

Diane Holt

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Sent: Tuesday, November 5, 2019 9:27 AM
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Comment: November 5th, 2019

Travis & Lacey Averett
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To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing in regard to Case Number IPC-E-18-15 in which Idaho Power is seeking to alter the net metering policy for existing and future net metering individuals for schedule 6 and schedule 8 on-site generation rates to voice my concerns over Idaho Power's proposed changes to existing net metering customers. We are 100% against this change as a whole and even more so for existing net metering clients.

We, along with countless others have invested tens of thousands of dollars in residential solar at my residence with the understanding we would receive 1:1 kWh credits to our Idaho Power account. Existing net metering customers being forced into a new plan simply is not fair to the many that have installed solar with the understanding they would receive a 1:1 kWh agreement return. When deciding to install rooftop solar at our residence it was determined it would be roughly 20 years before we broke even on the investment, with Idaho Power reducing the excess credit rate by ½ to \$0.044 this would be extended to at a minimum of 30 years which is 5 years beyond the expected lifespan of the solar panels. We personally paid in full for our solar installation using savings, however, imagine those who financed the solar installation? Their payback period would be much longer and would be drastically impacting their ability to see any return on their sizable investment.

We want to further emphasize net metering customers will never make any money from Idaho Power, their agreement is only to bank hours as credits with no plans for paying cash value to the net metering customers. Idaho Power pushing to have this changed for all existing net metering customers at the surface appears to be a money grab, as they can take the solar energy their net metering customers produce, sell any excess at full price and then turn around and sell the net metering customer additional power at double the rate. This just does not make sense, is not fair, and should not be allowed. Even further excess energy produced through net metering, Idaho Power has no agreement to ever payout cash value for excess energy produced, but rather directly pocket excess power for free!

Another key point is solar energy production is peak during the peak energy usage time of the year when AC units are being run all across Southern Idaho causing a spike in energy demand, the net metering customers help offset this peak energy demand with their solar installations. Idaho Power themselves have taken steps to alleviate power demand

spikes by giving monthly credits during summer periods for customers that they allow to cycle their AC units on and off based on their demand loads. Again net metering customers are directly helping Idaho Power and Idaho residents during their time of peak need during the peak time of year for solar production. This is absolutely an injustice by Idaho Power.

In addition, other states which are industry leaders in solar all have existing and long-established 1:1 net metering policies in place. Just two examples are Arizona and California both have 1:1 net metering policies in place. California even further mandates the power companies payout in cash any excess power they were provided through net metering at the end of a 12-month billing cycle. Arizona has grandfathered existing net metering customers into their existing 1:1 net metering agreement and simply changed new customers to a 1:1 net metering based on Time-of-Use rates based on their peak energy period rates; again net metering customers still receive 1:1 credits based on time of production for their solar credits. Why wouldn't Idaho pattern their net metering off of these industry leaders with years more experience and with far more residential and commercial solar installations?

- (California NEM 3.0 Link - <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/General.aspx?id=3800>)
- (Arizona net metering policies Link - <https://www.sunrun.com/solar-by-state/az/understanding-arizonas-new-solar-export-rate-plan>)

Finally, the proposed changes will most likely shut down every solar installation business throughout the Idaho Power operating area resulting in a significant number of employees losing their livelihood due the fact the timeline for economic return on investment will be significantly longer resulting in a severe decline in solar installations. Thus resulting in not only a loss of jobs for Southern Idaho but also a valuable source of tax revenue.

We will close with reiterating Idaho Power, at a minimum, needs to Grandfather their existing net metering customers into the existing 1:1 net metering agreement they currently have in place. It is simply unfair for Idaho residents who have sought out opportunities to improve our environment through green energy sources at a great expense to themselves to have the rug pulled out from under them by a corporate monopoly. We made our decisions just like many others based on informed decisions and by information provided by Idaho Power. This bait and switch tactic is simply unfair and unjust. If Idaho Power would like to change the rules of the road there should be a justifiable reason, but only for future customers that have not already invested tens of thousands of dollars on solar installations. Even if these proposed changes go into effect for only new net metering customers, Idaho Power will be essentially shutting down the residential solar industry in Southern Idaho which is a travesty.

