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**From:** ahausrath@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 12, 2019 2:30 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Anne Hausrath

Name: Anne Hausrath  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: ahausrath@gmail.com  
Telephone: 208-345-9631  
Address: 1820 N 7th St  
Boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT: IDAHO POWER NET METERING COMPENSATION

Dear PUC Commissioners:

I urge you to deny the Settlement Agreement and to order Idaho Power back to the drawing board. The proposed Settlement Agreement would disincentivize installation of roof top solar at a time when we as a community should be working together to do everything possible to combat climate change.

“Draw Down”, edited by Paul Hawken, ranks Rooftop Solar as the 10th most effective strategy for reversing global warming. As Idaho Power says in their ads “Small changes matter.” This proposed compensation change is by no means small! If you approve the Settlement Agreement, there will be virtually no financial incentive for anyone to install solar roof top within Idaho Power's region.

This “agreement” appears to have been arrived at without the participation of most current net metering customers, those interested in future solar rooftop installations, and most importantly, the younger generation who will be most effected by the long term implications of this change.

What's the rush? Idaho Power has not demonstrated a need for this change. Nor have they put forth any alternative proposals to help reverse global warming. For instance:

Idaho Power could remove the need for future net metering customers by purchasing solar panels, installing them on solar compatible rooftops, and owning this effective means of distributed generation.

Idaho Power could invest in utility solar, ranked # 8 in priority by Hawken et al.

Idaho Power could encourage greater investment in wind turbines, ranked #2 in priority by Hawken et al.

I have grandchildren who, if they live as long as my mother and grandmother did, will live to see the 22nd century. I want to be able to look them in the eye and say that I did all I could to reverse global warming. I entreat you to act for all of our children and grandchildren's future. Please deny this Settlement Agreement.

If you do approve this Settlement Agreement, please allow current net metering customers to continue under the compensation agreement in effect when they signed up for net metering with Idaho Power.

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**From:** aberg58@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 11, 2019 4:57 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Art Bergsma

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Case Number: IPC-E-18-15.  
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Telephone: 2083085959  
Address: 643 Canyon Dr  
Twin Falls ID, 83301-3014

Name of Utility Company: Mr.

Comment: I believe existing customers should remain under the existing program rules for at least ten years. I made an investment under the rules at the time and expect those rules to remain in place.

It was difficult enough to justify to spend tens of thousands on a system that would take close to ten years to pay for itself and now after the fact, IPC wants to penalize those who Invested in clean energy.

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**From:** dhunt0069@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 11, 2019 6:01 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Daryl Hunt

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Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
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Telephone: 2084202315  
Address: 3275 E 3500 N  
Kimberly ID, 83341

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Company

Comment: Just this summer, my wife and I, looking at retirement in the near future and worried about how to afford electricity on a fixed income, chose to purchase solar panels through CR Solar, a reputable contractor. Though our savings took a considerable hit, we paid for the system outright. When we paid the full amount and signed the contract with CR Solar, the company's sales rep promised us that since we'd made the purchase and installation of our solar system prior to a certain date, our current agreement with Idaho Power could never change. With good faith in that promise, and upon signing the papers, we felt secure that our nearly-\$30,000 cash investment was a sound decision. At the time, Idaho Power's own marketing encouraged private homeowners to "go solar," and enjoy the rewards of a very small, set power bill from them each month, as our 27 solar panels would be contributing nicely to their electrical resources servicing the grid. Imagine our dismay upon receiving a letter from Idaho Power just a month or so after our solar installation informing us that our rate of compensation from Idaho Power would be sharply cut, modestly for a few years, but drastically after a specified time. I've never had mean things to say about Idaho Power over the past fifty years; however, I believe this proposal announced by Idaho Power amounts to sheer greed and thievery, especially inasmuch as it preys upon folks on fixed incomes who invested their hard-earned savings into an alternative energy resource, as we've all been encouraged to do at some point. By the time Idaho Power's projected trim-down of repayments to solar customers fully kicks in, we'll be paying them for the privilege of giving away our power that we produce! This seems underhanded. We encourage you to flatly deny Idaho Power's proposal.

