

Diane Holt

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am deeply disappointed in Idaho Power's proposal to pull the rug out from under existing homeowner's, like ourselves, who have put solar on their rooftops. Idaho Power claims to be dedicated to 100% clean energy, yet wants to make existing solar owners swallow a large, unexpected, and potentially unlawful, bill, and make it less attractive for new homeowners to add solar. Rooftop solar has low environmental impact and is installed at the homeowner's expense. It's use should be encouraged for all homeowner's and business owners, and reimbursed at the retail rate (if not more since it's costing Idaho Power nothing to set up!). Instead Idaho Power is investing in large solar farms that are expensive, significantly degrade wildlife habitat, and directly cause the death of thousands of birds each year. This makes no sense and is a slap in the face to those that have already invested in rooftop solar. These homeowner's should AT THE VERY LEAST be grandfathered into the existing rate. This proposal should be flatly denied and an apology issued.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Idaho Power needs to honor its commitment to net metering at the market price. Reducing the net metering rate will disincentivize Idahoans from investing in solar. With the state's recent disaster with the salmon and steelhead populations, everything needs to be done to pursue solar and wind energy technologies.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Comment: Dear Public Utilities Commission,

Idaho Power has not kept its net metering rate agreement with residential. customers who installed rooftop solar systems. Please do not support this move reduce the incentives to move toward sustainable energy.

Idaho Power has not invested in modern energy systems and now wants to punish those who have. Idaho Power relies, in part, on COAL-Fired electricity generation, a dirty unsustainable energy source! Further they use hydro power generation, another unsustainable and environmentally detrimental source. Because Idaho Power is a for-profit company they maximize profits for stock holders meanwhile allowing their substructure to deteriorate. This puts all citizens at risk. The wildfires in California groove this.

Idaho Power should, instead be investing in local energy storage facilities to enhance the solar systems. New battery systems would negate the necessity to upgrade all the transmission lines which have been shown to be the source of wildfires. That would encourage investment by communities in renewable energy. We need to regulate this company and guide them toward operating for the greater good, not for the stockholder good. The profit margin should not be directing a utility company.

Thank you,
Dr. Martha S. Bibb

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Comment: Dear Members of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission,

You have been asked to allow Idaho Power to modify the rates paid to both new and existing customers participating in the Net Metering Program associated with solar energy production.

This is a naked attempt to stifle independent energy generation and reinforce Idaho Power's monopoly on energy in the region.

At a time when the deleterious effects of climate change are manifestly obvious — fire season is over two months longer than 40 years ago, ski hills opening are six weeks later than a generation ago, and salmon and steelhead returns are nearing zero — we should be offering greater incentives for clean, renewable energy production. We should not be cowing to pressure from a greedy corporation, disincentivizing solar energy in the process.

As environmentally conscious customers, we recognize maintenance of the electrical grid is not free. We invite Idaho Power to study the true cost of maintenance, and to charge every Idaho Power customer a flat monthly fee for this fixed cost. This is quite reasonable. What is not reasonable is to single out solar energy customers to subsidize environmentally unsustainable and economically foolhardy projects like Boardman to Hemingway. This was an ill-conceived and short-sighted project heavily reliant on long term hydroelectric generation. Given the tremendous ecological damage Snake and Columbia dams have done, we will be forced to choose between hydroelectric production and preventing extinction of native Salmon and Steelhead in the very near future.

The dramatic changes California's Pacific Gas and Electric has been forced to make as a result of climate change should serve as a lesson to us here. The logical way forward is redundant microgrids with multiple sources of renewable, locally generated electricity. Residential and commercial solar production must be a part of this solution. From an economic, environmental, and engineering standpoint, it makes perfect sense. Please do not let Idaho Power smother this exciting technology in its infancy. I urge you to reject any changes to current policy regarding net metering. If any changes must be made, please do not allow them to retroactively affect those of us who made financial decisions based on the net metering program as it stands.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I commend Idaho Power for publicly supporting clean energy in the future. But it is ironic that the company wants to double the time it takes for Idaho Power customers, who have invested in solar energy, to pay off their investments. Citizens need more support for solar energy, not less, because of the devastation that climate change is causing to earth inhabitants.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Solar Energy is vital to transitioning from a dependence on more environmentally harmful forms of energy. I applaud Idaho Power's efforts in this direction. However, heavy investments by individual customers must result in good benefits to them on their rates. I encourage Idaho Power to refrain from making those rates high, and to allow for energy credits to be "credited" back to the customer for a longer time, rather than having those credits expire at the end of the year. That way, the credits accrued during the sunny months can be used in the winter months . Let's make it cost-effective for homeowners to invest in solar energy.

