

Case no. IPC-E-18-15

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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

 - Carolina Davies

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Re: Case number IPC-E-18-15

Commissioners;

The decision to allow Idaho Power to charge the full rate for usage and to cut the amount for power produced by homeowner solar panels is going to immediately stop the installation of these projects.

The system I put in was designed, assembled, installed, wired by me and I had a payback of over 11 years. Those who buy a commercially provided assembly already have payout much longer and now that the Idaho Power return rate is going to drop, the payback is going to be infinite. There will be no installation of personal solar panels on homes anymore. Unless we go "off Grid", there will be no more installations.

The cost of providing back up power to us by Idaho Power is in the area of \$0.02/Kw and that should be the maximum added cost over what they charge us for the energy. The rest is energy, depreciation, overhead (management) and the big profit. We now pay \$5.15 per month for a connection charge and I agree that there should be some additional charge but not as much as granted by the commission. *Why is the connection charge only \$5.15 now if it costs so much more to provide available power to existing customers? Why is this set at this value?*

Those of us, who have solar panels, installed them based on today's power rates and to change that is tantamount to breaking a contract. If we are not grandfathered there surely will be lawsuits.

Idaho Powers profits are guaranteed and as a result their stock value is now unreasonably high at well over \$100.00/share. They have no reason for cutting costs or the number of vice presidents. The title of the commission is PUBLIC but do you have us, the public in your best interest? I don't think with this decision that you do.

Respectfully,
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