

Diane Holt

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Sent: Friday, November 8, 2019 1:32 PM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Joseph Schueler

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Boise Idaho, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I implore you to not allow Idaho Power to take the existing rates for residential solar generators and set new rates for those producers. My heart absolutely sunk when I read the letter sent by Idaho Power. My wife reassured me, this had to be a step taken in such a way as to remain fair to us and our investment and to remain calm and contact Idaho Power the next day to inquire further about this as perhaps it didn't apply to us or was for some aspect of our power production beyond that which we consumed at the end of the year. Well, when I spoke with the Idaho Power representative, no, it was even worse than I'd originally feared!

My wife and I took out a loan for \$38,000 to invest in a twenty panel solar array system for our primary home in Downtown Boise in 2018. This system was designed to offset 90% of our electricity consumption on a 1910, 1,400 square foot home without natural gas. My estimates put the recovery of those funds at a low investment return of between ten and twelve years, assuming annual utility costs rose at a consistent rate of between 5-15%. This is not a wise investment, relative to opportunity costs for other uses of \$38,000, like paying down my mortgage at an assured ROI of my mortgage interest compounded by the amortization schedule. You may ask, why then did we choose to invest in solar? I would not think I would have to answer that question to the Public Utilities Commission. We all know the importance of investment in alternative energy sources. Idaho has a rich history of such investments and Idaho Power is heavily investing in solar energy itself. It just makes sense, not up front, but over time and to scale. Yet, Idaho Power's proposed settlement agreement threatens to undermine my investment, making our modest rate of return nonexistent, and eternally making our home dependent on them, the monopoly holder of our energy source as a customer at our location, under contract for this public utility. When asked why we should pay full price for our consumption while receiving half price for our production on a tiered system fully in effect prior to my investment maturation, I was told something very concerning. I was told that Idaho Power can shop around in competitive markets for solar at rates cheaper than those provided me as a consumer of their energy, therefore, they found a happy medium above those market rates that they felt was fair. I have several issues with this market based attitude.

First, they are not a private market purchaser, they are a public utility provider under contract. Due to lack of competition, they can purchase solar from external parties at massively reduced rates because they control all power in Idaho and thereby represent virtually all of the customer base in Idaho, assuring lower prices through volume. Second, if this were a competitive market scenario, I too would have the ability to review the pricing being provided me and "shop around" as they do, for better pricing for my solar production. Yet, Idaho Power will not let me. In fact, they do not even allow me to consume the same energy I produce, nor install battery storage to store energy. I am forced to join their net metering program and have no market variability, not by my choosing, or competition availability, but because Idaho makes it illegal for me to do anything other than use electricity through Idaho Power and give them directly the power I produce, trusting that they are measuring that productivity accurately and accepting the rates they provide. How then, can that same company hand me reduced rates, after my investment, and still look me in the eye? It's highway robbery is what it is. This settlement, if allowed to proceed, will rob me of my freedom, my largest single purchase investment outside of property purchasing, and I will have my monthly utility payment right back where it was

prior to investing in solar, with a reduced value of solar equipment as no good investor will want a solar product that only sucks money out of their pocket like it did mine.

This leads me to my final point. I don't know if you've been watching the news, but our environmental outlook long term is not good. Even the most conservative administration in perhaps United States History has produced its own report detailing the economic impacts of inaction on climate change and cost to taxpayers is in the billions. The fire seasons only ramp up in Idaho as snowpack and watershed capabilities diminish and seasonal ebbs and flow intensify for a dryer, hotter Idaho climate. This results in increased fire destruction, increased harmful bug infestation, increased associated flooding and erosion, and a diminished value Idaho. Treasure Valley inversions leech air quality standards further and further as population growth continues to result in more and more carbon pollution in a Valley that traps air between the peaks of our mountain ranges, all to the detriment of public health and diminished quality of life for particularly children, the elderly, and those who are ill. Our native Salmon populations are in steep decline and has received concerted attention by our governor and our national elected congressman by underperforming dams owned and managed or subsidized by Idaho Power. I could go on and on, I'm a hunter and an angler and I see what Power Idaho truly has and how it is mismanaged.