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**From:** Greg@nickell.org  
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**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Kenneth Nickell

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Case Number:  
Email: Greg@nickell.org  
Telephone: 208 681 1725  
Address: 658 N 150 W  
Blackfoot ID, 83221

Name of Utility Company: Id power

Comment: Would you protect our right to a 1 to 1 ratio on net metering for our solar generator. We expected to be able to pay for our system this way. It is a violation of trust to do less. Respectfully

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**From:** rick@amanarts.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 11, 2019 10:06 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Rick Aman

Name: Rick Aman  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: rick@amanarts.com  
Telephone: 2088506707  
Address: 7263 Southern Vista  
Star ID, 83669

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Idaho Power has placed their customers and homeowners who have installed roof mounted solar into a one-sided and intolerable financial position given a letter sent to net metered customers dated October 23, 2019.

As a homeowner in Star, Idaho, I relied upon Idaho Power's program of net metering with a one-for-one credit for over production as the basis for the purchase and installation of a roof top solar system. The Idaho Power letter proposes a threefold change in net metering. Each of these three changes were unknown and unanticipated for homeowners making a decision to participate in net-metering.

1. Energy produced will shift to a net hourly format
2. Customers who produce more energy than they consume each hour will be credited at a wholesale rate per kwh and billed for usage at a retail rate.
3. There will be a shift over the course of this proposal to a wholesale rate of buy back at .044 per kwh. The result is that ½ of the excess energy produced by the homeowner will be confiscated by Idaho Power.

This proposal radically changed the program each of us as homeowners relied upon to make the financial decision to install solar. All the future calculations and payback factors were based on the current policy of one-for-one credit of power "banked" back into netting against future consumption on an annual basis, not hourly. I relied on these financial facts to make a rational decision for the investment into my system.

It would be the case for Idaho Power shareholders that any capital expenditures or accelerated depreciation would remain intact through the life of their generation assets once built. Given this proposal, the same consideration given to Idaho Power shareholders by the IPUC would not be afforded to Idaho Power customers who relied upon and entered into similar capital outlays in anticipation of stable net metering policies. The IPUC recently approved accelerated depreciation on the Valmy Coal Plant for Idaho Power. Given there are now lower cost generation resources available for Idaho Power, the IPUC did not disallow this previous capital outlay and leave the Idaho Power shareholders holding the financial bag. The IPUC was respectful of prudent decisions made at the time and did not punish the shareholders for unforeseen changes in markets and resources. Why would the same considerations not be afforded to Idaho Power customers who made similar rational economic investments into roof top solar? The IPUC, whose charter is to protect the customers interests, should not retroactively permit policies like this proposal.

The solution for the IPUC is simple. Existing net metering customers who in good faith entered into the current policy need to be grandfathered in with the net metering program they accepted at the time the system was placed into service, through a reasonable system useful life of 20 years. If Idaho Power feels the need to implement such radical changes, apply those changes to new customers who are anticipating solar installation and provide them the courtesy to make an informed decision as to the financial and functional value of solar net metering.

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**From:** k.bensinger@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 12, 2019 9:04 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Kody Bensinger

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Telephone: 360-470-4945  
Address: 511 N Siltstone Ave  
Kuna ID, 83634

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I would like to express my concern of Idaho Power and Case# IPC-E-18-15 and adjusting the credit rate provided to solar generators. The obvious concern is for the individual investments of residents with solar on their home. It costs a great deal to purchase these solar systems for residential homes with the expectation that it will not only be a sustainable source of clean power, but that it will eventually pay for itself with the savings on power consumption. During the summer months the system will generate more than the resident home may use and the credit provided from those months will help to sustain the home through the winter months when the solar system does not generate as much power.

During the summer months when the rate is higher, Idaho Power is selling power at the increased rate as well. It makes sense and is fair to the residential solar community that the same rate is provided to the power being generated from their homes.