Thank You,
S. O'Neil

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Name of Utility Company: idaho power

Comment: C'mon Guys! Don't change the existing agreement for those go getters who invested in Solar. Please consider the same unit cost per kWh and offset as needed for any additional costs. Your grand children will thank you.

Mike Willett

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Idaho Power offers a program for customers with solar known as "net metering." In this program, net metering allows solar customers to receive a credit on their bill for the excess electricity they send back to the grid. This credit is currently priced at the same rate that all Idaho Power customers pay for electricity. It is a fair credit for the valuable investment in local clean energy that benefits us all.

Now, Idaho Power has developed a new program for solar customers that provides a different, much lower value for the extra power a solar customer gives back to the grid. The proposed lower rate negatively impacts existing solar customers who invested in their systems to meet the rules of Idaho Power's current net metering structure. Underneath the new proposed changes, solar customers' rates would be cut in half over the next eight years.

This is counter productive to incentivizing residents alternative energy participation and investment. We need to do all we can to create and conserve alternative energy resources and reduce the use of finite fossil fuels and reduce the impacts of dam power generation have on Salmonids in the PNW and indeed in Idaho. I would think that instead of going backwards Idaho Power would want to increase incentives and pay peak rates at peak times and lower rates in non peak times. Also, they should not just give a credit but pay for the use of that power. It should work out like income averaging investments.

There is a big initiative going on in ID led by Congressman Simpson and Gov. Little to restore Salmon in the waters of Idaho. That is going to require a heavy lift and more water conservation and flow measures. Every once of power we can generate by Solar will help provide more flexibility in dam operations. They could also work with the State to provide even more incentives for Solar installation for all its customers. One thing we do have in abundance is sunshine. That too will have it's environmental costs but not so much at the residential scale. If we all started generating with sun we would probably be net energy producers to the grid and Idaho Power could reap a portion of the benefits. Let's not de-incentivize when we need to re-incentivize!

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Idaho families and small businesses worked with Idaho Power to invest in rooftop solar deserve fair net metering compensation and predictability from their utility. They deserve to be given a fair deal to existing customers who worked with Idaho Power to design their personal investments around their program.

If clean energy is good for Idaho Power, it's good for Idaho families and businesses. Work with our communities to ensure everyone has a fair chance to benefit and build a clean energy future.

If the Idaho Public Utilities Commission approves 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 is unfair to existing solar customers who built their arrays based on the current net metering rates.

This proposal could cost over 4,000 Idaho families and businesses that have invested in rooftop solar thousands of extra dollars on their electricity bills.

Idaho families shouldn't have the rules changed on them after they've made their investment.

Thousands of Idahoans have already made an investment in local clean energy expecting a fair deal. We hope Idaho Power keeps up its end of the bargain.

Allowing existing customers to stay on the current net metering program and applying the new program to new customers is a commonsense compromise that allows both utilities and customers to keep agreements made in good faith.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Please do not pass/approve the changes proposed by Idaho Power that would limit the ability of current and future customers to benefit from rooftop solar.

Please allow the current program to remain; whereby net metering allows solar customers to receive a credit, priced at the same rate that all Idaho Power customers pay for electricity on their bill, for the excess electricity they send back to the grid. It is a fair credit for the valuable investment in local clean energy that benefits us all.

Please do not approve Idaho Power's proposed new program for solar customers that provides a different, much lower value for the extra power a solar customer gives back to the grid. The proposed lower rate negatively impacts existing solar customers who invested in their systems to meet the rules of Idaho Power's current net metering structure.

Thank you.

Jamie

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Comment: Hello,

I am writing today because I made an investment in rooftop solar in 2017, when I was just 28 years old and working at the nonprofit Alzheimer's Association. I am extremely proud of the 13 panels I have on my roof. I loved that solar is green, creates good local jobs and made financial sense, but it was still a huge investment for me as a young professional. Aside from my home, buying my own solar system was the largest purchase I had ever made, with a gross cost of around \$15,000. Now I am learning that the provisions of my solar contract might be altered because Idaho Power is proposing a change to Net Metering, without grandfathering in existing solar customers.

