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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am urging the Public Utilities Commission NOT to approve a recent settlement on net metering. The value of credit that solar customers receive on their bill for the excess electricity they send back to the grid would decrease over time to a rate roughly 50% lower than it is today. This proposal could cost me and the roughly 4,000 plus Idaho families that have invested in rooftop solar thousands of extra dollars on our electricity bills.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I wish to comment on the proposed rate change for residential-produced solar electricity. Rates should not be severely cut, as many have invested in rooftop solar partially at the behest of IPC. Although I agree rates should be closer to market rates, there remains a need for a strong incentive to move away from other power sources such as fossil fuels and even some large dam-generated hydro power - as they all come with significant environmental costs. Thanks, Grfeg

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Name of Utility Company: Ms.

Comment: 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 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, seems unethical. If there wasn't the intention of honoring the service agreement set out initially, it shouldn't have been made it an option. But it was, and it should be honored. The PUC promised that discriminatory rates would not be the outcome. If changes are implemented that negatively impact existing customers' solar investments, it would be discriminatory. Ask them to keep to their word.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am asking the IDPUC to hold Idaho power to their original agreement. Its not fair that they want to lower the rate structure for existing customers. I have invested a lot of money in my solar panels and I did take into consideration the rate structure on our credits. Just about every month I run a credit. Its bad enough they don't pay us out for the power we generate for them

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in regards to the deal made between Idaho Power and solar customers that purchased solar panel systems with net metering, with the understanding that our cost would not go up. And yet here is Idaho Power, attempting to go back on their word. If Idaho Power did not want to honor this agreement, they should not have made it in the first place. It is wrong and unethical to punish solar customers - who bought in good faith - for trying to become more ecologically minded. Going forward, if Idaho Power wants to no longer go with that agreement with new customers, that is one thing. But again, it is wrong for them to back out of their agreement with existing customers. Other companies across the nation honor existing customers agreements, and so should Idaho Power.

Thank you for your time,

James and Nancy Weisenburger

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Genuine Net Metering is a great deal for power companies, home owners, the economy and our planet. Unfortunately, the jiggered version of net metering that Idaho Power is offering up as its "compromise" to the existing compensation formula is an even greater deal for Idaho Power, but a rotten deal for everyone else. It will put the brakes on Idaho's booming solar industry and employment sector, while delaying conversion to the renewable energy formula that they claim to support by undermining a key strategy for attaining that goal, at great harm to our environment.

In several other states where power companies proposed jiggering net metering compensation formulas, their schemes were soundly rejected when put to voters, who recognized the unfair money grab they embodied.

Idaho Power claims homeowner Solar Net Metering systems create some an added financial burden to grid maintenance, for which Domestic Net Metered Solar Producers (DNMSPs) should reimburse them.

Here's the reality. DNMSPs generate power at the point of use. There is no net power loss along the grid from distant stationary mega-generation facilities to the point of use. Grid transmission losses can reach 50%. In essence, DNMSPs are up to twice as efficient in producing the power they consume as the power derived from distant static generators via the grid. Thus they are actually saving IDP from having to increase static power generation capacity in considerable excess of the amount the homeowner is using.

Furthermore, excess power generated by DNMSPs sent back to the grid only travels short distances to the nearest point of grid power consumption, like a next door neighbor's house. So the power loss via the grid is negligible and the wattage provided by the DNMSPs home is more effective (valuable) than an equal increment of power produced at distant static generators. Watt for Watt it's a great bargain for IDP. It also delays the need to build new static generation capacity at a far greater per usable watt cost.

We have a 3600 square foot home. We've invested about \$40,000 to generate out entire annual power need. We still pay a monthly base fee of \$5.90 for grid connection and bill processing. The credits for generation above a given month's net use accumulate and are drawn upon during months when either solar generation decreases and/or power need increases (e.g. winter). Even in winter we produce about half the power we use. We made our substantial investment on the good faith assumption that the formula Idaho Power agreed to, governing our investment, would remain in effect for the life of our system. We saw this as a smart investment adding substantially to our home's resale value.

Idaho Power's Proposal to phase out the existing ostensible 100% "watt for watt" credit formula (which as explained is functionally skewed in their favor) will substantially delay our system payback time. That's not trivial to two retirees. It will also eventually increase our actual monthly power bill. Ending monthly power costs was the deciding factor in

installing our solar system. We jumped through all the building code and IDP hoops to install our system to their complete satisfaction and with a clear statement of what the long term financial formula would be. The proposed change is bait and switch.