If the rate is changed, it drastically changes the incentive for residents to adopt the solar movement and install their own systems. This means less power generation for Idaho Power, less renewable clean energy, and local businesses that contract and install solar systems will take a hit. I would like to entertain the idea of keeping the 1:1 current rate and continue to promote the growth of solar energy among residential community. As time goes on, the importance of clean renewable energy will increase and Idaho Power will benefit from the additional energy generation to help sustain the incredibly fast growing population of the Treasure Valley area and beyond. Please consider maintaining the current rate for residential solar suppliers.

Thank you,

Kody Bensinger

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**From:** djidaho55@gmail.com  
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**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: David Jones

Name: David Jones  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
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Telephone: 2089955519  
Address: 5 Keller Place  
Boise Idaho, 83716

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: We would like to express our opposition to the proposed rate change that will affect Solar generating customers like ourselves. We live in Boise County. The current options for power are Solar, Idaho Power or a combination of both. Residential heating options are electric heat, wood burning stoves. large wood heat boxes or propane. In December 2018, we invested \$63,000 in a clean energy Solar generation system to help offset our high electric bills. Our home is 100 % electric. We felt this was a more responsible environmental choice than adding a large polluting wood burning heating system. Our estimated payback on our invested at that time was 7 to 8 years. If the current Idaho Power rate structure proposal is approved, this will extend the return on our investment in clean energy out to 12-16 years. This in itself will push more people in the rural areas to more polluting wood burning heating systems.

As the world grows and demands more power, doesn't more solar production decrease the need for more power generating facilities to be built?

I read that one of Idaho Powers reasons for decreasing the rate on solar producers is to keep rates fair for all customers. We as solar producers are trying to do just that by investing our own money, not asking anyone else to subsidize our investment but in fact that is what we will be doing for all the Idaho Power customers. Getting paid less for what we generate while the other 200,000 plus Idaho Power customers enjoy a lower rate without investing a dime. Idaho Power doesn't currently contribute to any customers who are upgrading to solar but are willing to reap the benefit. We needed our 25 Yr. old transformer upgraded by law, but we had to pay for the replacement. Idaho Power didn't offer to reimburse us.

This is a no-win proposal for the consumer and a another strangle hold by a large public utility.

Please reject this offer or at least grandfather in the people who have made a large investment in keeping our Idaho air clean.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

David Jones and Valerie Dresslar

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**From:** jeffchurch78.jc@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 10, 2019 6:32 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Jeff Church

Name: Jeff Church  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: jeffchurch78.jc@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2087390379  
Address: 2348 Echo Avenue  
Parma ID Idaho, 83660

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I wishes to be grandfathered in the 1 to 1 net metering. I have invested in clean renewable energy and feel that my investment produces kW of equal value as those produced by IP. I should have equal compensation. Thank you.  
Sincerely Jeff

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**From:** mackiej42@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 10, 2019 8:02 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Joshua Mackie

Name: Joshua Mackie  
Case Number:  
Email: mackiej42@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2089140791  
Address: 3030 N Crane Creek Rd  
Boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho powerWe would like to express our opposition to the proposed rate change that will effect Solar generating customers like ourselves. We live in Boise County. The current options for power are Solar, Idaho Power or a combination of both. Residential heating options are electric heat, wood burning stoves. large heat boxes or propane. In December 2018, we invested \$63,000 in a clean energy Solar generation system to help offset our high electric bills. Our home is 100 % electric. We felt this was a more responsible environmental choice that adding a large polluting wood burning heating system. Our estimated payback on our invested at that time was 7 to 8 years. If the current Idaho Power rate structure proposal is approved, this will extend the return on our investment in clean energy out to 12-16 years. This in itself will push more people in the rural areas to more polluting wood burning heating systems. As the world grows and demands more power, doesn't more solar production decrease the need for more power generating facilities to be built? I read where one of Idaho Powers reasons for decreasing the rate on solar producers is to keep rates fair for all customers. We as solar producers are trying to do just that by investing our own money, not asking anyone else to subsidize our investment but in fact that is what we will be doing for all the Idaho Power customers. Getting paid less for what we generate while the other 200,000 plus Idaho Power customers enjoy a lower rate without investing a dime. Idaho Power doesn't currently contribute to any customers who are upgrading to solar but are willing to reap the benefit. We needed our 25 Yr old transformer upgraded by law, but we had to pay for it. Idaho Power didn't offer to reimburse us. This is a no-win proposal for the consumer and a another strangle hold by a large public utility. Please reject this offer or at least grandfather in the people who have made a large investment in keeping our Idaho air clean. Thank you for your time and