Going solar was important for me because of the extremely important environmental impact, but I also did my due diligence in understanding the financial benefits. I knew that Net Metering had been in place for a long time when I went solar. In doing further research for this letter, I now know that it had been in place for about 15 years when I went solar. So, it is safe to say that it was, and still is, an established precedent. I also knew at the time that when Nevada tried to change its Net Metering policy in 2015 without grandfathering in existing customers, the backlash was so substantial that the decision was eventually reversed. So I felt secure in knowing that, even if there were future changes that might take place, there was a precedent in place that existing customers should be grandfathered in.

Now that Idaho Power is trying, as Nevada did, to exclude grandfathering as part of its proposed changes, I again did some further digging. I learned that Gov. Brian Sandoval (R) chose not to reappoint David Noble, the presiding officer in the Nevada PUC's net metering docket, because he "felt the Commission neglected to protect the interests of those customers" (1)(3). I also learned that "The decision [not to grandfather] prompted Nevada solar groups and the Nevada Attorney General's Bureau of Consumer Protection to intervene and challenge the Nevada PUC's decision based on the fact 'it violated the contract clause of the Constitution because many rooftop solar contracts were predicated on retail rate net metering'" (1). And finally, I learned that "A deal between NV Energy and SolarCity was finally approved on September 16, 2016, allowing rooftop solar customers to retain the use of their original retail rates."

Based on all of that information, I am, quite frankly, astonished that Idaho Power was so adamant in their decision to not include grandfather as a part of the original settlement. According to Idaho Power's 2019 IRP, only .5% of their customers currently have solar. The Idaho Power website (5) states that they "serve more than 560,000 customers." So, in doing the math, we are talking about a mere 2,800 people (I have heard there might be closer to 4,000, either way, the point remains). In Nevada's case, they ended up having to grandfather in 32,000 customers. The point I am trying to make here is that I don't understand why not grandfathering in existing solar customers is what Idaho Power is hanging their hat on. It would literally have a minuscule impact on their business, which they love to tout as "green", but, based on what happened in Nevada, it could result in legal action against them and would have a direct negative impact on their customers.

If existing customers, myself included, become subject to this new change it would cost us thousands of dollars. We signed contracts stating that we would get a 1kWh credit for every 1kWh of solar energy we exported to the Idaho Power grid. Under the proposed change the value of that credit would decrease over time to a rate roughly 50% lower than it is today. Idaho Power loves to spout and advertise that they support clean, green energy with one hand, but it is using the other hand to hurt people's investment in clean, green energy. Their website, buses, pamphlets, booths at community events and more flaunt their goal of "100% clean energy by 2045." They invite customers to "Join us on this journey. Learn how you can make a personal impact by making energy efficient choices", and "See how clean energy helps attract businesses and grow our economy," but then they want to penalize customers who have done just that. It's unethical and unfair.

I understand why Idaho Power is changing rates going forward. I even think the basic premise of the change is fair, even if I don't agree with the final \$.44 number. If Idaho Power wants to change the rules going forward, and consumers have a full understanding of those new rules before they make their solar decision, that's their prerogative. However, as VoteSolar says "Grandfathering is a commonsense compromise that allows both consumers and utilities to keep good-faith agreements."

I would like to personally ask the PUC to uphold the original program that was agreed upon by Idaho Power and existing solar customers. The PUC is appointed by the governor to "regulate privately-owned utilities that provide...services for profit" (6). Idaho Power is a regulated, for-profit, monopoly. I heard someone say recently that "The Idaho PUC is FOR the People, whereas a private company is FOR its own interests". In this case, Idaho Power is concerned with making a meager percentage of profit at the hands of people who would be greatly affected. It is the PUC's job to stand up for those people and ensure their interests. Idahoans, myself included, invested in local clean energy expecting a fair deal and we shouldn't have the rules changed on us after we made our investment. Maintaining existing utility rates and terms for existing customers is a very common practice for other utilities in the region and around the nation that are making similar changes – it's reasonable to expect the same for Idahoans because the alternative is unethical and unfair. When Idaho Power first proposed these changes and were told to go do their research, 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 against people who already have solar. I am asking the PUC to please hold true to their word and grandfather in existing solar customers.