Idaho Power has adopted the position that what is theirs is theirs and what is ours is theirs also... to whatever degree they can get away with convincing the State of Idaho to go along with them. And as we write this, we are looking at Idaho Power's propaganda touting their supposed commitment to total renewable/sustainable power generation. I find this at the very least ironic, if not indeed disingenuous and hypocritical. If a public entity reneges on a financial arrangement, asserting they have more say over peoples' property and the valued commodity they produce, that feels a lot like communism. It is certainly unfettered greed, and in this case it will suppress one of Idaho's fastest growing industries and job markets, diminish resale value of investments that Idaho Power itself encouraged and harm the environment.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: In regards to the settlement agreement with Idaho power concerning on site generation customers I would like to bring to light some important points.

First I would like to point out to the PUC that the increase in revenue that Idaho power hopes to make on this deal is minuscule in comparison to the damage this will do to Idaho's solar energy industry. While we all like environment friendly solutions these are only sustainable if they are economical. If rooftop solar is no longer profitable, no one will buy it and it will cease to be a energy solution in this state. Solar installers will be forced to pack up and take their jobs and tax dollars to more solar friendly states. We are a rapidly growing population and will only need more power in the future, let's not discourage a potential solution!

Idaho power has been very public about their goal of 100% "green power" let's hold them to it and not allow them this rate change intended to stop rooftop solar generation.

I have a solar array on my own house, it was designed under the current rate schedule and may never be profitable under the new schedule. I didn't plan on paying hundreds of dollars a year for power after investing thousands of dollars to make my power use net zero. In my budget I made a very large investment in power generating infrastructure and I expect it to pay for itself and be profitable, just as Idaho power expects to make profit on their own new hydroelectric and solar power equipment.

If the service charge for each Idaho power customer doesn't match the average cost of making power and maintaining the grid I expect the service charge for every Idaho power customer to go up. Consider this: I have a separate meter for a shop in my backyard, most months I don't use any power and pay only the service charge. That meter is connected to the grid, it's own Idaho Power "customer" using almost no power. Certainly Idaho power is losing money on the maintenance of its grid in relation to that meter, but has asked for no rate increase. It is no more burden on Idaho power to service my shop meter than it is to use the energy created by my panels and feed me power in the dark hours by turning up the water flow on a hydroelectric power plant just as they do every evening anyway. I save them a few cubic feet of water during the day and at night they can release some of that water to power my house. Overall with my solar less water needs to be released, a precious resource in Idaho. If Idaho Power doesn't get a rate increase on my shop meter that uses no power, why should they get a rate increase on my home which effectively uses no power.

If Idaho power needs more revenue they should have kept the recent rate decrease, increased the base rate for power, or charge more to power users who have not made a significant investment in lowering their demand on the power grid use as I have done with my rooftop solar.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I'm at retirement age and took some of my funds to install solar panels thinking that after the payback period in my case 7-10 years that my return on investment would be better than in other investments especially since my wife is 11 years younger than I and would have time to use it. I signed a contract with Idaho power on the net metering that in my eyes would stand and be honored going forward.

I could understand if Idaho Power finds that they need more money to manage the metering process, even though the process is probably performed by computers and doesn't require much if any man made labor.

What bothers me is Idaho Power will over time take the power my system produces sell it to other customers at retail prices and credit me a sub retail price it sounds like highway robbery to me, taking advantage of the situation, and the customers that have decided to take the bull by the horns and produce their own power, in other parts of the country local building codes are starting to require solar on new buildings are the power companies going to do the same thing there? The property owner has the expense of maintaining and replacing that system over time.

If this is to move forward I think existing customers that produce power that can be resold by Idaho power and they may never use all the power they produce should be grandfathered in and protected from being taken advantage of in this way.

Thanks for Listening

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am writing today to state my objections to Idaho Power's plan to change the net metering plan. I understand the need to ensure grid maintenance and the cyclic nature of solar power due to night time and clouds. Idaho Power, Idaho, and local communities have long touted solar as a good investment and good for the environment. I applaud Idaho Power's commitment to 100% clean energy by 2045, and home solar panels should be part of their plan. Changing the net metering will make home based solar a less attractive financial investment. I do not have a choice of where I buy my power from. Solar offers me a choice.

