informed customer must weigh not only the environmental issues but also the financial implications in such a large investment. Those financial calculations can only be made with the data points available at the time of decision and a reasonable assumption that those data points will be sustainable.

To open up the possibility that the financial inputs can be changed at any time makes the decision analysis moot and in effect makes all solar customers uninformed; to the detriment of the one party, the customer; and the benefit of the other, IPC.

A deal is a deal, and ones parties re-think of conditions/opinions should not make that deal subject to a forced change in the terms.

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To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: JAYSON GEISLER

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Telephone: 2083907196
Address: 3005 SHAWNIE PL
POCATELLO ID, 83201

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Having kWh in the bank for high usage low production months help offset the power bill year long. Many of these solar systems are a way for the customer to break even with the solar system payment replacing the power bill. The big attraction of the system is the value it adds to the house for resell. If you strip the 1 for 1 this investment becomes worthless. Passing this only creates more of a monopoly for power companies and strips customers of options.

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To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Jose Cordova

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Boise ID, 83709

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Recently Idaho Power has stated their proposal and intention to change existing solar net metering rates to better profit Idaho Power and its affiliates. I am against these net metering changes and wish to remain under the current net metering policy, or be grandfathered in before these changes take place.

Thank you,
Jose (Memo) Cordova

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Diane Holt

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To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Bryan Lawley

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Case Number: IPC-E-18-15
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Telephone: 2086029583
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Boise Idaho , 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: It is with great concern that I write this comment in relation to the recent letter I received from Idaho Power on their proposed changes to solar net metering excess generation valuations starting Jan 1 2020. Idaho has one of the fastest growing solar markets in the US that also provides high paying quality jobs for Idahoan's and these changes are a direct threat to the overall sustainability of a budding industry. The economic impact and job loss alone that will incur as a result the commission (whose job is to fairly protect Idaho citizens against these exact actions) siding with Idaho Power on these changes will be substantially higher than Idaho Power's self proclaimed shortfall losses from the 1%. Idahoan's rights to mitigate the long term monopolistic actions of IdaCorp has never been more imperative. This is from my perspective a simple anti-competition measure to protect IdaCorps bottom line and citizens of Idaho should shame Idaho Power for this corrupt behavior when this measure is affecting less than 1% of their overall rate payer community here in Idaho. Idaho has a unique sun quality to embrace solar energy for the health and wellness of its beautiful lands and citizens and these changes are a setback on the path to a cleaner energy future for our future generations. By approving these changes the PUC would be sending a clear message to Idaho citizens that we are not progressive and not taking full advantage of our environmental opportunities we are fortunate to have been provided. The real issue here is control as it always has been with Idaho Power. They don't control an energy sector and don't like the immense growth and are limiting a private capitalistic industry to cease to exist with these crippling changes. How much profit is too much? This argument is happening all over the world with large, unregulated corporate industries killing small business for their own benefit. I am not only a citizen with solar on his roof that made an investment with current rate environment but also an owner of a solar company that has worked tirelessly and fought Idaho Power for 10 years to create a livelihood for over 15 employees that will be subject to finding new work if you allow this to occur. Countless times through this lengthy legal process Idaho Power has undermined our opportunities with letters and calls to our customers warning them about these changes and that they will find future solutions with solar for them and to not purchase from the private market from companies like mine. At what point can a line be drawn in the sand for anti-competition and someone actually hold a for profit corporation accountable for illegal and detrimental actions that affect so many? Idaho Power advertises for the work we have done within the solar industry and claims to embrace a commitment to renewable energy yet behind closed doors they are on full attack mode to kill that very industry that they claim to be committed to? Until that happens Idaho Power/IdaCorp will continue to push the limits of legality and kill all private competitors. I urge that the PUC finally take a stance on behalf of consumers and private small business and not approve these detrimental changes. I also urge that with recent legal precedent in Utah and Nevada that the Idaho PUC at worst does the right thing and grandfather existing net metering clients for no less than a 15 year time period as from Idaho Power's skewed math on their solar website clearly reads that is what they feel is the accurate timeline for a ROI on investing in solar here in Idaho. You as the commissioners will have this ruling and resulting decision follow you through the rest of your careers and I urge you to simply do the right thing for Idaho citizens not just Idaho Power.