Comment: We would like to express our opposition to the proposed rate change that will effect Solar generating customers like ourselves. In September 2018, we invested nearly \$30,000 in a clean energy Solar generation system to help offset our carbon footprint and energy bills.. Our estimated payback on our invested at that time was 9-10 years. If the current Idaho Power rate structure proposal is approved, this will extend the return on our investment in clean energy out to 12-16 years. The proposed rate changes constitute a heavy financial penalty for residents.

As the world grows and demands more power, doesn't more solar production decrease the need for more power generating facilities to be built?

We as solar producers are trying to do just that by investing our own money, not asking anyone else to subsidize our investment but in fact that is what we will be doing for all the Idaho Power customers. Getting paid less for what we generate while the other 200,000 plus Idaho Power customers enjoy a lower rate without investing a dime. Idaho Power doesn't currently contribute to any customers who are upgrading to solar but are willing to reap the benefit.

Please reject this offer or at least grandfather in the people who have made a large investment in keeping our Idaho air clean. Furthermore, strong incentives for including solar installations in all new commercial, government and residential building should be considered.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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**From:** joel.lovstedt@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 11, 2019 6:51 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Joel Lovstedt

Name: Joel Lovstedt  
Case Number:  
Email: joel.lovstedt@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2082207372  
Address: 1295 Alpine Avenue  
Chubbuck Idaho, 83202

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Idaho Power is presenting proposed changes to how it gives credit to its solar customers. They have not shared why they would make these changes, perhaps they are ashamed because it is greed or fear of competition. I think this proposed change should be tabled, or at least grandfathered so that existing solar panel owners are not given an unfair/unplanned financial burden.

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**From:** rossarnette7@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 11, 2019 8:56 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Ross Johnson

Name: Ross Johnson  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: rossarnette7@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2088889572  
Address: 7862 S. Ridgewood Rd.  
Nampa Idaho, 83687

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: We are in the process of having a solar array installed, and are excited about the prospect of "doing our part" in helping conserve energy. It is an expensive investment, and we are thankful for the provisions made in Federal and State Tax laws to help defray the costs. We are also grateful for the provisions for energy exchange with Idaho Power, and the opportunity to save money as well as help the planet. Please, help us realize the benefits we planned on when we decided to install this system. Whittling away or eliminating the benefits from solar energy production would discourage us, and by extension, those with whom we would share our excitement about this kind of venture. We counted on certain benefits when we committed to this, and it doesn't seem fair to alter or eliminate those benefits at this stage. We're looking forward to being treated fairly, as we are soon to be "hooked up" to the electrical system. Thanks for your consideration. Ross and Arnette Johnson 7862 S. Ridgewood Rd. Nampa, Idaho 83687 208-888-9572

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**From:** lyn39@ctcweb.net  
**Sent:** Monday, November 11, 2019 8:59 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Kenneth Winer

Name: Kenneth Winer  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: lyn39@ctcweb.net  
Telephone: 2082296699  
Address: 12876 N Schicks Ridge Rd  
Boise ID, 83714

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am a solar power system home owner who made my investment decision based on the current Idaho Power rate system offered in December 2015. Idaho Power should have an obligation to grandfather in existing systems at that initial rate rather than any reduction. The State should be encouraging the expansion of clean power systems by enhancing rates rather than discouraging such systems by reducing rates paid by Idaho Power.