Thank you for your considerations,

Travis & Lacey Averett

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Caldwell ID, 83607

Name of Utility Company: 1937

Comment: Leave the rates the same or Decrease them! Quit lowering the rates to the customers for Greater profits to Idaho Power

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Subject: Case Comment Form: George Crawford

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Case Number: IPC-e-18-15
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Meridian Idaho, 83646

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Company

Comment: I dont not agree with the proposed changes for solar generation. My wife and I had our solar panels installed this year. We made this 24000\$ investment with doing lots of research and paying close attention to the current laws/rules, now with this proposed change it doesnt make any sense at all. If I would have known of this possible change I would have never made the change to solar because with the new proposed changes it would have not made sense finacially for our family. This makes me very concerned not only for the current customers but the future customers almost nobody will make the switch to solar. Which is exactly what Idaho power wants because they want all the control. This is unfair and not right.

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Nampa Idaho, 83686

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Company

Comment: I wrote to express my concern and to ask to be grandfathered in to 1:1 net metering. I recently invested in solar for me home to reduce expenses and my carbon footprint.

Mike and Jean Darlow

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Subject: Case Comment Form: Gary Hanson

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

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I strongly protest the proposal by Idaho Power to end the current net-metering program.

I am an Idaho Power customer who has invested in rooftop solar panels that will produce this year about 1.5 megawatts beyond my annual consumption of electricity. Recently I invested in a plug in hybrid car in order to utilize some of this excess power. I currently plug in my car over night at a time when the demand on the grid is lowest.

If the program is changed, I am afraid I will not have enough credits to power my car and while Idaho Power will still enjoy the privilege of selling my excess power during the peak summer air conditioning months, I will be left with a power bill in the shorter less power producing winter months. I have made a considerable personal investment with solar power and the plug in hybrid car based solely on the agreement Idaho Power gave me when the solar panels were installed. This proposed rip-off agreement seems as if it would encourage me to plug in the car while the panels are producing excess rather than sending that power on to the grid. If I get paid back unequally for excess power to the grid then wouldn't I be better off using my solar power I produce at home instead?

The idea of fixing the future payback on dollars and cents is also patently unfair. Is Idaho Power agreeing to keep their charge to consumers at the current rate through 2028? I am sure they are not. In fact, the price will undoubtedly be much higher by then. That is why the current agreement is equitable. We should always trade a KWH for a KWH, not dollars and cents.

Please vote no on this proposal.

Thank You,
Gary Hanson

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Boise ID, 83713

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Dear Commissioner Kjellander, Commissioner Raper, Commissioner Anderson, and IPUC Staff,

Changing the rate structure to existing on-site generation customers will likely lead to some families being forced from their homes. This will be a crippling impact to these families which could take decades to recover from. Many of these customers, including myself, carefully researched and calculated the long term costs of purchasing a solar system. Most of us do not have \$30,000 cash in the bank and therefore had to use financing and/or home equity loans to be able to purchase solar systems. Before I purchased my system, I carefully calculated that I would be able to pay for the system through the 14 year term of the loan based on the current compensation rate structure. If the compensation rate structure is reduced by any amount, it is unlikely that I would be able to absorb the added expense. This could quickly lead to a situation where I would be forced from the home I have raised my family in. Do you want to be responsible for making the changes that will cause some forward thinking and environmentally conscious families to lose their homes and livelihood? There are many valid reasons that you should not approve this settlement, but at the very least you should grandfather in existing on-site generation customers.

How can the commission approve a settlement on the case, "Idaho Power - Application To Study Net Excess Energy From Customer On-Site Generation", without releasing the results of the "Study" and giving the public ample time to review it? I strongly encourage you to postpone any approval or settlement agreement until this "Study" has been completed, released to the public, and we have had ample time to review the results.