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 large, early investment in then expensive renewable energy in exchange for long term savings, only to have it invalidated in this manner, is unethical. I expect more from our appointed officials on the PUC and from 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, just as it ultimately had to be in Nevada. I truly hope the PUC decides to avoid the extra steps and hassles Nevada had to take to get to the correct outcome and just allows grandfathering of existing solar customers.

(1)https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Net_metering_in_Nevada#:~:targetText=Net%20metering%20in%20Nevada%20is,as%20through%20rooftop%20solar%20panels.

(2) Shallenberger, Krysti; Bade, Gavin (2016-09-16). "Updated: Nevada regulators approve NV Energy, SolarCity grandfathering proposal". Utility Dive. Retrieved 2016-11-23.

(3) <https://www.utilitydive.com/news/updated-headed-for-the-exits-nevada-puc-commissioner-david-noble-lifts-li/423366/>

(4) <https://study.com/academy/lesson/contract-clause-examples-definition.html#:~:targetText=The%20Contracts%20Clause%20is%20in,on%20the%20Federal%20government's%20duties>.

(5) <https://www.idahopower.com/about-us/company-information/company-facts/>

(6) <https://puc.idaho.gov/about/about.html>

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Idaho Power should have to honor the original agreement they entered into with existing solar customers, who invested large sums of monies in an effort to become environmentally conscious by generating green energy through their purchase.

Our decision to invest in the solar system was made, in part, based on the program Idaho Power offered at the time and the opportunity to work together with others toward going "green" and becoming environmentally friendly . To change the "rules" now is unfair to those on Idaho Powers current program. If Idaho Power wants to change the rules they should do so with new solar customers going forward.

Protect us by grandfathering those who have already made the financial investment, whether paid for or not.

This case, if approved by the PUC, will come at an ongoing cost to many who have already made a commitment to solar power.

Therefore we are asking the PUC to deny Idaho Powers filing.

Sincerely,

Greg & Becky Sandercock

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Comment:
RE: IPC-E-18-15.

While we recognize that it is the interests of all of Idaho Power's customers that the grid be well maintained and healthy it seems that the main purpose of the changes proposed in this filing is to make small solar production as unattractive as possible. Idaho Power has made a big thing of their goal of 100% renewable power, this filing make it very clear that they do not view small solar projects as a part of their plan.

Under their proposed rate scheme persons with solar projects are going to be placed in a time of use rate plan that no other residential users are in. Or are this just the first step in placing everyone into a time of use rate structure.

Under the proposed rate structure opertors of small solar systems are paid a steadily decreasing amount for the electricity generated by their system until by 2028 the amount paid to the solar producer will be about half of the Blended Base Rate. When power that is generated at this significantly lower rate is fed into the local grid then does that represent a profit to IdaPower? Is it IdaPower's goal to get rid of as many small solar systems as possible?

Given this proposed pricing plan what is the incentive for anyone to make the investment to install solar panels? I am hard put to understand how this plan helps to equalize the costs for power between the solar producer and all others in the same rate schedule. In fact IdaPower is proposing completely differing ways of billing between the solar producer and the rest of the schedule.

Numerous people made significant investments in solar based on the rate schedules in effect when they installed solar systems. Those people need to be grandfathered around this poorly thought out rate scheme. If there is need for solar to contribute more to the health of the Idaho Power system why doesn't Idaho Power propose a monthly charge for net metering,

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Name of Utility Company: 1962
Comment: Hello,

I am writing regarding Idaho Power Net Metering.

Idaho families and small businesses who worked with Idaho Power to invest in rooftop solar deserve fair net metering compensation and predictability from their utility. If clean energy is good for Idaho Power, it's good for Idaho families and businesses. Please work with our communities to ensure everyone has a fair chance to benefit and build a clean energy future. Idaho families shouldn't have the rules changed on them after they've made their investment. Thousands of Idahoans have already made an investment in local clean energy expecting a fair deal. We hope Idaho Power keeps up its end of the bargain.