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Boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I was just notified of this case and the proposed rule change to IPUC. I cannot find the dates for public hearings or deadlines for public comment. Can you provide all the details I need to comment since this has dropped on us like a load of bricks? (We are net metering customers)

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Diane Holt

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To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Sean Hassinger

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Boise ID, 83703

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: As a current solar customer, I made the choice 2 years ago to install solar as both a method of clean energy production and as an investment. That investment was based on the 1:1 net metering in Idaho. I feel it is unfair to punish people for trying to generate clean energy by charging a premium on the excess energy they generate. Additionally, if the rates are changed, failure to 'grandfather' existing customers is also unfair as it changes the value of their investment. I strongly support maintaining the 1:1 net metering in Idaho, let's show the world that we are committed to clean energy production. If the rates are changed, at least grandfather in existing customers so they can realize the investment they made when they installed solar.

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To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Allen Merritt

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Kimberly ID, 83341

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Company
Comment: Gentlemen & Ladies:

We recently received a letter from Idaho Power Company (IPCO) informing us of a settlement agreement between IPCO, IPUC and others regarding changes to the compensation or billing structure for residential solar users. After some research on the settlement agreement it is our understanding it has not yet been determined how this may be applied to existing residents with solar installations. The purpose of this letter is to argue or urge the IPUC to exempt existing residential solar developments from the settlement structure and/or grandfather such developments and allow them to continue with the current net-metering program.

Background:

Our residence is located in a subdivision developed in the 1980's with only electricity available (no gas). Our house was built with the total electric concept (space heating, water heating, cooking, etc). We have over the years noticed an ever increasing power bill and have taken steps to reduce energy use by adding insulation, replacing windows, etc. In 2018 our monthly bills ranged from a low of \$114 to a high of \$452 per month. We are retired and the children are gone. We find the IPCO bill is our largest expense other than food and medical.

In the spring of 2019 we started to investigate the potential for installing a solar system at our residence to combat our monthly bill and to make our carbon footprint less. It was not totally a financial decision but that played the major part. We understood the current tax incentives were soon to decrease or expire. With all the hype in the news media, internet, and even information from IPCO we determined to proceed. We got bids from four solar installers. One installer's selling point was we needed to act soon to gain the status of being "grandfathered" in to the net-metering program.

We ultimately signed a contract with Gietzen Solar LLC in June of 2019 and our system has been up and running these last few months. (To date our system has saved over 6000 pounds of CO2 emission which is equivalent to more than 150 trees planted) Our system was designed with the net-metering concept to supply 95% of our electricity needs. It cost \$39,200 upfront and was projected to have a payback period of 8.8 years with a system lifetime of 30 years with projected savings of \$32,601. After receiving the recent IPCO letter we requested an analysis of the settlement agreement on our system from Gietzen. They indicated it was difficult because of going to an hourly basis and lack of data, but did estimate the payback period would extend to at least 11.1 years and the lifetime savings over 30 years would reduce to \$14,948. Essentially it is going to take 2.3 years longer to break even and we will lose \$17,653 from what was expected. If our example is typical for other residential solar users we find this rather unfair to all residential solar users who have based their decisions on the current net-metering concept.

Diane Holt

From: pentwist@cableone.net
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 11:04 AM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Robert Entwistle

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Boise Idaho, 83709

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: We installed solar panels on our home last spring because, in many ways, we feel helpless to do much about what we feel is a global warming crisis. This was our attempt to do our part. We are retired seniors, and this was a big financial investment for us. Now, if this proposal is approved, it appears we will be punished for doing that. We went into this project after doing a lot of research and feel strongly that we should be grandfathered in and insulated from any changes that might adversely affect our financial investment.