The point is, the time is now to garner every tool in our tool box and every individual in this state, a state known for its independence and individual responsibilities, to pull their weight to find sustainable energy production practices. Then, why on Earth would you denigrate, castigate, and in other ways disincentivize private citizens of Idaho from developing their own energy production systems? If anything, you should incentivize Idaho residents to invest in a decentralized solar grid system that places the cost of maintenance and repair on the individual consumer instead of a centralized monopoly, the same power sites soft targets for terrorist threat or action. The proposed separate rate system accomplishes the opposite, if you wish to separate rates, pay solar producers more for their production. I understand the need for a public utility consortium, but they don't own the power, Idaho citizens do and we have a God given right to use it, produce it, and enshrine our environment with a sustainable energy source for future generations. Idaho Power has been granted a valuable responsibility to ensure access to power to all citizens, and this proposal laughs in the face of that responsibility. I am disgusted by it and any who would support it.

I've been advised to advocate for at least a grandfather clause for those of us who invested early. The selfish side of me wants to support that measure. However, to me it only represents a payoff to be silent. I know the future of our nation will rely on far more solar applications than it does today and the proposal stands in direct defiance to that endeavor. It cannot pass, because I know from personal experience as someone who made the difficult choice to put my community and world before my bottom line, that I would not have done so if this horrendous proposal was in effect. I want my children and grandchildren to have solar as easily available as it has been to me. Wait, it must be easier. Please do not make it impossible.

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Subject: Case Comment Form: Steve Gravwes

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Star Idaho, 83669

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I view the idea of allowing Idaho Power to steal the power it receives from my solar panels, as a bully shaking me down for my lunch money. Idaho Power didn't buy my solar panels, I did. The bully on the block pays their CEO 4.4 million for an annual salary, yet feels necessary to shake me down for four cents, and then hides behind the idea that I'm not paying my share? I paid my share, by purchasing the solar panels, now I would appreciate to be allowed to recoup some cost, I don't believe that would hinder the CEO from receiving his annual salary.

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Subject: Case Comment Form: Mark Klaudt

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Boise Idaho, 83709

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Comment: All,

My wife and I recently decided to have solar installed in our home. this decision was based on a great deal of research and planning. We are set to have our panels installed mid-November. the total cost is in excess of 40k. The cost Over the life of the home is acceptable based on a 1-for-1 credit that currently exists with Idaho power. The cost is NOT viable or tenable over any stretch of time if the proposed plan submitted by Idaho Power is passed.

I have lived in this valley for more than 47 years and have seen a great deal of change. One item is that we used to export power and this in turn kept costs down. Now with the recent influx of population and manufacturing we are importing power from external locations.

I am close to retirement from civil service and the move to solar was largely based on lowering my cost of living in the long term. The influx of people have already increase taxes to the concerning point and I predict power cost climbing as well in the years to come.

the proposal should be shot down. If not. please provide for grandfather clause.

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Subject: Case Comment Form: Susan Morris

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Twin Falls ID, 83301

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: The settlement agreement for on-site solar power generation and 8 year plan to decrease compensation for the Export Credit Rate is unfair to those power consumers who took the initiative to invest their own funds in a residential solar power system which supports the long term goal of conversion to environmentally beneficial alternative energy sources. It essentially changes the rules for those who made significant investment decisions based on the existing details of net metering.

In addition to being unfair to current solar system owners, this change would also serve as a deterrent to other potential individual investments in alternative energy systems in Idaho that would help decrease harmful emissions to our local environment. A 50% decrease in credit rates is an extreme change to incentivizing private investments in alternative energy.

We request that the Public Utilities Commission require that net metering rules and standards be kept intact and unchanged to grandfather in those who have already invested in this technology. We also request that consideration be given to altering the proposed credit rate for new net metering systems to a rate that is 20-25% decreased from current rates, to continue to encourage private consumer investments.

Thank you.

Rob and Susan Morris

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Subject: Case Comment Form: Walter Kaiser

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Case Number: IPC-E-18-15
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Nampa ID, 83687-8763

Name of Utility Company: PUC
Comment: Wayne and Sharon Kaiser
19 South Pit Lane
Nampa, Idaho 83687

Re: IPC-E-18-15

Dear Sirs:

I am writing this as you contacted me through a letter informing us that you are trying to change the rate that you will credit us for onsite electricity production.