Best,
Dr. John Bieter

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PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR DECEMBER 3

Being a solar generator we are upset with the settlement between Idaho Power and the IPUC. It's disturbing that Idaho Power, being an advocate for clean energy, has decided to punish fellow advocates. While our solar array exceeds estimated output and Idaho Power is the beneficiary of that generation, we feel that is adequate compensation for having the privilege of being tied to the grid. (I would think giving Idaho Power approx. 3500 kWh in 6 months, through the summer!, is worthy compensation.) I would think the least IPUC would do is grant current generators like us the grandfather clause. Then you can allow all the solar installers to go out of business. The financial investment incentive wasn't that great before. You just made it worse.

Best regards,
Jack Lindgren and Toni Esser

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I oppose the new rate structure (for net metering of rooftop solar) being proposed by Idaho Power. At the very least, currently established solar power system should be grandfathered in at the old rate. Idaho families shouldn't have the rules changed on them after they've made their rooftop solar investment.

Thank you.

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Name of Utility Company: IPC

Comment: We're concerned, and strongly oppose, the recent decision to change the rate structure for net metering. We live outside of Boise and are fully reliant on electricity for our home. Over the last 2 years we've installed 36 solar panels (11.2 Kw and \$35k), which covers about 80% of our annual need for energy. We assumed the new panels would pay for themselves in about 15 years. It was also the correct thing to do given IPC's commitment to renewable power and the nations need to ween from non-renewables. We were told up front that there may be some changes to the net-metering rate structure, but the feeling was that the monthly service charge (which already exists) might be increased. We understand that IPC bears some costs and are willing to pay a service fee, however, reducing the net metering rate by half would negate a huge part of the financial benefit of our panels. IPC will now be making a huge amount of profit off the backs of those of us that bore the initial cost of installing panels. IPC has nothing to lose and everything to gain by the decision to change net-metering rates. At the very least, those of us that took the plunge and installed panels prior to this change should be grandfathered in or be partially compensated by IPC for the costs of installing our panels.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I have recently invested in a solar system and have been informed of a change proposed by Idaho Power to lower the value of returned power. The original "net metering" program is fair and at the least the change should include a 'grandfathered customers' clause that would keep the same value exchange for the power given to the power grid by said customer. I appreciate your time and attention for my comment.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am a veteran and longtime Idahoan (45 years). My wife and I carefully evaluated and installed a photovoltaic solar system on our home at the cost of \$18,000 plus (We took out a ID Office of Energy Loan) almost 3 years ago. This installation required us to sign up and contract with Idaho Power under the "Net-Metering" program.

Now the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, under order IPC-E-18-15 has received a settlement agreement (Agreement) to modify the "Net-Metering" rates -- To cut them in half! I was not involved nor invited, as a Solar Net-Metering" customer, to participate in these settlement negotiations. In that Agreement, under a Notice of Motion (legaleze), the IPC is considering whether to drag along existing customers -- making them comply with the terms, technical programs, and rates of this Settle Agreement.

This seems incredibly unfair (even illegal?) to change the deal after the fact! We materially relied on the honesty, fairness and face value of the words in the Net-Metering order of the IPC and Idaho Power. Now, without meaningful consideration, without the integrity to admit they are changing the deal, without thinking about those who have invested significant sums, without thinking about those who value the importance of clean energy, the IPC is going to change the deal and "disincentivize" future solar installations by people like us - people who simply want to do the right thing.

Do not change the net-metering deal! We are just case, but I suspect there are thousands (I don't even find the IPC willing to publish the number) of Idahoans who made their decision like us. We are committed to clean energy but we also have the expectation to be treated fairly!

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Diane Holt

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To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Gilbert Lujan

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Boise Idaho, 83709

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I have recently invested in a solar system and have been informed of a change proposed by Idaho Power to lower the value of returned power. The original "net metering" program is fair and at the least the change should include a 'grandfathered customers' clause that would keep the same value exchange for the power given to the power grid by said customer. I appreciate your time and attention for my comment.

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To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Michael Chadek

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Boise Idaho, 83712

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am emailing you about Idaho Powers proposal. Idaho power advertises consistently to conserve energy, I thought getting solar on my roof was just that. I went into this knowing the rules they set forth for solar and now in mid stream they are changing them. In my opinion this is not fair and in fact goes against what they are asking there customers to do. Conserve, and now I'm being penalized doesn't seem like they really want customers to follow what they have been preaching and if they do they change the rule. I hope you at least look into grand fathering or just an out right rejection of what they want.