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**From:** kristen.ann.colter@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 11, 2019 9:42 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Kristen Colter

Name: Kristen Colter  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: kristen.ann.colter@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2082832638  
Address: 6426 N. Hillsboro Pl.  
Boise ID, 83703

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am writing to argue against Idaho Power's proposal to decrease rates that existing solar power households generate. When we installed solar panels at our home, we were promised a fair exchange for extra power sold back to the grid. I understand Idaho Power's argument that homeowner generated power is inconsistent, making it difficult to anticipate needed future infrastructure, but as of now, they can look back at their records and get a rough estimate of what power homeowners generate. I believe the existing solar power households should continue to get the same rate for selling power back to the grid. If people want to install solar panels in the future, then they would have to enter into Idaho Power's new fee schedule, but at least they would enter into that agreement knowing what was to come.

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**From:** mp83705@gmail.com  
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**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Mark Peterson

Name: Mark Peterson  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: mp83705@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2088411500  
Address: 4420 W Hillcrest Drive  
Boise ID, 83705

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I recently decided to install a solar system at my cabin in McCall to both help generate clean power for the country and lower my utility costs. My decision was influenced by the financial models provided by the contractor. The proposed rate and policy changes by Idaho Power significantly affect the financial performance of my system. I would like to request that existing systems like mine be allowed a 20 year period to recover the investment that was assumed when I made the decision to install the system.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark Peterson

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**From:** laurastone411@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 11, 2019 10:40 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Laura Stone

Name: Laura Stone  
Case Number: docket IPC-E-18-15  
Email: laurastone411@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2086956828  
Address: 154 S. Harlan Pl.  
Eagle ID, 83616

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: Hello

I recently received a letter from Idaho Power stating that they are pushing to adjust the current setup and rates on our connection to the grid as a solar panel system owner.

We installed our solar panels in December 2018 with the understanding that we would be financially responsible for the solar payment and the connection fee to Idaho Power's grid. We are excited about the investment along with Idaho Power's existing rate schedule in mind. Now, we are told Idaho Power is trying to change everything because they feel the 1% of people in Idaho who actually have solar are going to disrupt their "maintenance schedules". No. I request to be kept on the existing rates. I should not be punished as a solar panel system owner for something that Idaho Power is doing themselves. They are generating power from wind and solar. Why can't we?

Thank you.  
Laura Stone and Brian Bixby

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**From:** aokelberry@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 11, 2019 10:50 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Alan Okelberry

Name: Alan Okelberry  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: aokelberry@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2087490643  
Address: 2071 N Temple Dr  
Twin Falls Idaho, 83301

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Co.

Comment: A year ago I entered into a home solar power generation agreement with Idaho Power Co. The only way this installation made any monetary sense at all was the net-metering agreement then offered. Optimistically it would still require 11-12 years, nearly one half of the system's useful life, to break even. Idaho Power's proposed changes would have had a huge negative effect on my decision, rendering almost no hope for payout. To be fair and honest, my agreement must be grandfathered.

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**From:** dandpderby@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 11, 2019 10:59 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Daniel Derby

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Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
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Telephone: 2089228115  
Address: 1699 E Meadowgrass  
Meridian ID, 83646

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Re: Solar Energy Docket IPC-E-18-15 before the PUC We invested in solar energy in 2017 with a net-metering agreement with Idaho Power. The PUC should uphold the original agreement for existing customers. To change the agreement for existing customers would be discriminatory. We invested our own money into a program that was created to incentivize purchasing renewable energy. Approving a net metering policy that encouraged investment for long term savings, only to have it invalidated, IS UNETHICAL. Officials on the PUC should honor the service agreement they set out initially. Thank you, Pam and Dan Derby

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**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Randy Roderick

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Case Number: IPC-E-17-13  
Email: randy.roderick@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2082585461  
Address: 27 Camas Dr  
Boise ID, 83716

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am a resident consumer trying to manage energy cost/consumption. I recently made a \$55K investment in solar. That is a HUGE investment for a resident. A driving factor of that decision was Idaho Power's comparatively generous buy back program. I am NOT in favor of cutting that program in half.