It is also known that the IPUC website has had technical difficulties causing many of the recent public comments to be unavailable for public viewing. I have called and spoke to IPUC staff members who have confirmed this issue. According to my findings, comments from this case were not posted publicly for over two weeks between 10/15/19 and 11/4/19. This equated to public comments being silenced during that period of time. Considering this, you should push back any hearings or decisions at least two weeks to compensate for the time public comment was silenced.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and public service!

Sincerely,
Nick Davis

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Pocatello Idaho, 83201

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Like many area residents looking to help the energy crisis and eventually save money while doing it, we "went solar" in Pocatello. It took an investment on our part, for sure, but Idaho Power's net metering program was an incentive. For each kilowatt the 19 panels on our roof generates for the grid, we get a kilowatt back when needed. That means in about a decade, our system will have paid for itself and benefitted the electric grid. Residential solar installations are starting to take off across the nation, and Pocatello is a shining example in Idaho. Gate City residents installed more private solar systems than Boise this year.

Plus, we're helping Idaho Power meet its stated goal of 100 percent renewable energy by 2045.

So the company's new rate structure, which will halve the benefit for solar customers comes as a surprise.

Cutting citizen residential solar value in half isn't the way to achieve renewable energy, and Idaho Power knows it. If anything, the rates paid to solar customers should be increased. That would stimulate growth in residential solar and the result would be more renewable energy for the power grid.

Idaho Power is a company driven by profit margins, but it is also a critical public service provider. The IPUC needs to keep the net metering rate as it is, and help spur the realization of residential solar's tremendous energy potential.

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Twin Falls Idaho, 83301

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am writing regarding the Idaho power net meter changes. I recently installed a rooftop solar panel system for several reasons including increasing clean energy production and reducing my personal expenses. There was a substantial personal cost associated with this upgrade. However, as I researched the project it seemed to be the right decision for both me personally and my community.

Specifically for my community, on the Idaho Power website there are multiple links discussing clean energy and a goal of "100% clean energy by 2045". That is a very noble goal that will take more than just a company and state regulation to achieve. By generating excess kilowatts and allowing me to put those back into the power grid for others to use, I can contribute to this goal. Reviewing the Idaho power website today I find the link touting a deal to buy 120 MW of solar power. I am certain that my 80 to 90 kW/day is just a drop in the bucket, but I am also convinced that hundreds of other proud Idahoans are happy to contribute excess power generation without asking Idaho power to "purchase" that clean energy. I am also quite certain that Idaho power happily accepts and sells that power to my friends, family and neighbors at full retail rates.

Beyond contributing to the clean energy of Idaho, there was a financial motive for me to complete this project. By paying a very large sum of money upfront my hope was to reduce my monthly expenditures for decades to come. It has been amazing to me and quite frankly a rewarding feeling to see this come to fruition. I have not seen a replacement for Idaho Power and am still happy to pay for the services they provide. I know that there are days when I rely on the grid more than what I am producing. I am happy to pay for those services at the full retail rate. For the last 10 years I have been happy to pay for the full retail rate and given the tiered system quite frequently up to 12 cents/kWh. We are now at a place where Idaho power is asking to alter the agreement. The agreement that is in place allows me give Idaho power my excess energy and allows them to sell it at a full retail rate. I do not get any reimbursement or portion of that sale with the understanding that should I need excess energy, I can draw that back off the grid at the same rate. This proposed rule change would strip me of more than 25% of the power which I have generated and donated to them. And that is just the first year when the rate would be set at 8.7 cents/kWh. By 2028 the final rate is stated to be 4.4 cents/kWh- an appalling 1/3 of the 12 cents/kWh they have been charging me in 2019.

I am aware that times change and often there is a need to reassess business models and approaches. I am not opposed to reassessments or changes. But I do believe people and companies should stand by their word and honor any agreements which are already in place. I believe surrounding states have gone through similar changes and existing customers have been grandfathered in with the existing agreements. I believe that is just good business.