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From: sarawinsteadfry@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2019 11:04 AM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Sara Fry

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I ask that the Idaho Public Utility Commission require Idaho Power to continue to honor their commitment to work towards 100% green energy and require them to stick with their current metering system. Idaho Power is proposing a change that would cut back the savings for those who have invested thousands - and tens of thousands of dollars - in roof top power. To change the rules after the fact is beyond unfair to those customers and will deter others from making the investment in the future of our state and our planet. 100% green requires hard work!

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I have several comments: First as a power generator (solar) I am responsible for the maintenance and repair of my system to the hookup and as the rule currently stands I receive only credit for power generated. Note: I am a net positive generator so regardless of the amount or time, I will never receive any compensation other than a credit. I would like to see an option so we could either apply credit or receive compensation to account for any repair or updates as they become available.

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Boise, ID 83714

Re: Proposed On-Site Generation Settlement

To whom it may concern,

We are opposed to the proposed settlement as outlined in the notification letter received from Idaho Power dated Oct. 23, 2019.

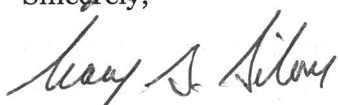
Although the proposal may be beneficial to Idaho Power and those without a Solar Panel system, for those of us who have invested our personal funds into a system, the proposal is unequitable and unfair. We are willing to pay market cost for power we use. When our solar panel system is generating sufficient power to minimize or eliminate usage from "the grid", it is likewise fair to receive credit in an amount equivalent to what we are not pulling from the grid.

The proposal will negatively impact us. Yet simultaneously, those who have not invested into a Solar Panel System will receive unfair benefit from our investment. They enjoy the benefit of power entering the grid (at our expense). Such a proposal negatively impacts people who have made a substantial investment, and it is just not right and arguably unethical.


If such a proposal is to be implemented, it should be on a "Go Forward" basis. Make the rules and expected/projected adjustments clear and transparent. Then those who consider investing into a solar power system can make their decision based on go forward information. In other words, for those of us who have already made an investment, **the existing standard/policy for kWh rate consideration should be "Grandfathered", and remain unchanged.**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and I trust you will do what's right.

Sincerely,



Tracy G. Silver



Teresa L. Silver

cc. Idaho Power,

Commission Secretary
Idaho Public utilities Commission
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November 19, 2019

Re: Case No. IPCE-E-18-15
Order No. 34460

We were recently made award of a settlement agreement involving Idaho Power that will to affect residential customers generating electricity with solar panels. We are very concerned about the way changes to the rules could be applied to existing customers.

I feel it is important to share that we did our homework before we decided to install solar panels on our house. We went through a thorough process of comparing costs and benefits based on the rules - rules developed by the Commission through its open public process and agreed-to by Idaho Power. Our analysis indicated we would recover our investment in 12 years - when we would be in our 70's and living on a fixed income. Based on that, we chose to go ahead and make the investment while we could afford it, and made that decision in order to assure a better financial future for us in our old age.

The proposed rule will change all that. It would result in us once again having sometimes significant electric bills, and likely never breaking even on our solar panel investment. The rule change, if applied to us, would turn our well planned and analyzed investment in our future into a bad decision and poor use of our retirement funds.

While we understand the need for users of electricity to not only pay for the power they use, but also cover the costs of the transmission system, we feel it is not equitable, fair or appropriate to pull the rug out from under those of us who, at the time, made a well informed decision to install solar. The proposed phase-in or transition period does little to make the change palatable or our investment justifiable.

Instead, we strongly encourage the Commission to allow the existing rules to continue to apply to existing residential solar customers. This would ratify previous decisions made by those customers and the Commission, along with Idaho Power, while clearly defining the rules for all involved for the future. It would allow a new batch of solar customers to make informed decisions about their solar investments - just as the rest of us did in the past. Residential solar customers are currently a small part of the total Idaho Power customer base. Allowing them to operate under the rules they used when converting to solar, would have very little impact on overall revenue - while avoiding a significant impact to those customers who operated under the rules. This seems only fair. Over time, as our solar systems reach the end of their useful lives and are in need of replacement, we will all be subject to the new rules and there will not be two systems.

I implore you not to change the rules on us at this point.

Thank you for providing an opportunity for us to comment.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Ries', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul Ries

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cc: Lisa D. Nordstrom, Idaho Power Company