I do not agree with what you are trying to do. We have made a decision to go solar because we could see that the length of time that it would take to pay off our system was reasonable. We are also concerned about using non-renewable resources to power generators. We think that all new constructions as well as existing structures should seriously consider using solar panels. We are fortunate to live in an area where we get many sunny days which can greatly aid in creating electricity from solar panels. From reading the pamphlets that we receive from the PUD, it implies that you are trying to get more alternate energy users in our area. By decreasing the energy credits produced by homeowners, you are making it a poor decision to go solar for many people. The payback time would be greatly increased and therefore a poor decision.

If anything, you should be trying to find more ways to have homeowners to go toward using solar panels or other forms of creating electricity. We have friends in Washington State in Cowlitz County that have invested in solar. One family can pay their panels off in about 5 years. Another family has invested in a PUD solar array and gets credits. I hope you have investigated other states such as Washington and Arizona and what they are doing to encourage the use of alternate energy. They and other states may have interesting programs that will help you and your users.

I think it would be unfair for Idaho Power to change the way they give credits for extra power produced after we have made our investments. If you need more money to maintain the present and future needs, find another way. I also think you should find other ways to entice customers to go towards alternate energy sources.

Sincerely,

Wayne and Sharon Kaiser

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Pocatello ID, 83201

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Hello, I am an existing Solar Power generator and Idaho Power customer. The rate at which our credits are valued (excess electricity) should remain the same. What I pay for electricity should be credited the same. Please consider either a clause for existing solar customers, which will keep our rates the same and or not allow Idaho Power to go forward with their plan. Please reference the case number above. Thanks

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Subject: Case Comment Form: Jeff Brummer

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meridian Idaho, 83642

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I have been all around the world and Idaho has unique beauty. Part of my reason for investing in solar 3 years ago was to demand less power from other more invasive sources around the state. Now that Idaho Power is downgrading residential users to a different system it isn't as attractive for others to do the same. I also would like to request to be grandfathered into my current 1:1 redemption for all power I push back to the grid. I know I am a small client but I appreciate you considering the expectations I had when investing in my panels and not dragging out my ROI. Thank you.

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Subject: Case Comment Form: Peter Petroni

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Case Number: IPC-E-18-15,
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Telephone:
Address: 4104 w Hillcrest drive
Boise Idaho , 83705

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am very upset to hear you are collaborating with Idaho Power to make my solar investment null and void. If you do you should reimburse me the \$30,000+ I spent on this system.

Here are my suggestions:

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

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

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

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

When changing net metering, utilities and commissions around the nation allow existing customers to keep the original terms, because it's unethical and unfair not to.

Maintaining existing utility rates and terms for existing customers is a very common practice for other utilities in the region making similar changes – it's reasonable to expect the same for Idahoans.

The PUC promised that discriminatory rates would not be the outcome. If changes are implemented that negatively impact customers' solar investments, it would be discriminatory. They need to hold true to their word.

Idaho families and businesses should not be penalized for investing their own money into a program that was created to incentivize purchasing renewable generation. Approving a net metering policy that encouraged investment for long term savings, only to have it invalidated in this manner, is unethical. We should expect more from our appointed officials on the PUC and our public utility. If they had no intention of honoring the service agreement they set out initially, they shouldn't have even made it an option. But they did, and it should be honored.

You are encouraged to personalize your comments and share your own experience - the important thing is to be respectful and drive home the point.

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To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Roy Aggarwal

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Boise ID, 83716

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

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From: e.sandman@att.net
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To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Elaine Sandman

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Case Number: *IPC-E-18-15*
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Telephone:
Address:
Bonner's Ferry Idaho, 83805

Name of Utility Company: AVISTA

Comment: There is really very little practical variety of choice for low fixed income when it comes to heating a home. AVISTA might as well have a monopoly. I was very relieved when the merger with Canada company was denied. Frequently I have seen 100s of thousands of dollars spent by AVISTA on commercials. Now I have heard you have granted them the right to raise their rates. Property taxes are going up and I know so are my electricity bills. Side note neglect of maintenance issues among growth issues as well. It has been announced for fixed incomes we will get a raise HOWEVER the raise in no way covers all the up coming price increases. I am already on AVISTA comfort level billing, my Navy retirement generally puts me out of assistance program range. I do without willing to do things. Soon I fear I will find there are no more do without left. I accept the choices I have made, but AVISTA has a huge growing market and big profits they are going to build new building I heard on the news then you granted them an increase. Tons of news about poverty and homeless. Where does that start? Thousands for commercials to say how great they AVISTA is. Please revisit your granting of the price increase. Thank you.