There is a simple point I would like to place before the IPUC. At first, when compared to other States IP seems to have a generous program. However, based on the cost to generate, that is to be expected. Cost to generate Hydro is 1/3 the cost of fossil and less than 1/2 the cost of Nuclear generation.  
([https://www.eia.gov/electricity/annual/html/epa\\_08\\_04.html](https://www.eia.gov/electricity/annual/html/epa_08_04.html))

Other people know all the details but common sense says that IP generates far more of its power via Hydro vs other states. The overall cost of Hydro power is so much less than other forms that EVERY KWH of electricity that Idaho solar producers put back into the Idaho grid can be SOLD out of state at equal or higher rates.

This settlement simply penalizes Idaho solar users to put more profit into Idaho Power coffers. The combination of low generation cost and the option to sell excess energy out of state for higher rates should be enough for Idaho Power to continue to encourage solar generation in Idaho. NOT to discourage it.

Let's try for a win/win scenario. We can make rate adjustments for commercial solar producers but stop penalizing end resident users. Many of us are investing in Solar to reduce our energy costs when we retire.

We need a break.

Randy Roderick

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**From:** bigwoodfarmllc@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 11, 2019 1:48 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Alton Huyser

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Email: bigwoodfarmllc@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2082803777  
Address: PO Box 741  
Shoshone ID, 83352

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I entered into a Net Metering agreement on 11/28/2017. There was study analysis by Brookings Institution in 2016 that looked at 11 different studies conducted by regulators on the value of solar and concluded that net metering is in-fact a net benefit to rate payers in most cases. Solar power consists of only 3.6% of which comes mostly from large scale solar farms. Idaho Power is expressing concern of a mere 5.06MW of distributed solar including application as well as another 5.79MW of capacity from irrigation. The people that have made the investment in solar are helping meet Idaho Power's goal of 100% clean energy by 2045. Do not change the original net metering agreement and I am demanding that the present solar agreements be grandfathered and honored as written.

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**From:** goldsmith@cableone.net  
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**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Clarence Goldsmith

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Email: goldsmith@cableone.net  
Telephone:  
Address: 708 S Florence Ct  
Nampa ID, 83686

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: Reference Solar Energy Docket IPC-E-18-15 before the PUC

The PUC should uphold the original program that was agreed upon by Idaho Power and solar customers. My wife and I invested \$18,000 to install our roof mounted solar panels. We made this investment not only for the clean energy, but also to save money in the long run. We felt like it was a wise upgrade to make on our new home and a smart investment especially in the long term. Idaho Power has no right to change the rules of the net metering rate after the fact. Allowing them to reduce the already agreed upon net metering rate will reduce the value of our investment. The proposal of reducing our net metering rate also makes us feel like we are being ripped off by the power company.  
Clarence Goldsmith

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**From:** lawved123@outlook.com  
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**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Lawrence Vedder

Name: Lawrence Vedder  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: lawved123@outlook.com  
Telephone: 2084216703  
Address: 1339 Evergreen Dr.  
Twin Falls Idaho, 83301

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I sent a comment to the PUC some weeks ago, well before the comment deadline. Reviewing the documents shared with me by Idaho Power I notice a reference to a "reply comments" (deadline November 13,2019) possibility. Since I have received no notice from you that you have even received my initial comment I must ask what is it that I am to reply to. I firmly hold that I and others in my situation (solar generation unit installed and began operation in March, 2019) should be grandfathered into the initial remuneration schedule that led me, in good faith, to purchase, pay for and operate my solar power generation system. The proposed settlement would drastically reduce the value of the investment I have made and would injure me unjustly since none of the factors leading to the proposed settlement were ever brought to my attention until I received a letter from Idaho Power on October 11, 2019. I am willing to comment further if I can be led to understand what a "reply comment" is.

To be confused by a government process is not a new experience for me but I am currently feeling that my input is not being seriously considered. Please let me know that my 2 comment e-mails have at least been received.

