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**From:** plstar13@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 3, 2019 8:14 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Paul Starita

Name: Paul Starita  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
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Meridian ID, 83646

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am writing in opposition to the new proposed rules and all things in the settlement regarding onsite customer generated power. Here are several of the reasons I strongly oppose it:

1. As someone who purchased solar, I made a financial decision that made sense according to the rules that were in place. At the time I called Idaho Power and they assured me that those were the rules, and that they would be unlikely to change. The new proposed rules are punishing me just because Idaho Power realized their existing rules don't make BUSINESS sense for them.
2. The new proposed rules effectively render onsite solar power useless. It won't make financial sense for anyone to use solar in the future under the proposed rules. Getting 4.4 cents per kW when they are charging 4 to 5x more than that? How is that equitable? Idaho Power in the letter to me touted this as a "more equitable and sustainable service offering into the future." Yes, perhaps more sustainable for Idaho Power. Customers like me who are tens of thousands of dollars invested into this will no longer be sustained or have an equitable deal that we were promised by solar salesmen, and unclear information when calling Idaho Power. The truth is that Idaho Power is a business, and they have realized their current rules don't make financial sense for them, and now they want to use IPUC to get the money back they have been losing from those people who chose to make a financial decision that benefits them. Idaho Power clearly didn't have the vision to foresee that this would happen in Idaho, and now they are trying to get things changed at the expense of those of us that were pioneers of onsite generation.
3. The IPUC said they would let Idaho Power study pricing and various other aspects of onsite generation. Where are the results of those studies? What did they learn? This settlement seems a lot more about money than doing things good for the environment, allowing customers an option to be more self sufficient, and raising the equity of our homes.
4. Since Idaho Power is a for-profit business, why not let them innovate and create incentives and powerful reasons to stay with them instead of going solar? Crying to the IPUC to credit less money than what they charge for a kW is bailing them out. This is clearly about money for them, this is clearly a business for them, where is the capitalistic creativity to keep customers by actually being a good company with a product that people WANT? Rather than forcing them to use a product we NEED. Solar and onsite generation options were an opportunity for Idaho Power to get involved with a movement and capitalize - instead they are throwing a fit and going behind the backs of thousands of customers who have gone solar. The truth is that most customers don't have the time to write comments like this, or attend board meetings, or really get educated for how something like this will affect them. We trust our leaders to know what's in our best interest. If the IPUC really thinks this is in the CUSTOMERS' best interest, not the utility company, they are lying to themselves and the public. You have to know this isn't good for the company. GET CREATIVE - there are WAY better options than this!!

SOLUTION: Idaho Power needs to follow the precedent of other states like Utah and Nevada and grandfather those who have already purchased solar to remain on the same pricing, plan, and compensation. If they want to change the rules, that is fine - other people will be able to make an informed decision for themselves (despite the fact that this new plan renders solar completely nonsensical financially). Those of us who have solar did not know and were not informed of what the new pricing structure would be - because you all just made it up. Even if Idaho Power had issued a warning saying they MIGHT change pricing or the deal in the future, as consumers we had no idea what that could be or look like. I had hope and faith that Idaho Power would be equitable, and would grandfather in customers who already have solar like so many other power companies have done. Or perhaps thought they may raise their monthly "services fee" from \$5.00 to something else.

Bottom line - don't hold current customers accountable for Idaho Power being greedy. The truth is that Idaho Power wants to be the ONLY entity generating power for Idaho residents, and they now want to punish consumers who made a financial decision, that fit with Idaho Power's policy and now they are backtracking and saying their own rules aren't fair.

Grandfather in current customers. Let new potential solar customers make an educated decision in the future. Current customers didn't have that opportunity and shouldn't be held to the new rules. Furthermore, the new rules discourage solar power and onsite generation.

IPUC - please don't be on the wrong side of history. Please do not do the WRONG thing for Idahoans. Please side with what's better for the PEOPLE - IT'S NOT THIS. At best, kill this rule and figure out something that works for everyone - something that still encourages onsite generation and solar power. AT THE LEAST, please don't PUNISH current customers by throwing away our \$20,000 investments by saying "Idaho Power changed their minds, now you have to pay for it." Do the right thing please!!!