While I fully expect the Commission to agree with Idaho Power's proposal I would ask that the Commission consider several other points of modification:

1. Grandfather in existing solar customers to the current net metering plan
2. Require Idaho Power to adjust the export credit when electric rates go up as they inevitably will. Solar customers should not see their return on generation of power continue to decline as the cost of electricity rises.

I appreciate the consideration of my comments.

Kevin and Jennifer Welsh

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Regarding net excess energy supplied by customer onsite generation I have concerns for the definition of and plan for existing customers contributing power to the grid. Each customer that designed, planned, purchased, and installed their generation did so with extensive time, effort, and sacrifice to obtain appropriate approvals and match their particular needs and the understood and promised subsidies and compensatory support for generated power. These were very deliberate actions requiring calculations of return on investment made using the understood and contractual agreements. To alter those agreements made at the time of application for approval of onsite generation is akin to a 'bait and switch' maneuver and alters significantly the financial viability of these investments which are often not realized for a decade or more. Having been invited to enter into such an investment as promoted by state and federal supports, it is my feeling that this contractual alteration is disingenuous to those that made this sacrifice and that existing customers should be maintained at their promised rates. Thank you.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Idaho Power has offered net-metering for customers with locally installed solar panels since 1983 as part of an effort to incentivize clean, renewable power. Thousands of Idahoans, including my family, have invested in solar power because of that program. It is unethical and unfair for Idaho Power to "change the rules" for Idaho families after we have already made large investments in renewable power. The PUC should uphold the original program that was agreed upon by Idaho Power and solar customers.

If the net metering program needs to be changed, utilities and commissions around the country allow existing customers to keep the original terms. It is discriminatory to allow Idaho Power to devalue existing customer's investments in solar power. They need to stay true to their word and maintain the current program for existing solar installations.

Locally installed solar panels are a benefit to Idaho Power and our fellow community members. In Idaho, our solar panels provide the most power to the grid exactly when it is needed the most. Idaho Power offers a demand response program named "A/C Cool Credit" that gives a bill credit for residential customers who allow Idaho Power to cycle their central air conditioning system when summer demand for energy is high. Local solar panels are most effective at these times and help mitigate the need for Idaho Power to shut down our neighbor's A/C in the heat of summer.

Thanks you

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Hey... I am very concerned that I have been so encouraged to convert to solar to save the planet, only to get told that now my efforts are wasted. I don't think it is fair to charge faithful customers just for using less!?! Which is what YOU were encouraging to start with??? We already pay at the higher rate when we actually do use more than we produce, even when we haven't used as much. it seems a little confusing--Mark

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Name of Utility Company: Avista

Comment: In reading through the settlement, it appears to me that the value of an Idaho residential energy producers excess has been effectively eliminated. I request that Idaho power be required to keep two sets of books on customers impacted so the net effect of the change can be quantified.

I also request that these changes not be applied to existing solar producers. This is not a subtle change. Solar panels were already a marginal investment at best. What you are doing is essentially the same as telling landlords they can only charge \$100/month rent after the fact.

The rate game needs to cut both ways. When Idaho Power has capacity down and has to swing power from other utilities, generators should be compensated at the swing rate.

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Name of Utility Company: IDAHO POWER

Comment: Our family very recently invested almost \$30,000 in a solar electrical array with an understanding (non binding) that Idaho Power would continue it's net-metering policy. No sooner than when we were up and running, did we receive notification of this appalling proposal.

Proposal IPC-E-18-15 would serve to punish the very people who are willing to make sacrifices to benefit the community. We did not enter into our solar project to make money. Under current policy it will take one to two decades to recoup most of the outlay. Under Idaho Power's proposal we will not see a positive return in our lifetime. It's not fair to have the rules changed after we've made such a substantial investment in solar power.

The proposal is unfair in at least two ways. Idaho Power will be buying our power at about half price (less than half price if their rates go up) and selling it back to us at their full price. And the switch to hourly metering means that we will be selling a lot of power (at a discount) in the afternoon and then buying it back at full price to heat the house at night. The current policy is averaged over a day such that much less energy is bought and sold. The home owner loses big time with each hourly transaction.

Idaho Power has committed to sourcing production with 100% renewables by 2045. Home solar systems help them in achieving that goal without their having to invest in more infrastructure. We already pay a monthly fee of about \$6 to Idaho Power supposedly to pay for transmission line and other infrastructure upkeep. That is understandable.

If that fee is inadequate for maintenance, then that fee could be increased. It would be much more transparent.

Proposal IPC-E-18-15 would prove to be a huge disincentive to Idaho's clean energy initiatives.

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