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## Diane Holt

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**From:** mcarsandy@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 10, 2019 10:27 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Sandra McArthur

Name: Sandra McArthur  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: mcarsandy@gmail.com  
Telephone: 208-251-9453  
Address: 3588 Somerset Drive  
Pocatello ID, 83201

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: The latest proposal by Idaho Power is a huge disservice to all current solar net metering customers. As a solar customer I invested over \$25,000 into my solar system with the promise of 1:1 net metering by Idaho Power. Idaho Power continues to tout "green energy" programs or ways to reduce energy drain during peak hours but on their terms only. Solar continues to be promoted on the Idaho Power website. Idaho Power even offers me \$5 monthly if they can turn off my AC during peak hours - again on their time table. But if I use my AC on my solar power and not on the power grid Idaho Power still wants to penalize me. I request that Idaho Power be required to abide by the agreement that was in place when my solar system was installed with 1:1 net metering.

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**From:** nancylk2@msn.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 9, 2019 10:20 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Nancy Kuntz

Name: Nancy Kuntz  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: nancylk2@msn.com  
Telephone: 208-936-5565  
Address: 280& Gold Haven Dr  
Caldwell Idaho , 83605

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: As a retiree and on a limited budget who put a great deal of funds to increase the value of my home and conserve energy, I would not have spent that much money if I had known they were going to change the rate. I believe we need to get off of fossil fuels and use renewable resources. I want my grandchildren and great grandchildren to be able to live in a world where they do not need fossil fuels.

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**From:** eglkpr@hatmail.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 9, 2019 9:55 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Timothy Lievsay

Name: Timothy Lievsay  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15,  
Email: eglkpr@hatmail.com  
Telephone: 2089710014  
Address: 2113 N Plaza Rd  
Emmett Idaho, 83617

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: We have had solar for going on 4 years and have loved having it. The current way customers are payed is far more beneficial to both customer and Idaho Power. If customers can generate power, almost free, to the power company how is this a bad thing? Customers are trying to do there part and help with the power demand by getting solar and as the valley continues to grow that demand will increase. I do not feel that lowering the amount they return to current customers is a wise move, current customers should be grandfathered in to the way it is done now and they should not change that in the future. All solar customers are helping Idaho Power by generating power and putting it back in the system. I like knowing that I am making power deposits into the system and when the time comes getting to make the withdrawal and it not costing us or the company.

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## Diane Holt

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**From:** rj.lane@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 9, 2019 6:00 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Rick Lane

Name: Rick Lane  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: rj.lane@hotmail.com  
Telephone: 2088806966  
Address: 4914 E ORCHARD AVE  
NAMPA ID, 83687-869

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: 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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## Diane Holt

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**From:** rbgard2@msn.com  
**Sent:** Friday, November 8, 2019 5:30 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Ronald Gardner

Name: Ronald Gardner  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: rbgard2@msn.com  
Telephone: 2086800343  
Address: 192 N. 300 W.  
Blackfoot Idaho, 83221

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: One of the reasons that I purchased Solar power was to receive back from the power company a fair value for the excess power that I produced, not to help them increase their bottom line. I feel that anyone who purchased a solar power system prior to the proposed rate change should be grandfathered into the agreement that we had with the power company at that time.

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## Diane Holt

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**From:** gchurch@fmtc.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 12, 2019 9:54 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Ginger Church

Name: Ginger Church  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: gchurch@fmtc.com  
Telephone: 2087390400  
Address: 2348 Echo Ave.  
Parma ID, 83660

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: My husband and I spent over \$30,000 on our solar power set up with the understanding that if we generate more power than we utilize (essentially putting power on the grid) that we would get a reciprocal rate on our power bill. I am concerned that Idaho Power and the PUC is planning on changing this to a different rate than what was promised to us in 2016. If changes are made to new solar customers that is fine, they will be aware of the situation, but for us being existing solar users, I believe this to be wholly unfair.

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**From:** fine1573@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 6, 2019 11:18 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Casey Finegan

Name: Casey Finegan  
Case Number: IPC-e-18-15  
Email: fine1573@hotmail.com  
Telephone:  
Address:  
Ketchum ID, 83340

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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**From:** roy.aggarwal@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 7, 2019 8:23 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Roy Aggarwal

Name: Roy Aggarwal  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: roy.aggarwal@gmail.com  
Telephone: 4083130980  
Address: 3518 E Heartleaf Dr  
Boise ID, 83716

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: 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 11<sup>th</sup>" 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.

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