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**From:** stephen.meldrum59@gmail.com  
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**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Stephen Meldrum

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Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: stephen.meldrum59@gmail.com  
Telephone:  
Address: 14252 N. 15 E.  
Idaho Falls ID, 83401

Name of Utility Company: Rocky Mountain Power  
Comment: Please protect and improve upon the incentives encouraging Idaho citizens and businesses to install solar power generating systems to provide their own power. This will reduce Idaho's dependence on outside sources of power and promotes reduced pollutants in our air and water.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

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**From:** bruce.a.connery@gmail.com  
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**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Bruce Connery

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Case Number: *IPC-E-18-15*  
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Telephone: 2072661247  
Address: 7812 S. 4500 W.  
Victor ID, 83455

Name of Utility Company: Fall River  
Comment: Docket # IPC-E-18-15

Keep Net Metering as it is and has been. Allowing electric companies to reduce the exchange for the energy that a private person (their home) or business contributes (provides) back to the utility is wrong. The utility or electric company has no reason to cut the rate that they credit a person, business, or family for energy produced by their solar array-system. Further it limits the amount of energy one part of the state can provide to another part in the event of a accident, storm, etc.

Keep Net Metering as it is now...the same rate the utility companies get for a unit of energy is the same rate the individual with a solar system should receive for sending energy to the utility company.

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Thanks Bruce

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**From:** mjk.geochem@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 3, 2019 8:39 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Matthew Kohn

Name: Matthew Kohn  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
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Telephone: 2088301634  
Address: 520 E Jefferson St  
Boise Idaho, 83712

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Hello - I am writing to object to Idaho Power's plan to change its net metering policy. Earlier this year, I invested \$13,000 in solar under Idaho Power's policy of providing 1:1 return on excess power that we generate. Now they want to change the rules, essentially making it impossible for me to recover my investment. That's not fair. At minimum, they should grandfather in their existing policies for existing solar users.

This is all quite grating for me because a few years ago I allowed Idaho Power to install a system so they could reduce our power use during peak periods of the summer. Now, with our new system, we're not drawing on the grid at all during peak summer, and are instead delivering energy exactly when it is most needed. So we've been helping Idaho Power in the past, and we're helping them even more now. But they're not willing to help us.

More generally, I'm opposed to the new net metering rule because it will kill off solar power development. Every state has a responsibility to transition over to renewables. Rather than fighting solar, Idaho Power should be working with local companies, or developing their own program, to support solar.

IPUC should deny Idaho Power's request.

Thank you,

Matt

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**From:** sne1230@frontier.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 3, 2019 8:34 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Elizabeth Neuder

Name: Elizabeth Neuder  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: sne1230@frontier.com  
Telephone:  
Address:  
Sandpoint ID, 83864

Name of Utility Company: Avista  
Comment: Re: IPC-E-18-15

Please do not discourage new or current customers from using solar energy by decreasing payment for excess solar energy that is put back into the grid. At this time in our history, it is imperative that we do everything we can to reduce our use of coal and other fossil fuels. Promoting solar use is one way we can do this. Please do everything you can to reduce our carbon footprint.

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**From:** hozedragger149@gmail.com  
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**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Mike Bisagno

Name: Mike Bisagno  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: hozedragger149@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2088900839  
Address: 11380 W Morela Dr  
Boise ID, 83709

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Company

Comment: I made an investment under the rules at the time and expect those rules to remain in place. This investment is not only a fiscally responsible investment, but one that has the conservation of electricity at it's core, as well. I believe that the existing customers that invested in solar should be permanently grandfathered. This customer/supplier relationship was based on the current net-metering agreement and it would be considered disrespectful and dishonest for Idaho Power Company to alter the agreement unilaterally.

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**From:** Munsed@isu.edu  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 3, 2019 7:36 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Ed & Jennifer Munson

Name: Ed & Jennifer Munson  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: Munsed@isu.edu  
Telephone: 208-709-4321  
Address: 1749 Cottage Ave  
Pocatello Idaho, 83201

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: We do not feel that the proposal referenced in the above case is in the public interest at all. Our home, and roughly 4,000 others have already moved to solar energy. With the proposal put forth, penalizing the families that have already invested in solar and making it a no-benefit switch for future solar customers, it is contradictory to the goal of having 100% renewable energy by 2045. Cutting the rate to roughly half of what it is now will successfully stall any future renewable energy for everyone but a Idaho Power company, making this a move by government to support a monopoly above the public interest. Please do not approve this measure that will stop, stall, or slow clean energy in our state in favor of one or a few public utilities that can charge what they want and keep cutting what we are given for producing our own clean energy.

Thank you,

Ed and Jennifer Munson

Pocatello clean energy customers and advocates

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**From:** glabrum@hotmail.com  
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**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Gary Labrum

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Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
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Telephone: 2088632052  
Address: 10952 N Hanley Pl  
Eagle ID, 83616-1430

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: Gary and Cherri Labrum  
10952 N Hanley Pl  
Eagle, ID 83616

Idaho Public Utilities Commission

IPUC Case Number IPC-E-18-15

Idaho Power has made a filing to the PUC that could change the "net metering" program for existing customers. WE are opposed! We built a new smaller home in 2014 seeking energy and labor efficiencies. WE Invested \$29000 in that new home, to have rooftop solar panels, bypassing much nicer interior and exterior finishes to be able to utilize solar and stay on budget. We are a retired Senior and a Senior looking at retirement soon. We made the decision to try and stabilize and eliminate future burdens to fixed incomes and to achieve some form of energy independence.