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To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Peter Schooley

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Mountain Home ID, 95119

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I would like to say that the PUC should uphold the original program that was agreed upon by Idaho Power and solar customers. The PUC promised that discriminatory rates would not be the outcome. If changes are implemented that negatively impact my solar investments, it is discriminatory. The PUC needs to keep it word.

I have invested in local clean energy expecting a fair deal. My wife and I have already made our investment based, our decision was in part based upon the existing net metering rules and your new proposal could cost us thousands of dollars on our electricity bills.

My family should not be penalized for investing our money into a program that was created to incentivize purchasing renewable generation. It is unethical to approve a net metering policy encouraging investment for long term savings, and then invalidating it. I expect more from the PUC and public utility. If they had no intention of honoring the service agreement initially agreed to it should not have been made an option. You created the agreement, and you should honor it.

Maintaining existing utility rates and terms for existing customers is common practice for other utilities in the region – it's reasonable to expect the same for Idahoans.

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

When changing net metering, utilities and commissions around the nation allow existing customers to keep the original terms, because not doing so is unethical and unfair.

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Boise ID, 83706

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Regarding the on-site generation, why is there such huge difference between schedule 6 (8.7 cents per kwh) and 8 (10.2 cents per kwh) ? It looks like homeowner got the short end of the stick again. Those big generators has big lawyers with contract.

A grandfather clause with existing homeowner will solve the issue. At same point in time, everyone sells their house and move. That switching dates are pretty drastic. There is zero consideration for those homeowners who spent a huge amount of fund on their solar PV system.

Only PUC has the ability look after the homeowners. I am hoping PUC will come through.

This will certainly kill future solar PV installations.

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From: burleyglass@pmt.org
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2019 11:42 AM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Leslie Kerr

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Heyburn ID, 83336

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Comment: I am asking to be grandfathered into 1:1 Net Metering

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Blake Purcell
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November 1, 2019

To: Idaho Public Utilities Commission
RE: Idaho Power case # IPC-E-18-15

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this in protest of Idaho Power's proposal to reduce by 50% the benefit of installing solar power at my home. I made the investment to protect my income during my retirement years. Now if Idaho Power is granted this proposal I have wasted my money and electric rates can increase at any rate while my income be fixed.

Idaho Power has made the claim they want to be 100% renewal power by 2045. This is obviously nothing but a lie. The only thing Idaho Power is looking for is increased profits.

My understanding of the purpose for government entities like The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is to protect the interests of the public, not big business. it is beyond me how anyone from that prospective can think what Idaho Power is proposing is in the public interest. If anyone from the The Idaho Public Utilities would look at what has happened in other states, like Utah and Nevada they would realize Idaho Power's proposal is ridiculous. I also don't know why Idaho Power can with the stroke of a pen put every solar company in Idaho company out of business.

It is my hope that those in charge at The Idaho Public Utilities Commission would do this job and protect the interest of the public, not Idaho Power.

Sincerely

Blake Purcell

Dear IPUC,

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We just had solar panels installed this summer and look forward to helping Idaho Power meet its goal of providing 100% renewable energy to all customers by 2045 (or sooner).

We want to express our opposition to the proposal by Idaho Power to reduce the value of the electricity we provide. We do NOT want to see the value of the credits that we (as solar customers) receive on our bills for excess electricity decrease to a rate of approximately 50% of the current rate.

We believe that the proposed rate changes will slow the adoption of solar energy systems in Idaho and therefore negatively impact renewable energy jobs and, as a result, our local economy.

The proposed rate change will negatively impact our financial situation, costing us thousands of additional dollars on our electric bills. It's not fair to change the rules on us now, after we have invested in a solar system.



By adopting the proposed rate changes you will make it more difficult for Idahoans to afford solar systems. Keep our Idaho economy strong by bringing solar jobs here and regulating Idaho Power to move in the direction of their 100% renewable commitment. It's in the PUBLIC INTEREST!