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Boise Idaho, 83716

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: it has come to my attention that Idaho power is proposing to change the program for existing solar customers. I am retired and my wife is retiring in December which means we will both be on fixed incomes. The solar program was incentivised at the time we purchased it and we felt it was a good long term investment producing some clean energy and helping the environment as well. We feel that to change the rates and terms for existing solar customers would be unfair and unethical if not discriminatory. Why should we be penalized now for purchasing an incentivised rooftop solar program? We believe they should honor the original service agreement we agreed to and if they feel the need to change the policy it can be for new solar customers so that the disclosure is upfront. If these changes are implemented on our solar system we will never benefit from it in our lifetime. They need to hold true to their word and allow existing solar customers to stay on the existing net metering program they agreed to. Thank you for your consideration.

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Blackfoot ID, 83221

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Changing the rate on "Banked" solar my home newly generates is infuriating us as new solar investors. This is our livelihood and we hoped that the move idaho power announced to clean energy was a move we could back and support. This will turn our investment and a big loan we undertook into a money pit and in the end potentially hurt us and cause financial problems to our home budget and life. Why would you turn your back on people who believed in what YOU were preaching for our planet and life in Idaho? Shame on us for never thinking we would be betrayed this way. This will hurt many people who believed as well as Idaho Solar businesses-families. These are huge loans we have taken with every penny in our budget considered. This was a plan for our future, for our child's future. The future of our life. Please don't do this. I am pleading for my family. Please don't

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Oakley ID, 83346

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: In late 2018 as I approached retirement, we made the decision to purchase a solar system for our home. Although we financed the system install for 10 years, we felt this would still be a good investment for us and for any future owners of this property. We entered into a net-metering agreement with Idaho Power as part of install documents. To date, the agreement has been fully honored, the system has functioned as intended and we have been particularly pleased.

This week, we received a letter from Idaho Power indicating an intended course of action that will, if approved, require us to not only continue to honor our 10 year pay off commitment but also substantially increase our monthly payment to Idaho Power. This represents a negative effect for us, personally, as well as a breach of contract on the part of Idaho Power. It almost feels somewhat like a bait and switch where we were encouraged to install the system as a way to help bolster the overall power grid and after the system is functional, the power company wants to change the rules. I am opposed to these type changes affecting systems that are either already in place or in process of install. What the power company may do for future installs should be clearly outlined. Customers, like me, who entered into the available net-metering agreement should be grand-fathered and that original document honored.

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HORSESHOE BEND Idaho, 83629

Name of Utility Company: 1954

Comment: In regards to the proposal Idaho power is submitting on the rate change for private solar roof top customers . Over 8 years ago my wife and I was interested in putting in alternative power after looking into solar and seeing the benefits of solar at that time Idaho Power as well as the U.S. Government was offering incentives for the public to invest into solar roof top units to help with the growing concern over clean power as well as the ability to help with the growing usage of the power grid.. We signed a contract with Idaho power that stated we would receive the going rate for any excess power that went back into the system. Now Idaho power wants to break their contract and lower the rate they give us for the same power. This is wrong on so many levels. We invested a large amount (approx \$75000.00) into this hoping to keep our retirement bills down and now illegally Idaho power thinks just because they want to they can screw all of us they made promises to. I urge you to stop this from happening. We are now on a fixed income and just because of the greed of a company that thinks they can step on anyone they think they can screw a dime out off.. Idaho Power can not be allowed to do this to the people they already made agreements to..We were trying to do the right thing by doing Solar now someone needs to do the right thing and stand up for us. Thank you David M Kelm

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Blackfoot ID, 83221

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I strongly oppose Idaho Powers proposal to reduce the amount they pay to buy power from solar customers. This is nothing more than a money grab from them.