We made the decision early on in the design and building process to utilize solar, with a major part of decision being because we would be able to utilize the then current Idaho Power pricing structure AND agreement to help with being able to afford the upcharge to install solar at the time (along with state and federal tax incentives). Those factors enabled the decision to go forward with the possibility that 15 years down the road our investment might be at break even. We were willing to try and do something to help with energy use and consumption that would help reduce the need for MAJOR energy generation infrastructure. (Dams, coal fired, gas fired). My solar panels have enabled us to be a net EXPORTER of electrical energy. WE do not expect to get a check from Idaho Power, we are satisfied with just being able to accumulate a credit that may offset energy used when not able to export power-never to be reimbursed. We are NOT in the energy business. WE did not expend resources to make a profit. We wished to not be beholden to the whims of a utility and also believed that the program, at the Idaho Power, State and federal levels, was created to incentivize purchasing renewable generation.

Now Idaho Power wants to back out? Those of us that invested with our own funds early on are now soon to be tossed aside? "We", Solar rooftop homeowners, probably account for less than 0.1% of Idaho Power's customer base. If, going forward, Idaho Power wishes to have a new agreement with NEW customers, so be it. Then the new customer's decisions can be made based on the new agreement. 8 years from now Idaho Power only wants to credit us with what will probably be 25% of what they will be charging for electrical energy? Their stated cause is to insure fairness to their customers and cover their costs? What about my costs that I would like to recover someday? Sounds more like a way to increase profit and "hose" me and mine for a decision made under a different agreement, one they now want to renege on?

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**From:** jbartley68@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 3, 2019 3:47 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Joseph Bartley

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Address: 1424 Evergreen Dr  
Twin Falls ID, 83301

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: As a tax-paying citizen, I feel compelled to write the Public Utilities Commission to express my concern over the new rules Idaho Power is proposing regarding how residential solar systems will be handled. As an average person who has invested a substantial amount into a solar system, these new rules, if adopted as proposed, will drastically cut the value of my system. The money that I have invested in a solar system is not recoverable if Idaho Power gets its way. The issue at hand is not if Idaho Power is entitled to turn an honest profit. The heart of the matter is that I, as a responsible citizen, have had my investment slashed to increase Idaho Power profit.

I consider it bad business when an individual on a fixed income such as me, a public school teacher, gets their investment diminished after existing rules change. I certainly would not have considered solar within their proposed framework. In my opinion, not just as a person directly affected by Idaho Power's proposition, all existing solar system owners should be grandfathered in. I appreciate that Idaho Power wants to provide 100% clean energy to its customers through investment. However, my investment also matters. So do the investments of hundreds of households such as mine. We are the tax-paying and hardworking citizens of this great state.

The bottom line is that there were rules. The rules made an investment for a residential solar generation a good idea. It will be a financial burden to me rather than an investment if those rules are changed. Thank you for reading about my concerns. Please consider the effect these rules will have on the "little guy" who just wanted to do the right thing. The right thing for me, my family, Idaho and the environment.

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**From:** bethelandi@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 3, 2019 3:17 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Beth Landis

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Telephone: 208-340-8956  
Address: 1540 E Rivers End Ct  
Eagle ID, 83616

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am opposed to the changes proposed by Idaho Power to reduce the benefit to those that generate power. I am especially concerned about the message and plans this sends to others and to the next generation. While I write this, fires are raging in California. Frequent news reports mention the problems associated with power lines. I have not heard a word about planning for the future where we could anticipate that our technology will enable folks to generate and store their own power. This would be far better than power lines and fires. Please have the imagination to think ahead ten or twenty years where more folks could participate in generating their own power and decreasing the effect of climate change.

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**From:** ThadWelch@BoiseState.edu  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 3, 2019 2:47 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Thad Welch

Name: Thad Welch  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: ThadWelch@BoiseState.edu  
Telephone: (208) 891-3950  
Address: 4213 West Quail Ridge Drive  
Boise Idaho, 83703

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I have a solar PV system installed at my home. I also teach renewable energy systems at Boise State University in the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department. I have a reasonable understanding of how unsustainable the current solar PV trends are with respect to Idaho Power's continued viability as a company. I believe that the previous Net Metering rules should be "Grandfathered" to all existing renewable energy customers with either the stated or obvious, termination of this agreement when these customers close their Idaho Power accounts. This compromise should halt the "financial bleeding" from Idaho Power, maintain the value of the financial investments that existing renewable energy customers have made, and allow for a realistic time horizon that Idaho Power can plan for. All of these systems and customers, have a finite life expectancy. Thanks! Dr. Thad B. Welch, P.E.