If existing net meter customers cannot be grandfathered in, then I will refer you back to item #4 of the notification from Idaho power on 10/11/2019 the provision that "Idaho Power will provide a 'non-export option' for customers who wish to interconnect to Idaho Power's grid without exporting excess energy back to Idaho power". For other Idahoans and I

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Subject: Case Comment Form: William McArthur

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Pocatello Idaho , 83201

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: In good faith we put in solar power after receiving mailings in our bill from Idaho Power in our regular power bills implying the need , and their desire, for customers to cut back on energy use during afternoon hours in the summer. Idaho Power has regularly stated that they support green energy. So, in order to reduce our pull on the system during the day we added solar, at our cost, to relieve the burden on the system. Now they want to say that generating solar power during the heat of the day doesn't help as people are using energy when they get home. IP wants to claim that they must fire up natural gas power plants to adjust for the increased pull on the system, implying the solar generation doesn't help. Come on, we have all worked for companies that want increase their profit margin and this is no different. Idaho Power needed the consumers help and we responded, it relieved the problem for a while. As the population grew they had to invest money and now have excess power capacity and they want us to pay more for that "expense" they incurred.

In addition, "Now that the company has a surplus of energy, it sells much of it to areas with power shortages" as stated by Richins in the Idaho Press. <https://www.idahopress.com/users/profile/XavierWard>. So IP wants to sell our extra power to places that are short (for premium I am sure) and then charge us extra for the power we buy. All I am asking is to be grandfathered into 1:1 net metering, and that IP works in good faith.

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Blackfoot Idaho, 83221

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am requesting our existing solar to be grandfathered into 1:1 net metering. The proposed change of net metering is unfair to those of us who have designed systems which feed into the power grid operated by Idaho Power Company as it affords Idaho Power Company greater opportunity for income from our solar while punishing those who have made the decision to be more environmentally conservative in meeting our electric power needs.

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Pocatello Idaho, 83204

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Comment: Sir or Madam,

I am writing as an Idaho resident who just this month had solar panels installed at our home under the existing net metering agreement with Idaho Power wherein we are paid the market rate for excess power we generate. Under the proposed new settlement, we would end up only receiving 50% of the market rate for this generated power.

This proposal is unfair to solar customers who entered this agreement with the understanding we would be fairly compensated. Not generating power for free for our utility provider. As brand new customers, this change would cost us thousands of dollars over the lifetime of our solar system. We entered this agreement understanding that it would take us around 11 years to recoup the costs of the system after tax breaks. This change would significantly extend that timeline.

We made the decision to "go solar" out of a sense of responsibility and desire to conserve resources and made a significant up-front investment of \$15,000. Idaho Power backing out of this deal is unfair and shifts costs onto middle-class families like ours. This is wrong to impose on existing customers and will only serve to dissuade other private citizens from investing in renewable resources and conservation.

My personal opinion is that the current agreement structure should stay in place for existing and new customers to properly compensate existing solar customers, as well as encourage others to go solar. A less-ideal compromise would be to lock in the existing rate structure for current customers and update to the new structure for future customers. Again, this would not be my first choice, but it either option is better than the proposed change which is unfair and unacceptable, only serving to punish average citizens for the benefit of utility company profit margins. Thank you for your attention. Please feel free to contact me anytime, should you see fit.

Sincerely,

Jameson Root

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Subject: Case Comment Form: John Green

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Star Idaho, 83669

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: My understanding is that Idaho Power is considering changing their net metering agreement with customers who have installed solar systems. I feel very strongly that existing customers should be "grandfathered" in to retain our existing net metering agreement.

We were encouraged by both the state and federal governments to install solar panels on our home. After a detailed financial analysis we decided to make a substantial investment in solar using our RETIREMENT savings. After doing what we were encouraged to do (via tax law), I believe it would be fundamentally unfair to change the rules - after we have made the commitment.

In addition, my understanding is that Idaho Power has set a goal to achieve 100% clean energy by 2045. Customers such as ourselves, who install solar systems, are helping them reach this goal, WITH NO CAPITAL INVESTMENT OF THEIR OWN. To change the net metering agreement at this time would be penalizing us for helping them reach their clean energy goal!