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Case Number: *IPC-E-18-15*

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Caldwell Idaho , 83605

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Since I just spent a significant amount to purchase solar and I'm on a limited income. This new pricing structure concerns me. I fee that Idaho power is over stepping their bounds. We need to reduce our footprint and reduce our need for unrenewable resources. Solar power does that, but at a higher initial cost to the consumer. Please Do Not allow Idaho Power to continue this new pricing structure.

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Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 7:34 AM
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Nampa Idaho, 83686

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I purchased over \$40K worth of solar panels for my forever home in Nampa with the understanding that the net metering agreement between me and Idaho Power would be honored as long as I stayed in my home. I called Idaho Power yesterday after receiving a letter informing me that the agreement between me and Idaho Power was now going to be altered so that I would receive less credit for the electricity I put back into the grid. Why? I purchased these solar panels to help the environment and to not be a burden to the system. I could have just not purchased solar panels and been like everyone else and relied on Idaho Power to provide my electricity, but I chose to attempt to make a difference. I'm not making money on my solar panels, and in fact over 20 years I'll probably wind up losing money in the long haul, but losing the net metering credit that I now receive (or at least some of it) is just wrong. I saw a commercial on TV informing me that Idaho Power has a goal of becoming 100% green by 2045, but if IP is going to disincentivise people from assisting their goal, how is that going to be possible? My guess is that they will charge more and more and their excuse will be that not enough people committed to buying solar power for their homes. Grandfather the people who decided to help now and honor the agreement we made when we bought our solar panels.

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caldwell idaho, 83605

Name of Utility Company: idaho power

Comment: hello to whom it concerns my name is Wayne Szalay I have solar and the new rated that Idaho power has put forward for buying back my power is not fair and unjust. I invested thousands of dollars for my solar and calculated my return out with a agreed price that Idaho power buys my power at a certain rate. It is not right that they can just say hay I'm not going to give you a fair price for your solar I'm going to slowly cut the price less and less over the years. If this goes through they will eventually fight to be able to get my solar and my power that I have paid to generate for free how is that right? It is a step in that direction. They should not be able to just say no I am not going to pay you the amount that was agreed upon I'm going to pay less and less every year while they are selling there power for more and more every year. Maintaining existing utility rates and terms for existing customers is a very common practice for other utilities in the region making similar changes – it's reasonable to expect the same for Idahoans. The PUC promised that discriminatory rates would not be the outcome. If changes are implemented that negatively impact customers' solar investments, it would be discriminatory. They need to hold true to their word. Idaho families and businesses should not be penalized for investing their own money into a program that was created to incentivize purchasing renewable generation. Approving a net metering policy that encouraged investment for long term savings, only to have it invalidated in this manner, is unethical. We should expect more from our appointed officials on the PUC and our public utility. If they had no intention of honoring the service agreement they set out initially, they shouldn't have even made it an option. But they did, and it should be honored. The PUC should uphold the original program that was agreed upon by Idaho Power and solar customers. Idahoans 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 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 only to new customers is a commonsense compromise that allows all parties to keep agreements made in good faith.

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To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Byron Haws

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Case Number: IPC-E-18-15
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Telephone: 2082378424
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Pocatello ID, 83201

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: It would not be fair or honest for the power company to reduce the power payback that is generated by our solar installations. It is not right to pay back half of what we are charged for the same product. Where is the equity in that? My wife and I are retired and on a limited income. We have just chosen to get solar panels for our home at a great expense and sacrifice to our savings. In fact, it is to be installed today. Had we known about this unfair move by the power company we would not have made the investment. We were really planning on our investment paying off over time by selling our excess power back to the power company. The decrease in the payback would double our payback and we would not see the return on our investment in our lifetime. I too feel that we are helping the power companies by making it easier to sustain power for ever increasing electrical demands. The power companies have more and more demand for power are, by this move, discouraging green energy. I feel that they are being selfish and greedy and hurting loyal customers.