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**From:** kkan5g@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 3, 2019 12:12 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: kim nielsen

Name: kim nielsen  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: kkan5g@hotmail.com  
Telephone: 2088704582  
Address: 1204 nw 1st st  
meridian Idaho, 83642

Name of Utility Company: idaho power company

Comment: we purchased solar to help our family, we purchased solar to help the environment. we are happy that we are able to generate our needed power needs for our home. we were told when we purchased the solar equipment, that we would get one to one rate exchange for any excess power we were able to produce. this credit helps us maintain if we should need additional power.

I feel that families that are already under the current compensation rate should be grandfathered in and not have their rates change.

we are helping Idaho power out in the summer when their systems are taxed with air conditioner and higher power usage..they are being able to get our excess power and charge their higher summer rates to customers with out having to put a system in at our house. we did that and we paid for the system. ...

I do not feel that their proposal is fair and only is beneficial for them. we have put out thousands of dollars into our system for them to get the greatest benefit. for Idaho power have the rate to lower consitantly over the next 8 years, so it is even more beneficial for them isn't right.

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**From:** kmavencamp@cableone.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 3, 2019 11:27 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Kary Mavencamp

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Email: kmavencamp@cableone.net  
Telephone: 2088595082  
Address: 2722 N Washington Ave  
Emmett ID, 83617

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I do not support the proposed change to the net metering currently before the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. I am proposing to be grandfathered into 1:1 net metering.

I have been at the current location for 14 years and I feel that I have already paid Idaho Power for past improvements.

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**From:** bobwjahn@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 3, 2019 8:51 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Robert Jahn

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Case Number: *FPC-E-18-15*  
Email: bobwjahn@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2088619696  
Address: 4015 N Hawthorne Way  
Boise Idaho, 83703

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Please consider grandfathering in clients who currently have solar power installed to protect our investment in the future, which Idaho Power is not doing. Idaho Power's position is short sighted. They should be promoting solar power instead of penalizing those who are looking toward the future of energy production. Solar producers are adding to the system not taking away from it and should not be penalized. We disagree with the position that we are not contributing to the cost of the grid. When we generate extra power in the summer, Idaho Power charges our neighbors the going summer rate, which pays for the grid with no loss of power across miles of transmission lines. All new construction should be required to install solar panels just as they are required to insulate and hook up to water and sewer.

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**From:** croby1957@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 3, 2019 7:31 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Cynthia Roby

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Telephone: 5033411531  
Address: 16900 N Brookdale Pkwy  
Nampa ID, 83687

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am a new resident to Idaho and when I finished building my home, I began looking to a solar system - I believe in clean energy for my home and going solar was one easy way to accomplish this personal goal for me and my family.

I researched companies and had a new solar system installed in July 2018. I have been so pleased with my new system and I was looking forward to many years of clean, affordable energy. This was no small investment and now I am learning that Idaho power is considering changing the rules - which could now cost existing solar customers thousands of dollars on electric bills. Existing solar customers must be allowed to utilize the net metering program that we signed up for when we installed our systems and NEW customers who install their solar systems in the future should be put into the new proposed rates. This practice is utilized around the country and should be the same for Idahoans.

Idaho families who have invested in this form of clean energy expect our appointed officials to uphold their promises. As policies change, new customers should be signed into the new policies and existing customers maintain their service agreement when they initially set up their system. If PUC has no intention of honoring the service agreement they offered, it shouldn't have even made it an option. But they did and it should be honored.

Please do the ethical thing and maintain the original program agreed upon by Idaho Power and existing solar customers who expect a fair, ethical deal.

Respectfully - Cynthia Roby, Nampa resident.

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**From:** cdaccarett@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 3, 2019 6:47 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Cristina Daccarett

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Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: cdaccarett@gmail.com  
Telephone:  
Address:  
Boise id, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Idaho Power has made a filing to the PUC that could change the "net metering" program for existing customers. With this note I would like to provide my comments. I strongly oppose this change. I know it will be discriminatory towards existing solar customers, as it negatively impacts those who invested early in the future of the planet and society.

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 new proposal could cost existing solar customers thousands of dollars on their electricity bills. Idaho families and small businesses shouldn't have the rules changed on them after they have already made their investment.

If this change is implemented, the repercussions could be significant. It will not only significantly impact the financials of Idaho families, but it will set the precedent that will prevent individuals from trusting their institutions. If changes like this can be made to agreements made with Idaho Power, then agreements have no value.