Sincerely,

Anne Stringfellow-Brookman
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Pocatello 83201

November 4, 2019

Russ Inskip
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UTILITIES COMMISSION

Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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Regarding Case No. IPC-E-18-15

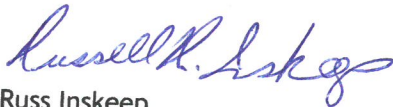
Dear Idaho Public Utility Commission (IPUC) commissioners:

I understand IPUC will soon decide whether to exempt consumers with on-site solar power generation (Consumer Producers) from the recent settlement with Idaho Power. It would be unfair not to exempt Consumer Producers after many have invested large amounts of their savings with the belief IPUC would protect them from Idaho Power's monopolistic power.

To support my contention existing Consumer Producers should be exempted and protected, consider IDACORP's 2018 revenues were 1.4 billion dollars and operating profit was 297 million dollars. Earnings growth was 6.7%, net income growth was 6.8%, and dividend growth was 6.8% in 2018. Over 125 million dollars of excess cash generated in 2018 was paid to shareholders in the form of dividends and stock buy-backs. In addition to the dividend payment, shareholders have enjoyed a 13% stock appreciation over the past year. The chairman and the president begin their letter to shareholders with, "IDACORP enjoyed another incredible year of accomplishment in 2018, punctuated by our 11th consecutive year of earnings growth – a feat that is unprecedented for our company and unique among investor-owned utilities during that period." It appears IPUC has been exceptionally generous to Idaho Power over the past 11 years.

Idaho Power does not need to increase its great fortunes further at the expense of individual Consumer Producers who are simply attempting to reduce their power bill and contribute to an improved environment for future generations. With the above facts in mind, I respectfully ask that you exempt existing solar power generating customers from the financially damaging changes resulting from the settlement. This would be the right thing to do for individuals who invested their capital in the good faith IPUC would protect them Idaho Power's monopoly. This would also be the right thing to do for the environment.

Respectfully,



Russ Inskip

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

Commissioner Paul Kjellander

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IDAHO PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Dear Commissioner Kjellander

As an Idaho Power customer, I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to participate in the current rooftop solar net metering program. We installed our solar array several years ago and would not have been able to do so without the current net metering program provided by Idaho Power. Thank you. The deciding factor in us making a \$25,000 solar purchase as a family was Idaho Power's generous net metering program. Without it, we would not have been able to make this significant investment as a family.

This leads me to the very unfortunate letter we received in the mail the other day that states Idaho Power will be renegeing on this program to its existing rooftop solar customers. I fully understand the reasoning behind why Idaho Power wants to change the current program for **future** customers. What I don't understand is how Idaho Power can provide a program to its existing customers and then take it away because 'too many customers are taking advantage of it.' Idaho Power created the net metering program; we, as a family, as Idaho Power valued customers, made a significant investment, \$25,000, based upon the trust that Idaho Power would honor the net metering program Idaho Power had in place. Again, we would not have spent \$25,000 on solar without it.

As a family, we are asking you, as the decision-makers that protect the public interest, to please make Idaho Power honor this program for its existing net metering customers by 'Grandfathering' us in to the current net metering program. \$25,000 is not much to a multibillion-dollar company, but it is a significant amount of money for an average Idaho family just trying to make ends meet. \$.04 per kWh will turn our family's investment into a negative and saddle us with unexpected monthly payments that we did not calculate into our decision due to the program Idaho Power provided, and assumed would honor, for its valued customers.

I also wish that instead of just talking with the Sierra Club and a few other groups, that Idaho Power would have come and sat at our kitchen table and asked us, its valued customers, why we chose to invest \$25,000 into a rooftop solar array and what renegeing on their net metering program would do to us as a family. And how Grandfathering in existing customers would go a long way in making this change in the program fair. Again, I fully understand the desire for Idaho Power to change this program for future solar customers. These customers can make an educated decision based on \$.04 per kWh. We made our decision based on the current net metering program Idaho Power offered and we cannot go back in time to undo this decision. If we could, we would.

Thank you for your time, consideration and service to Idahoans, Commissioner Kjellander. As an Idaho family, we truly hope and pray that you make Idaho Power do the right thing and Grandfather in the current net metering program for existing rooftop solar customers.

Sincerely,
Mark Blaiser and Family



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From: Burleyglass@pmt.org
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