Sincerely,
John and Ruby Green

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Telephone:
Address: 8968 S. Black Cat Rd
Nampa ID, 83687

Name of Utility Company: IDAHO Power

Comment: It is apparent that IP would like to make changes to the way the credits will apply for resident housing people that have spent a huge amount of money to make their homes more efficient. Solar panels are one of the best options for resident homes and it does not make sense if Id. Power wants us to make our homes more efficient and then decide if we do then they want to raise prices to penalize us. Some of us are retired and did the solar option to save money and help the environment. If they win their case it has to be fair and only fair if those who made the change are GRANDFATHERED in to keep the fees the same and credits applied the same as they are now. Please do not make changes to help the big company and harm the family that tried to make his life better.

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Pocatello ID, 83204

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Regarding how the credit exchange for solar production is proposed I would like to be grandfathered in to the 1:1 exchange. Any other type of exchange would be detrimental to capitalism itself and would seem like a monopoly on electricity. We do have the option to go completely off the grid, and more people would look at this option with back up generators/batteries vs dealing with a tyrant company. Please work with us and not against us.

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Pocatello Idaho , 83204

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: If the proposed changes pass I will move out of the Idaho Power service area immediately. I think Idaho power should be working with the Solar companies in the area vs trying to screw them over. Not happy with these proposed changes.

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Boise ID, 83716

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I received a letter dated Oct 23 from Idaho Power regarding a change to Schedule 6 and Schedule 8 (customer generation). I can't find this document on your site and was hoping you could help me get a case number so I can. I would certainly like to share my thoughts on this with the commission if I'm allowed to. Thank you and best regards, Paul Taylor

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Pocatello ID, 83201

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I want to express my opposition to the proposal by Idaho Power to reduce the value of the excess electricity we provide to them with our new solar system. I don't want to see the value of the credits that we provide to Idaho Power decrease by approx. 50% of the current rate!! Talk about a slap in the face, when I am helping Idaho Power meet its goal of 100% renewable energy by 2045! It's not fair to change the rules on us now that we have put on our solar panels. And what a disincentive to residents considering the installation of future solar systems. The rates changes will slow the adoption of solar systems, which will in turn negatively impact our local economy by reducing jobs in the solar installation industry. It's in the PUBLIC INTEREST to OPPOSE Idaho Power's proposal to decrease the value of the credits received for excess electricity we produce with our residential solar systems!

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Nampa ID, 83651

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Please don't allow Idaho Power to reduce the credit I receive from my solar panels. It has been used later in the year for my own use. I am a retired single grandmother on a limited income and used allot of my resources so my grandchildren could have a cleaner earth. I cannot afford to pay more for my power bill after using my resources to install the solar system. I made the decision to install solar based on the Idaho Power rules at that time. Please don't allow Idaho Power to change the rules now and cost me more money. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name of Utility Company: Telecom Professionals, Inc.

Comment: One of our clients, Operator Service Company, is discontinuing their telecommunication services in Idaho but I am having difficulty locating their authority docket no. And I would like to know the correct procedure on how to file their request to discontinue their service. Thank you.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: We built a new home in 2018, and added solar to cover most of our energy needs. We knew going in that it would take 10 or more years to recover our investment, but we really believe in clean, renewable energy. Raising our rate to have the net metering would cause us to rethink our energy strategy. We would have to look into purchasing batteries that would allow us to go off the grid completely, which means Idaho Power would no be able to benefit from us producing clean energy that could be used locally to provide electricity to our neighbors. That model is more efficient than transmitting power for miles across power lines. I would welcome a "grandfathering" policy like Nevada and Utah implemented, so that those of us who invested in solar under the existing rules won't be punished under any new rules that Idaho Power puts into effect. Thanks for considering my input.

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Sent: Monday, November 4, 2019 9:03 AM
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Subject: Case Comment Form: Terri O'Keeffe

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Name of Utility Company: 1963

Comment: My name is Terri O'Keeffe, I am a born and raised Idahoan who cares about our environment and our public lands. My husband, John and I put in a solar system in May of 2018 and I would like to provide input on the proposed Idaho Power filing to change the existing solar net metering program. The incentives provided by Idaho Power to purchase renewable generation were a significant consideration when we were evaluating the investment in solar energy along with our values on the environment. We believe the PUC should uphold the original program that was agreed upon by Idaho Power and solar customers. We invested in local clean energy expecting a fair deal. The rules should not be changed after we have already made the investment. The new proposal could cost existing solar customers thousands of dollars on their electricity bills. Individuals 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.