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**From:** kgustavel@gmail.com  
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**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Kurt Gustavel

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Telephone: 208-440-8533  
Address: 2105 N 26th St  
Boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am writing to comment on the proposal to change the value of excess generation credits for homeowners solar power generation. It is unclear to me the public policy benefit the proposal would bring. From a lifelong citizen's perspective, the state should be promoting clean energy for the environmental and economic benefits not discouraging it. Besides the environmental benefit, alternative energy has many economic and other benefits that help the public, state, and Idaho Power. If the proposal is adopted it will chill the installation of new systems as it will significantly increase the payback for consumers and add additional uncertainty to the decision to invest in alternative energy.

My family installed a solar power system in 2018 at our home and the cost was justified based on the current rate system. It was a substantial investment. Many Idahoans are in a similar situation having relied on the current rules.

My understanding is that other states that have have adjusted rates addressed this issue by grandfathering existing systems for a transition period. The example Idaho Power's web site uses indicates the payback for a system is 17 years under the current rate system, which suggests a 15 year grandfathering would be reasonable to allow for existing system owners to recoup their investment. Please consider a 15 year grandfathering period for Idahoans that made the decision to invest in solar based on current rates.

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**From:** elouisa603@gmail.com  
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**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Louisa Evers

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Address: 17826 Mountain Springs Ave.  
Nampa ID, 83687-5203

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am writing to comment on the proposed settlement agreement with Idaho Power concerning the compensation rate for net metering customers. I recently added solar panels to my roof to reduce my electric bills and save money over the long-term as well as to generate renewable energy. I purchased my system with the understanding that I would be compensated for any net energy production at the retail rate and that my panels would essentially pay for themselves within a certain period of time. I understand Idaho Power's need to assure sufficient funding in order to maintain the electrical grid they are responsible for, since I also use that grid when my solar panels either generate insufficient energy to meet my needs or no energy. As such I am willing to pay some additional amount to support maintenance of the grid. However, I believe the reduction in my compensation rate under the settlement agreement is excessive when fully implemented. I believe it is unfair to "change the rules of the game" this dramatically given I added solar panels with the expectation that my compensation would remain the same. Maintaining existing rates for existing customers is a common practice for other utilities making similar changes in their rate schedules. While the impact on the proposed change on my electricity charges over time is somewhat uncertain, I fear the increase will cost me a significant amount. As a retiree, I am watching my expenses closely given the reduction in my annual income. I made my investment in solar panels with the expectation that it would result in substantial savings over time as well as providing renewable energy. Please revise the agreement as it pertains to existing net metering customers.

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**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Ryan Marquez

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Telephone:  
Address:  
Boise ID, 83716

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Families who currently have solar made a large investment based on the rates and rules at the time. Abruptly changing the rules is unfair to those who have already adopted solar and could cause the already installed systems to become a lot more expensive. I'd request this be considered and not penalize hard working families for already adopting solar.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: I oppose what Idaho Power is trying to do.

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**Subject:** Case Comment Form: James Turpin

Name: James Turpin  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: Jamesgturpin@msn.com  
Telephone: 2082408707  
Address: 1403 Jena Dr.  
Chubbuck Idaho , 83202

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am deeply concerned about the new proposed changes for solar residential customers. It seems unfair that I would only be getting half credit for the solar that I put back into the grid and then Idaho Power can't take that excess and charge other customers full retail price that just seems wrong I would hope that you would at least grandfather in all current customers and allow them to keep their current one for one net metering agreement.

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**From:** Jonathan.petersen.05@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 2, 2019 5:34 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Jonathan Petersen

Name: Jonathan Petersen  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: Jonathan.petersen.05@gmail.com  
Telephone:  
Address:  
    Blackfoot Id, 83221

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: I oppose what Idaho Power is trying to do.

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**From:** Dew669@msn.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 2, 2019 4:11 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Cristen Ramirez

Name: Cristen Ramirez  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: Dew669@msn.com  
Telephone:  
Address: 73 s 1200 w  
Blackfoot Id, 83221

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: I oppose what Idaho Power is trying to do.