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To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Kevin Schmidt

Name: Kevin Schmidt
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15
Email: Lyrical_18@hotmail.com
Telephone:
Address:
Chubbuck Idaho, 83202

Name of Utility Company: Idaho power

Comment: It is a poor idea to change the buyback from 1:1 to 1:0.5. We invested money to build solar on our house under the current program of a 1:1 buyback. Now not only will we be putting extra power into the grid for Idaho power to sell, we have to go buy the power back WE just generated for Idaho power 2 times what we 'sold' it to them for!? That's incredibly unfair.

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To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Carolyn Hansen

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Case Number: IPC-E-18-15
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Pocatello ID, 83201

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Customers that installed their solar systems under the current Net meter guidelines of 1:1 ratio should be grandfathered into any proposed changes. We designed and bought our system last year because of the net metering rates ratio. If we had known about the proposed changes, we would have not gone through the time or expense to have our system installed. As it would not be cost effective. It is not fair to the customers that based their decision to install their solar system, to change the the ratio that they receive credit for.

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To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: DONALD McGregor

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TWIN FALLS ID, 83301

Name of Utility Company: IDAHO POWER

Comment: I installed solar to help offset the cost of my electricity. What Idaho power proposes will make my pay back too long to justify the cost. Solar makes the most power in summer when cost of power is the highest. We receive our credit in the winter months when Idaho Power pays less for power thus helping with cost in the summer. Why not have the cost of the grid system be one charge on bill, and the electricity use the balance of bill so every one pays their share of keeping the lines up. The present system is not fair. Those of us do not have natural gas use electricity and are paying more than our share of grid cost in the present system. We have the expense of maintaining the solar system at no cost to Idaho Power. Why is Idaho Power not wanting the help to be green as they are saying in their information.

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From: dewitdon@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 10:13 PM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Don Walker

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Telephone: 208 365-8995
Address: 433 E Idaho Blvd
Emmett Id, 83617

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Last year we purchased a solar system with the intent to save costs on our power bill. We were self convinced this was a good plan to the point that we refinanced our house to purchase it. I am 70 years old and we have a 25 year plan. We are counting on this system to keep us afloat. If we ever dreamed our benefit, from making this purchase, were to diminish, as we were told that it wouldn't, we never would have made this investment. Changing policy on future customers is fair but to make changes in our agreement is wrong and unethical.
Thank you.

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Diane Holt

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Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 8:16 AM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Raymond and Sherry Hoem

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Case Number: IPC-E-18-15
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Buhl ID, 83316

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Company
Comment: 3972 North 1400 East
Buhl, Idaho 83316
30 October 2019

Idaho Public Utilities Commission
PO. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0074

Members of the Commission:

It has been brought to my attention that you are looking for some information relative to an agreement you are about to come to with the Idaho Power Company relative to Customer generation of electricity. These are my and my wife's comments to that potential agreement:

First, I must add that you have a responsibility to represent us in any agreement with the Idaho Power Company because they are, in reality, an unregulated monopoly when it comes to power production and delivery in Idaho. While this is not entirely true because there are some smaller producers of electricity in Idaho, it is nearly a truism. Hence, since we do not sit on the board of your commission, and represent us, please accept my humble comments relative to the proposal to you by Idaho Power as it applies to local customer generation of power.

First, let me tell you that I appreciate all the effort that your commission puts forth to represent us with Idaho Power because not only do we not have the time to attend all the hearings and meetings it must take to manage the public utilities, we, most likely, do not fully understand all the intricacies associated with the information you are likely to have to use to make decisions. However, that being said, you do represent myself and my wife and, in the area of Customer power generation, I think that Idaho Power may be attempting to influence you at the behest of those of us that are providing power for Idaho Power us use in selling to other customer just using electricity. Unlike us, they have people on the payroll whose only job is to do just that.

Currently, the EARTH is under attack by production of too much Carbon emitted into the atmosphere by any number of emitters, but one of which is those that produce electric power. Yes, I admit, Idaho Power is one of the lessor users of carbon generated electricity, but that is a moot point, they still use some of that type of power. And, those of us who produce electric energy are keeping Idaho Power amongst those "lessor" users of carbon generated electricity. Your job, in my humble opinion, is to represent me in the argument that we need less carbon in the air and one way to get it is to let those that can and will produce power in a "carbon less way" do it and that those that use it,, use it at a price fair to that production.