One compromise would be to allow existing solar customers to stay on the existing net metering program and applying the new program only to new customer. This allows all parties to keep the original agreements made in good faith. Precedent has been set by other utilities and commissions in the region when they have maintained existing utility rates and terms for existing customers. This is very common practice and it is 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.

Thank you for your consideration of my input.

Terri O'Keeffe

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power company

Comment: I have become aware of the efforts to take control or usurp the independent solar providers agreement for an equal power exchange for homes and business's that have added solar chargers in order to harvest the power of the sun and to go somewhat green at there own significant expense. It seems that Idaho Power wishes to markedly reduce the exchange rate and add additional expenses , [which is essentially stealing from the home owners] and sell the power to make a tidy profit. Thereby leaving the home owner with the expense and no hope of saving money for there expenses and efforts. We made this investment in hopes of decreasing our energy expenditures in our retirement years. I though that " Monopolies" were illegal in our present day. If this is allowed - this certainly represents - a glaring Monopoly. A significant number of homes in Europe and elsewhere have home solar panels, and yet in Idaho the power companies are trying to eliminate it. Please leave the incentive to go green as a citizen's option. Sincerely Dell P Smith

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Please do not allow IPC to reduce the rate that solar power is credited when it returns to the power grid. IPC should not be profiting from the consumer making choices to install and use solar power.

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RE: IPC-E-18-15, IPC-E-18-16 and IPC-E-19-15

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.

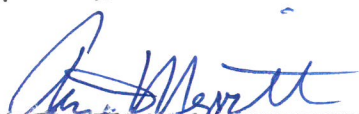
While researching the settlement agreement we found it interesting in IPCO's "Fixed Cost Report" the reference to Bonbright's 10 Principles of Ratemaking as criteria deemed appropriate for establishing rate structures. In our estimation the settlement agreement if applied to existing residential solar users fails the following numbered Bonbright Principles: 3) Stability and predictability of the rates themselves, 4) Static efficiency, 6) Dynamic efficiency in promoting innovation and responding to changing demand-supply patterns, 7) Reflect all present and future private and social cost in the provision of electricity, 9) Simplicity, certainty, convenience of payment, economy in collection, understandability, public acceptability, and feasibility of application, 10) Freedom from controversies as to proper interpretation.

From the aspect of a solar owner, we provide our excess power to the IPCO system mostly during the summer months at a time when IPCO has yearly peak demand. Similarly we provide our excess power during the day when there is daily peak demand, yet even during the night when we rely on using our credit that may have been generated that same day, under the hourly metering scheme we could potentially be penalized over 50%. This seems rather unfair. We believe the benefit of solar users is being undervalued in both regards to power to the system and impact on the environment.

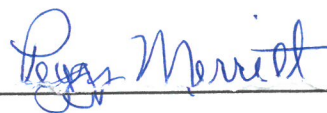
In summary we applaud IPCO for moving toward total green energy by 2045. Our family thought we made that move in 2019 but with the paradigm shift as proposed by the settlement agreement in the rate structure for solar users, we are not so sure. Considering the plight of existing solar system owners who have made good will financial decisions based on the current net-metering program and considering their current and ongoing positive impact on the environment, we urge the PUC to not apply the settlement agreement to existing residential solar users.

Thank you for hearing us out.

Respectfully,



Allen Merritt



Peggy Merritt

CC: Gietzen Solar LLC

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: 1. Idaho Power wishes to discourage Idaho residents from installing rooftop solar because it ends up reducing their ability to control the power distribution in the state and hence their profit per customer. In the early part of this decade, they first stopped giving cash credits to those customers who installed capacity higher than their annual consumption.