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**From:** Brc5capps@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 2, 2019 3:12 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Brian Capps

Name: Brian Capps  
Case Number: *IPC-E-18-15*  
Email: Brc5capps@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2083085456  
Address: 462 north jerome  
Jerome IDAHO, 83338

Name of Utility Company: Idaho power

Comment: This is in response to idaho power proposal changes in regards to their solar involvement. I have purchased a new costly solar system to help reduce my power costs. Idaho power is always sending me info on how to reduce my costs. I use alot of power in my all electric home. So i researched it and decided to use solar. Now this proposal comes up. If allowed it would kill solar usage as being a help to reduce power usage. As a business owner i understand why their wanting to change. It effects their profits. But in a day and age when clean energy is wanted why would they make having it a punishment. The hourly metering would be the worst for us solar useres. I bought this system not to make money on them but to reduce if not eliminate my power bill. I didn't put it in to give them free power. Which is what would happen if they went to hourly metering. If my system gave more power to the grid than i use during the day dosent it seem fair that i should get that back during the night? And in a month if i created more than i use that should be worth something for idaho power. Sure dont credit me with the cost it takes me to buy it but it should be worth something. I hope idaho power is not allowed to go to hourly metering and to cancel any credits gained to the solar owner. If anything a reduced credit value to the home owner might be understandable if its not to severe. Thank you for reviewing this concern. Brian Capps

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**From:** explosion951@live.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 2, 2019 2:48 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Cloyce Corder

Name: Cloyce Corder  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: explosion951@live.com  
Telephone: 208-949-0157  
Address:  
Kimberly Idaho, 83341

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: To Whom It May Concern:

Ref: Case No. IPC-E-18-15

My name is Cloyce Corder. My wife, Michelle, and I live at 3479 E 3195 N, Kimberly, Idaho. We would like to address Case No. IPC-E-18-15. Approximately 1 year ago, we installed a solar system at our residence to produce the amount of electricity that we use during the year.

We recently received a letter from Idaho Power, almost a year after installing our system, stating that there is a proposal to change the way they bill home solar generation systems. I called Idaho Power the next day they were open. I was told that Idaho Power and a few other agencies have been working together to come up with this proposal for over 18 months now in closed meetings. I asked what could be done and how we could be heard. I was told about writing a letter, calling in and going to the public hearings. So, we decided to start with writing this letter.

When we purchased our new system, we were never informed that Idaho Power was having closed meeting to establish the new proposal to take the credit to credit, or as some refer to it as net metering away. We were never informed that this case was going on and what the possible outcome could be. This could have been as simple as sending a letter to all new applicants for electricity generation to inform them that Idaho Power is looking into changing the way Idaho Power bills and treats home solar system energy generation. They also could have made it so the property owner had to sign off stating they understood the issue and still wanted to proceed with the installation before any installation was approved to start by Idaho Power; which by the way is the first step - Idaho Power has to approve your application. If we would have received this letter before installation, we would not be writing you this letter as we would not have installed our solar system.

We paid \$50,000.00 for our system. It was designed to produce what we use within the year. It was not designed to produce extra power as we were not wanting to make money on our production. It was set up with Idaho Power to be a credit for energy produced, or Net Metering. We never wanted to be a seller of the electricity we produced. We just wanted to be self sufficient and not be a drain on the state's energy system. We were thinking that Idaho Power may need some help generating power as Idaho is growing so quickly. With California having to have solar power included on all new residential construction starting, I think next year, we thought this might come to Idaho as well in the next 10 to 20 years with the state's growth. At our ages, we wanted to be ahead of it as our income is limited.

Having spent all the money to set up our net metering system with Idaho Power, if this proposal goes through as written with energy production and usage calculated every hour instead of every month, and with having to be paid approximately 50 percent lower than the current retail price, in 8 years, not only will I have to continue to pay for our

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**From:** Cinbott@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 2, 2019 2:41 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Cynthia Bott

Name: Cynthia Bott  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: Cinbott@gmail.com  
Telephone:  
Address:  
Blackfoot Id, 83221

Name of Utility Company: Idaho power  
Comment: I oppose what Idaho Power is trying to do.

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**From:** Mrsperrya@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 2, 2019 2:32 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Adriana Perry

Name: Adriana Perry  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: Mrsperrya@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2086802826  
Address: 66 s 520 w  
Blackfoot Id, 83221

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I oppose what Idaho Power is trying to do and people deserve to have the 1 to 1 ratio.

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**From:** Asc@trestlewood.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 2, 2019 2:15 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Alice Cannon

Name: Alice Cannon  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: Asc@trestlewood.com  
Telephone:  
Address:  
    Blackfoot Idaho, 83221

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: I oppose to the change that Idaho Power is trying to do

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**From:** Hartmanautosst@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 2, 2019 2:09 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Douglas Hartman

Name: Douglas Hartman  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: Hartmanautosst@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2086379736  
Address: 1809 s von elm  
Pocatello Id, 83201

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: I oppose the change that Idaho Power is trying to do

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**From:** ronreagan@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 2, 2019 2:05 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Ron Reagan

Name: Ron Reagan  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: ronreagan@gmail.com  
Telephone: 1-208-345-7630  
Address: 6331 N Charleston Pl  
Boise Idaho, 83703

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Company

Comment: Idaho Power should be doing everything they can to provide clean energy to their customers. They still rely on coal to produce electricity. Natural gas is cleaner but still not as environmentally friendly as wind and solar. You would think they would welcome clean solar energy going into the grid. Previously, they have promised solar customers that they would be reimbursed through net metering at a going rate. Now they want to profit off homeowners who desire to put solar on our homes. Homeowners foot the bill to go solar and Idaho Power profits from their investment. This is not right or fair!