And, yes, Idaho Power needs to have the infrastructure and workforce necessary to provide it to customers at a fair rate. And those that produce some of the power by means of solar energy do use those facilities and the workforce. In so doing, we do it in a manner whereby we only utilize those resources in a manner of a battery. Most of us produce much more power that we use, but we do use Idaho Power as a "battery" and we do use the infrastructure to get some it delivered to us. However, we also provide more that we use and we should be compensated for that because Idaho Power sells it for much more than they buy it from those of us that produce it. Currently, we receive between 8.7 and 10.2 cents per kilowatt hour depending upon whatever "schedule" we fall under. We believe that is a fair rate considering we have to build the infrastructure necessary to produce the power and that power is "carbon free." Idaho power wants to lower the rates to 4.9 and 4.4 cents per kilowatt hour.

While Idaho Power suggests that these rates will "modernize its compensation structure for customer generation", they will be making money on its sale. Since we do not currently know what Idaho Power pays for commercially generation power, what they are really saying is that they want to pay less for buy power and keep the same rate to sell power thereby increasing their income. I am pretty sure that they are not suffering for income as they may have suggested to you on the commission. They have been paying the larger rates to those of customer producing power providers for many years and don't seem to be suffering any lack of income.

Those of us producing power need to have the income to pay off the net metering costs we have incurred and would probably need to be "grandfathered" in to any agreements that you, as the commission, see as being necessary for Idaho Power's infrastructure and personnel expenses. This "grandfathering" should, at least, be in effect for at least 10 years if not for 20 years to allow us to provide "carbon free" electricity to Idaho Power. In so doing, we can, hopefully, pay for our investments and contribute to the health of the EARTH in one small way.

I thank you for your time and hope that you will find your way to representing us in the manner we have suggested in this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond and Sherry Hoem

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Diane Holt

From: bennyslandscaping83619@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 7:41 PM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Pam Seiders

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Telephone: 2084524068
Address: 6370 Highway 95
Fruitland Idaho, 83619

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Comment: Dear Commission,

As a property owner and a business owner I want to speak out against 'net metering' that is proposed. We made the decision to help preserve our great state, our property and the future for our family by adding solar power. Now you want to take part of that away from us? I, and many others did not make this investment in our future lightly, we made it with much forethought, investigation and research.

In business there are cardinal rules and one of them, is not to change the rules mid stream on a valued customer. At minimum people who already have their system in place should be exempt from this, you don't get to change the rules mid stream! For some the popular term for this is grandfathering in, and you can call it what you want, but you must make sure that those of us who have invested in our family and states future are not punished because someone wants to make a few more dollars. I entered into a contract you could say when I installed my solar system, and that did not include giving away some of the solar power that I was and am collecting.

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Subject: Case Comment Form: Sondra Poulin

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Case Number: *IPO-E-18-15*

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Address: 225 South 3rd East

Mountain Home ID, 83647

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am a mom/foster mom and I choose to make the leap to go green for my family and I did so believing it was both good both for the environment and my budget. which is something I watch with 6 kids. Its not wright to change the rules after my self and so many people made the commitment to go green. please please don't make it so my good intentions ends up taking from my family.

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From: coins@silvercreekmint.com
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To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Silver Creek Mint .

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Telephone: 208/543-4222
Address: PO Box 451
Buhl ID, 83316

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: We invested in our solar array based on the existing Net Metering Program rules and expect those rules to remain in place for existing customers. The IPUC needs to require Idaho Power to Grandfather existing customers to the original rules at the time the solar investment was made. Margaret Horton for Silver Creek Mint

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From: pokyallen@hotmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 5:37 PM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: PAUL ALLEN

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Telephone: 2082415265
Address: 7961 W Pocatello Creek Road
Pocatello ID, 83201-9003

Name of Utility Company: IDAHO POWER

Comment: I invested ~ \$3,000 in solar panels this summer and was led to believe that Idaho Power would stand by it's current net metering agreement.

