

Diane Holt

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Sent: Wednesday, November 6, 2019 8:30 AM
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Subject: Case Comment Form: David and Carolina Davies

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Company
Comment: 05 November 2019

Diane Hanian, Commission Secretary and
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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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Diane, Maria and IPUC members:

So, we bought a car and agreed to a 5% car loan over a 7 year time frame. This was all in place at the time we made the decision. Do you think it would be fair for the car dealer to tell us at year 3 that he has talked to the bank and that they have decided to change the interest rate from 5% to say 10%? If they did, do you think that their decision would stand up in a court of law?

Well, my wife and I bought a PV solar system for our home and we obtained an approval of our net meter application from Idaho Power Company like so many of my fellow citizens have also done. We knew at the time of our decision that we would both buy and sell power through our net meter to Idaho Power Company under the existing retail rate net metering structure. This was all understood and legally in place at the time of our decision to move ahead with our significant solar investment (10% of our home's value).

If you decide to Grant the Motion to accept the proposed Settlement Agreement dated 11 October 2019 approving changes to Idaho Power Company's compensation structure for residential service customers with on-site generation, we ask that you make the change as recommended by your Staff in the Decision Memorandum page 3 dated 11 October 2019 exempting or grandfathering those of us with existing on-site generation (Schedule 6 and Schedule 8 customers) making your decision effective no earlier than 01 January 2020. In our case, if you do not "grandfather" us in, you will be adding 15 YEARS to our system payback timeline!

We understand that you recently made your decision with Rocky Mountain Power customers in Eastern Idaho in a fashion which exempted existing net meter customers from the revised settlement agreement and rate structure changes. Doing so again in this case in our area of Idaho is only fair to those of us who have existing agreements in place and it would be consistent with the precedent which you have already established.

Sincerely

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Comment: IPUC

Five years ago I entered into a net meter agreement with Idaho Power. Since then I have purchased less than 1000 KWH from them. Today I have 2000 KWH credit with Idaho Power. For 58 of the last 60 months my power bill has been \$5.12. When I invested in solar panels and signed up for net metering I calculated my return on investment to be 15 to 20 years depending on the future cost of energy assuming a one for one exchange rate for kilowatts and a reasonable meter fee. Financial advisors advised I would do better in the stock market. But I chose to invest in power generation because I liked the predictability of it and I was adding a little sustainability and resiliency to the power grid by reducing the need for carbon fired generation. My system produces maximum surplus power during the time of Idaho Power's highest demand, hot summer afternoons. It seems to me that we should be encouraging more solar generation. We oppose a new compensation structure that would decrease the credit we receive for kWh that we return to the grid.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Company

Comment: I have received notification from Idaho Power that the rate at which I am compensated for my solar power generation could be drastically reduced over the next 8 years. I installed solar panels on the roof of my home three years ago, prior to Idaho Power's request to segregate residential solar users into a new group (Schedule 6). The proposed new rate structure for me reduces my 12 year break even time to a non-existent break even period. My solar panels would never pay for themselves given the new rate structure as the useful life of the panels themselves are shorter than the payback period with the new rate structure. Had I know that Idaho power was planning this, I would not have spent nearly \$20,000 on solar panels.

Idaho Power is a government sanctioned monopoly acting as a for profit business. A truly non-profit entity would not attempt to cut out all privately created green power generation as they are doing. Idaho Power is well aware that the rates they are proposing are so low that no one is likely to install green energy solutions in the future. They want to be the sole provider of energy, green or otherwise. This is the obvious act of a for profit business. I cannot think of a more direct and swift method of stifling innovation than to agree to what amounts as a rate hike for solar power users. Please think carefully about the ramifications of Allowing Idaho Power to further their monopoly into green power and stifling any future hope of green energy.

Thank you,

Casey Finegan

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Caldwell ID, 83607

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: My concern is the decrease in value of electricity we as individuals give into the system. As price of living increases it stands to reason that we would have an increase in the electricity we add to the system as price of living also increases. If you continue to decrease I believe it is not a just and fair business.

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Subject: Case Comment Form: Jerry Olson

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Kimberly ID, 83341

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Company
Comment: IPUC -

I am writing to urge the members of the IPUC not to grant Idaho Power Company's request to include existing net metering solar customers in their proposed changes with respect to Case IPC-E-18-15. Many solar generating customers like myself have recently made significant investments in our generating systems based on the current net metering agreement with Idaho Power Company and to now just change that agreement would have a significant negative impact on our finances. I understand that business costs can change over time, but it seems realistic to expect that such changes have a beginning point going forward and not the ability to reach back in time. There are many recent cases in neighboring states where power companies have made adjustments to their net metering agreements but were not permitted to include existing solar generating customers - all of these states granted a grandfathering period for existing customers and customers in the process of installation. I would urge the IPUC to follow this precedence in support of existing solar generating customers.

Thank you.

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Kimberly ID, 83341

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Company

Comment: Dear IPUC -

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Comment: Keep current system. I signed up under current system.

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Subject: Case Comment Form: KRIS M MILLER

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TWIN FALLS ID, 83301

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: We believe existing customers should remain under the existing program rules for at least ten years. We have made an investment under the rules at the time and expect those rules to remain in place. Had we know that Idaho Power was going to change the rules. We would have probably either not installed such an extensive system, or not installed a system at all.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I installed solar panels, not to save money on my electric bill, but to enhance the value of my home and to contribute to clean energy. Even so, solar panels are expensive and I don't feel it is fair to change the way I get credit on my electric bill. When I made the investment in solar it was my understanding that I would receive credits equal to my contribution to the grid. And I don't think this should change for future investors in solar either. We should want to encourage participation in clean energy.

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Meridian ID, 83642

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: My wife Debra and I recently entered into a contract to have close to \$40,000 of solar panels installed on our home. One of the key benefits that made this an easy choice for us was the 1:1 net metering. The net metering that has been in place for years would allow our system to keep up with inflation in the cost per kwh close to 25-30 years. This means that our retirement would be protected from inflation in the cost of power to our home. Immediately upon receiving an email notification that our plans were submitted and approved by Idaho Power. We received an email from Idaho Power sharing the proposed policy that would lock the reimbursement cost at \$.089 in 2020 and \$.044 potentially as early as 2022 and as late as 2028.

This proposed policy change will have a huge negative financial impact on my family and every other family that has tried to do the right thing by installing solar panels to generate the energy that we need here in Idaho!

I have a simple request. For any customer that has installed solar panels prior to January 1, 2020 will stay on the net 1:1 net metering. I am fine with you locking the reimbursement rates for customers installed after January 1, 2020, as the solar companies will share that data with them and they can run the financials, based on the new rates.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter.

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POCATELLO ID, 83201

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: To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware that Idaho Power Utilities Commission has approached the solar energy movement in Idaho in a way that is of faceless bureaucracy. I am expressing my disgust with how one entity that is supposed to advocate for customers, communities and its shareholders has truly disappointed Idahoan families. Rocky Mountain Power did the same in Utah in years past and is now the greatest advocate for solar energy. I hope that Idaho Power soon gets the picture that penalizing customers (as free consumers) with higher meter costs will damage their Public Reputation.

In today's economy where opinion and public image can make or break an organization, Idaho Power should invest time in pondering if making a horrible financial judgement that hurts consumers, but benefits their corrupt pockets is worth it. I am very grateful to have lights in my home and to be able to provide a hot meal for my family using electricity. Yet, I do not have to support a financial low blow.

Regards,
Diana C. Laris

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