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**From:** Rallen237@mycr.redwoods.edu  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 2, 2019 2:02 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Russell Allen

Name: Russell Allen  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: Rallen237@mycr.redwoods.edu  
Telephone:  
Address: 498 Elaine st  
Blackfoot Id, 83221

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: I oppose the change the net metering policy

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**From:** Steveplus8@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 2, 2019 1:58 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Stece Allen

Name: Stece Allen  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: Steveplus8@gmail.com  
Telephone: 208 680 2826  
Address: 435 Collins st  
Blackfoot Id, 83221

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: I oppose the change the net metering policy

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**From:** Steveplus8@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 2, 2019 1:55 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Stece Allen

Name: Stece Allen  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: Steveplus8@gmail.com  
Telephone: 208 680 2826  
Address: 435 Collins st  
Blackfoot Id, 83221

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: I oppose the change the net metering policy

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**From:** Masonkalisz9@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 2, 2019 1:47 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Mason Kalisz

Name: Mason Kalisz  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: Masonkalisz9@hotmail.com  
Telephone:  
Address:  
    Blackfoot Id, 83221

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: I appose the petition what Idaho Power is trying to do.

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**From:** candsr Ramirez3@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 2, 2019 1:36 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Cristen Ramirez

Name: Cristen Ramirez  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: candsr Ramirez3@gmail.com  
Telephone:  
Address: 73 s 1200 w  
Blackfoot Id, 83221

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: It's not fair !! People should be able to choose what they wanna do !!

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**From:** mary5breshears@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 2, 2019 1:30 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Mary Breshears

Name: Mary Breshears  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: mary5breshears@gmail.com  
Telephone:  
Address:  
Blavkfoot Idaho, 83221

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: I oppose the rate increase. People should have the right to choose.

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**From:** jdsmdcr1@msn.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 2, 2019 1:25 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Josie Reizenstein

Name: Josie Reizenstein  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: jdsmdcr1@msn.com  
Telephone: 2087137542  
Address: 3717 E Amity Ave  
Nampa Idaho , 83687

Name of Utility Company: Idaho power

Comment: I feel like I need to Honor what was in their contract and not try to lower it and make my investment that I choose for my home to be lowered that's not right that's not fair that's robbing people at lying to people you need to do what's right and stay with what's in the contract not trying to change and rip people off Idaho Power is just trying to work its way around of not doing the right thing and that's wrong

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**From:** dhinds@csub.edu  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 2, 2019 12:56 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: David Hinds

Name: David Hinds  
Case Number: *IPC-E-18-15*  
Email: dhinds@csub.edu  
Telephone: 2082800360  
Address: 855 Pottery Rd  
Bliss ID, 83314

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: We recently spent too much money on installing solar panels on our home between Bliss and Hagerman. We did this expecting that Idaho Power would continue its policy on accepting that power at the same cost that they currently charged. Idaho Power must not be allowed to change that agreement (unless they wish to increase that payment).

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**From:** Regmar010@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 2, 2019 11:47 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Mario Regalado

Name: Mario Regalado  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: Regmar010@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2087208367  
Address: 2145 Settlers Ln  
Twin Falls ID, 83301

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I believe existing customers should remain under the existing program rules for at least 20 years. I believe "gradualism" (Grandfathering) existing clients who install solar power prior to the end of this year should absolutely happen for a period of no less than 20 years. This point has been discussed inside some of the recent hearings and the PUC understands there is legal precedent set with Utah and Nevada whom both did a 10 year grandfather period for existing clients. Idaho Power's solar website has skewed math that solar is a 15-18 year payback so why would the PUC not recognize that timeframe to recoup on investment. The change in rates would significantly stunt industry growth and the economic impact of this will certainly cost Idaho many jobs in the aftermath.

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**From:** winterhawk22@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 2, 2019 11:00 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Lawrence Clark

Name: Lawrence Clark  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: winterhawk22@gmail.com  
Telephone: none  
Address: 26756 Cottonwood Cr Rd  
Culdesac Idaho, 83524

Name of Utility Company: Clearwater Power  
Comment: WHAT'S more important, Idaho Power saving money OR help stop climate change and help SAVE the Planet!