I received a letter today from Idaho Power indicating that the credit for my power generation will be halved (or more than halved) by 2028. At the same time that my credits are being reduced, Idaho Power rates to me are almost certain to go up.

I believe this proposal is a breach of trust and grossly unfair to those homeowners who have been trying to "do the right thing" for the benefit of all. I had been hoping to break even on this investment during my life time. That now seems impossible.

Please reconsider this proposal.

(if there is a case # associated with this proposal, I would like to be able to refer to it, please)

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Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 5:34 PM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Ryan Owsley

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Telephone: 208-859-1509
Address: 2834 S Kingsbury Way
Eagle ID, 83616

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: To whom it may concern. I am a home owner and invested in solar energy. the investment was quite costly but I did this as a way to insure clean energy in the future as well as the net metering program that is/was avail through Idaho Power. I have heard the Idaho Power is now trying to undo the net metering program. Please consider the comments below when making your decision.

- The PUC should uphold the original program that was agreed upon by Idaho Power and solar customers. Idahoans 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 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 only to new customers is a commonsense compromise that allows all parties to keep agreements made in good faith.
- When changing net metering, utilities and commissions around the nation allow existing customers to keep the original terms, because it's unethical and unfair not to.
- Maintaining existing utility rates and terms for existing customers is a very common practice for other utilities in the region making similar changes – it's reasonable to expect the same for Idahoans.
- The PUC promised that discriminatory rates would not be the outcome. If changes are implemented that negatively impact customers' solar investments, it would be discriminatory. They need to hold true to their word.
- Idaho families and businesses should not be penalized for investing their own money into a program that was created to incentivize purchasing renewable generation. Approving a net metering policy that encouraged investment for long term savings, only to have it invalidated in this manner, is unethical. We should expect more from our appointed officials on the PUC and our public utility. If they had no intention of honoring the service agreement they set out initially, they shouldn't have even made it an option. But they did, and it should be honored.

Thank you for your Consideration

Ryan S. Owsley, MD

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Mountain Home ID, 83647

Name of Utility Company: none

Comment: We're are feeling like we're really getting screwed over here first by the solar company that touts to you, you can take it off your taxes(never happened thanks to Trump's generous exemption of double what we had the year before), they are not hitting up rich people but those of us who really are on a limited income, retirees, so they offer you a long term financing deal just like having a home equity loan, and you still have years left to pay on your solar panels, and now we find out what the PUC and Idaho Power are trying to do and it just makes you sick. The PUC should uphold the original program that we agreed upon by Idaho Power and solar customers like us. Idaho families and small businesses shouldn't have the rules changed on them after they have already made their investment. I live in a 936 ft square house from 1958 my electric bill was only \$47 a month my bill to finance solar is almost double that a month but I don't want to be paying on it 30 years, so after we paid the initial 1/4 of the amount at the end of the 1st year and I threw in another \$2,000, to get it down to an even smaller amount and then I am sending them monthly \$500, almost my whole SS check to get it paid off much sooner. with all our other expenses like groceries gas even our water bill going up it was nice to only have to pay a small fee for connecting to the Net neutrality, and hopefully in 4 years have it all paid off. Please think about all of us poorer retirees who thought this was a good thing for the environment and after we got it paid off our monthly budget limited income.

Sincerely Rose and Cliff Hare

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Subject: Case Comment Form: Mitch Workman

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Pocatello Idaho, 83202

Name of Utility Company: Big Dog Solar Energy

Comment: I understand the need for balance regarding public utilities and payment for customer-generated energy, but current customers already on a net-metering program really ought to be "grandfathered" into the program that retains the same credit or payment rate that existed at the time of the initial agreement. Please consider.

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