2. Now they want to slash the rates by half on the pretext that it puts other customers at a disadvantage. Existing rooftop solar customers installed their systems and based their calculations on the conditions prevailing at the time of installation and such customers should not be affected by any rate changes.

3. Changing the rates at which Idaho Power consumes electricity given back to the grid by rooftop solar customers is akin to backstabbing and is a monopolistic business practice.

4. Customers with existing solar installations and those who will have their units installed before any rate changes are announced, should be exempt from any changes for a period of 25 years from the date of installation of their Solar PV system. This will be sufficient time for them to recoup costs and not feel cheated by the monopoly that is Idaho power.

5. If Idaho Power feels, that non-solar customers are at a disadvantage, it needs to show a study that proves their point and also shows, how much the impact is, based on the data from the last 5-10 years. The final rate change has to be proportional to the final impact. And this should only affect future Solar PV installations.

6. Idaho Power should restructure their billing to Residential customers to divide their bill into fixed and variable components, that way all customers can pay a small fixed monthly charge to cover for any infrastructure and connections costs and then get the same rate whether they are a net consumer or a net generator of electricity.

Main motivator for Idaho Power to kill residential on-site power generation is because their profits directly depend on the value of power generation assets that they own and hence they don't like the fact that their own customers are now able to compete with Idaho Power, reducing overall energy usage and hence profits for them.

Solar power generation is the most obvious way to reduce costs in the long run and generate new jobs and save the environment at the same time.

Until we are able to reach 20-40% of electricity from solar, there should be nothing that holds back solar power generation in the state and Idaho Legislators need to pass laws accordingly so companies like Idaho Power are unable to get away with this cheating and theft of Idaho residents.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Customers who have paid for a solar system and are trying to help their community and environment should not be punished by cutting the value of their system in half. Many people who purchased the solar systems have financed it using the payment for the system as a replacement for the power bill. With the purposed kWh evaluation that would put a hardship financially on solar users that they would have to pay their financed bill as well as an electric bill. The power we generate should be valued the same as the power we are receiving.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: We have purchased solar based on current regulations. Grandfather clauses are used for this express purpose, to exempt us from new provisions so that our state of power usage and method of costing will remain unchanged from the method that prompted us to purchase the power product. It makes sense to give us a specific time period (such as 15 years) as long as we continue to be the owners of the property.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I'm concerned about Idaho Power's efforts to change the rate schedule for residential solar power generation. Rooftop solar should be encouraged, not discouraged to help combat climate change. At the very least, grandfathering in existing systems under the current net metering policy is fair and essential.

Thank you

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I would like to be grandfathered. I recently purchased solar panels I was not notified by Blue Raven Solar or Idaho Power that this case was pending. I would not have bought solar panels had I been properly notified by either party. I believe this is something that needs to be addressed. I am not the only homeowner in this position.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho power

Comment: We just recently purchased solar under the understanding our pay would be banked and credited to us for winter months at a set rate. I don't believe we should be billed any differently or our power we generate is worth less. We think the rules should stay the same as there are when we purchased them.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: We purchased solar to cut down our power bill and with the notion we would be getting credited toward our account during the winter for our over production during the summer. I don't believe my power generation is worth less than any other. I do not feel the rules or pricing should change.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: In it's current form it's almost shocking that this proposal is even being considered. For residential solar systems, the time to realize any ROI is already 15 years or more. If this proposal is passed, that time will extend beyond the life of the equipment, essentially killing the residential solar industry and putting most or all of those companies out of business. This would be a tragic step backward towards the goal of green energy generation. Why is Idaho Power so opposed to residential solar? These systems make it easier to meet demand when it is at it's highest - during the heat of summer when AC systems cause usage to spike. Perhaps new common-sense leadership is needed at Idaho Power that will partner with customers instead of limiting their options.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I feel it is unfair for Idaho Power to sell my extra energy for full price and only pay me half. I pay for the extra energy at full price when needed. This more than pays for my usage of the system. As my extra energy helps to offset the demands at peak times.

In a fast paced world where everyone is going green it seems very outdated to punish me and discourage others from making the investment to create green energy. It is just another way that Idaho would be behind times and outdated.

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