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**From:** meturner@vt.edu  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 2, 2019 10:57 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Melanie Turner

Name: Melanie Turner  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: meturner@vt.edu  
Telephone: 2085190969  
Address: 7657 W Tillamook St, n/a  
Boise Idaho, 83709

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I have recently been informed that the net metering system is going to change, basically not allowing me to be net zero with the current solar system that I have invested in. I am writing to contest that it is not a fair system that is being proposed. If I have invested into the infrastructure, I feel I should be able to recoup the energy that my house is producing, dollar for dollar, not at a reduced rate when I need it back. By changing the system, not only are you punishing people that have already invested into the future by reducing reliance on fossil fuels, but you are crushing the forward thinkers that are trying to help the general public to enable themselves to be more environmentally friendly. I would like to think that Boise is a forward thinking city that wants to move away from fossil fuels and I would be very disappointed if the big business of Idaho Power is going to bully the city with its greed. If my solar panels are producing the power, I only think it is fair that I should be able to use that power when I need it. Please do not pass this program.

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**From:** shaw3415@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 2, 2019 8:18 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: John Shaw

Name: John Shaw  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: shaw3415@hotmail.com  
Telephone: 2083311456  
Address: 2708 E Rhyolite Ct  
Boise Idaho, 83712-5500

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I purchased a solar system in 2017 with the understanding is that I would eventually get a return on my investment. The proposed changes would make a payback very unlikely if Idaho Power is going to keep dropping how much I am going to be compensated for on the energy I out on the grid. Why do they get to "change the rules" in the middle of the game. The people who purchased a system with one compensation plan should be able to keep that compensation plan until payback is achieved. So existing customers with solar panels should get a least a 10 year grandfathering clause to keep the old plan.

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**From:** mike@mcpalmer.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 2, 2019 3:19 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Michael Palmer

Name: Michael Palmer  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: mike@mcpalmer.com  
Telephone: 208-286-1674  
Address: 2701 Chuckwagon Lane  
Emmett ID, 83617

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Solar generating customers are helping delay the need to construct additional power plants or purchase additional fossil fuel generating power from other sources. We are helping the environment by reducing pollution and the introduction of greenhouse gasses. By feeding the grid with clean renewable energy we are saving Idaho Power money, they do not have to rely as heavily on non-renewable energy, and expensive new energy production.

We home solar producers utilized our own funds to purchase our solar equipment, there was no cost to Idaho Power for our solar panels and infrastructure, yet they still charge us a monthly charge for the privilege of giving them our excess energy. Now they propose not only that we give them our excess energy at one rate, but then we must buy it back at nearly double the cost we sell it to them.

I purchased my solar array based on what the "Net Zero", rules were at the time I constructed my system. At the time, I felt it was unfair for Idaho Power to not compensate me for excess energy I produced. I built my system with the understanding that at least I would not have to pay for excess energy used at periods when my solar panels were producing less energy than I was using.

If you allow Idaho Power to go forward with this price restructuring it will severely curtail renewable energy production by private individuals, and will discourage solar expansion. We realize Idaho Power has costs involved with maintaining the power grid and upkeep of their infrastructure. At some point private power generation may produce so much energy that the power company may have to charge a service charge to maintain the system, I do not believe we are at that point yet.

I am strongly against Idaho Powers request to the IPUC for their solar price increase.

Mike Palmer

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**From:** jamesgturpin@msn.com  
**Sent:** Friday, November 1, 2019 9:00 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: James Turpin

Name: James Turpin  
Case Number: *IPC-E-18-15*  
Email: jamesgturpin@msn.com  
Telephone: 2082408707  
Address: 1403 Jena Dr.  
Chubbuck ID, 83202

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: I am concerned about the settlement agreement concerning on-site generation that was recently filed by Idaho Power and the IPUC. I feel that current customers should be grandfathered in to their current 1:1 agreements.  
Thank you.

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**From:** dshaff25@cableone.net  
**Sent:** Friday, November 1, 2019 8:59 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Donald V Shaff

Name: Donald V Shaff  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: dshaff25@cableone.net  
Telephone: 2088905337  
Address: 4552 N Foothill DR  
BOISE ID, 83703-4010

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Co.  
Comment: The proposed rule change goes against everything IPC boasts about working to reduce energy consumption and manage load on its system. The service area of IPC will continue to grow greatly further exasperating its ability to manage its load to meet demand. Solar owners reduce load and demand on the system allowing IPC to supply electric power to existing and new incoming residential,, commercial, and industrial customers. I urge the PUC to reject the Agreement and reject the IPC proposed rule change in this Case. The advantage to non-solar customers is reducing the need for IPC to raise rates to those customers' detriment.

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