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**From:** curry.pm@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 30, 2019 6:25 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Pamela Curry

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Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
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Address: 514 S 12th Street, 106  
Boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Our ability to produce clean energy should be encouraged, and we should partner together to make this happen. I do not support limiting consumers who choose to produce solar power. This is so short-sighted. We must look to the future and create as much clean energy as possible. Do not change the rate at which customers who produce solar energy are paid. Instead, encourage consumers to produce as much solar energy as possible.

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Meridian ID, 83646

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Regarding the proposed changes to the Net-metering program through Idaho Power. I would like to submit the following comment for consideration of this proposed change.

- 1) I would propose that a 3rd party cost analysis be done not only for power transmission but also the cost savings to Idaho Power from power production being done from on-home solar units.
- 2) If from that analysis there is a gap in cost for power transmission as assumed by Idaho Power then I would propose the following. Those customers who have already purchased solar systems which are providing electricity back to the grid at up-front cost to the homeowner for the hardware installation did so under the current system which allows to recoup that upfront cost and thus should remain on the current buyback program agreement. Any changes needed to the net-metering system should be applied to new solar customers who know the cost vs benefit and be able to make that decision with full knowledge of the buyback structure. This is a good compromise as more homes and businesses begin to help increase clean energy production for the good of our communities.

Thank you so much for your consideration of these comments. I greatly appreciate the commission's efforts and diligence in making this an equitable decision for the betterment of our communities.

Kevin

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**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Jeremy McGlathery

Name: Jeremy McGlathery  
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Telephone:  
Address:  
Boise Idaho, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Idaho power should uphold the current program for all existing solar customers. We have invested thousands of dollars to help provide clean energy for our community. Solar customers spend far more than regular customers to provide this clean energy. It takes decades to recover our costs on the current program, but we are invested in making our community and world a better place. Idaho power should not be allowed to change the program that all of us agreed upon when researching and purchasing our solar systems. They should not be allowed to make a profit on our loss.

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boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am strongly opposed to Idaho Power's latest efforts to crimp solar power generated by people with rooftop solar. Please deny Idaho Power's requests.

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**From:** jamesggrunow@gmail.com  
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**To:** Diane Holt  
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Boise string:ID, 83713

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I recently had solar panels installed on the roof of my house and have received notification that Idaho Power intends to change the rate I am compensated for when my panels produce more power than I use. I do not believe that is fair to change the rules after the fact. I carefully calculated the cost/benefit of installing these panels, and I believe we would be adversely affected if Idaho Power is allowed to do this. Thank you for listening to my concern.

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**From:** shelbark70@outlook.com  
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**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Sheldon Barker

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Garden City Idaho, 83714

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: As a homeowner with solar panels and as a retired professional engineer, I understand both the need to encourage more development of sustainable energy and the need to assure that solar homeowners are not being subsidized by general rate payers who do not have the advantage of individual power production. Afterall, in the evening or on cloudy or snowy days, homeowners with solar (at least those without battery storage) have supply and grid requirements equal to all other ratepayers. That is, solar alone does not reduce grid requirements. So, there is logic to shifting to an hourly charge basis, where the difference between power generated and power used essentially reflects the cost of the infrastructure needed to meet peak demand. However, there are two areas where the PUC could make adjustments to lower the grid requirements.

First, since utility charges will now be set on an hourly comparison between power generated and power utilized, the PUC should require that Idaho Power update their web page showing hourly demand to real time, rather than continuing with the three-day delay. That way homeowners with solar could more easily review the difference between what they are currently generating and what they are using and make real time adjustments, such as running clothes dryers in the afternoon, when the solar power generation is high. The current three-day delay makes it very challenging to manage current power loads.

Second, the PUC could consider ways to encourage solar homeowners to also add battery storage systems. I have done that with my home and during load peak summer months, it allows me to essentially eliminate pulling any power off the grid. Adding battery backup to a significant number of solar homes would definitely begin to reduce the needed generation and grid distribution infrastructure requirements.

I encourage the Idaho PUC to adopt a forward-looking perspective to any changes made to the current "Net Metering" process.

NOTE: I tried and failed to be able to attach a typical daily graph of my summertime power usage to this comment. It generally shows less than 1kwh being drawn from the grid while supplying several kwhs during peak afternoon usage. I would encourage the PUC to review my power usage during this past summer.

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Boise ID, 83713

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I would like to state my support of keeping existing on-site generation customers in the current net metering system. That is, the system that counts kWh usage and generation equally.

My argument is that these existing customers designed and built their systems based on the rules at that time. It is not fair to customers who have invested many thousands of dollars to now have their investment payback period increased though the use the export credit rate calculations.

It may make sense for Idaho Power to design a new schedule but this should only apply to new customers. It is not fair to retroactively apply that new schedule to existing customers.

Standard power company practice is to grandfather in existing customers using the rules that they understood at the time of their system design. This should be the case now with Idaho power.

Further, I consider this rate change discriminatory. It is the only rate change under consideration to address parity for customers with respect to fixed and variable costs. Idaho Power has filed a response to IPC-E-18-16. It shows that many Idaho Power customers do not pay their fair share of fixed costs. Yet, this proposed settlement agreement only picks the on-site generation (Schedule 6 and 8) for remedy. This is clearly discriminating and it is also going after the smallest (except for several large customers) segment of Idaho Power customers.

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**To:** Diane Holt  
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Address: 1436 Pine Cone Rd, Apt 2  
Moscow ID, 83843

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Customers deserve to see the full study before any changes are made to rates and programs.

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.

Give 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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boise ID, 83706

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am an Idaho resident who has been considering investing in rooftop solar for my residence. I have not made that investment yet because of the uncertainty surrounding net metering and line usage rates. In short, it appears to me that Idaho Power is taking every opportunity to reduce the potential income from net metering to solar providers, and to limit rooftop solar. I urge the PUC to turn down IPC-E-18-15 and take all possible measures to provide a stable investment environment for future rooftop solar investment because increasing rooftop solar is the best way to provide the additional electrical demand our rapidly growing state needs.

Sincerely,  
John Segar  
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**From:** natebenson366@gmail.com  
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Boise Idaho, 83706

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Two days before this Thanksgiving we got an email from Idaho Power stating that our system passed inspection. The next day I activated the system. My wife took a video of me flicking the switch with my sons watching. As my middle son said, "Dad finally got his solar". I invested \$19,500 to have Auric Solar install the system. I've been investigating solar for the past 5 years. Getting bids from Auric, Altenergy, and Blue Raven. All the bids through the years were solid, but the economics were not there. I was willing to jump on any of the bids, but clean energy wasn't enough to push my wife into supporting a \$19,500 investment into something that wasn't going to pay itself off for more than 15 years.

By chance, at the Western Idaho Fair, I ended up talking to Josh from Auric at the solar table. Josh said he would come out to my house and provide us another bid. I said sure, but I also told him I've had multiple bids through the years and never moved forward on any of them. Auric gave me a bid. I emailed Auric back and said sorry that while the proposed system with Enphase inverters, Panasonic 325kWh panels, and a 25yr equipment and service warrant is exactly what I wanted, I'd pass until the price came down significantly. Auric brought the price down significantly. I ran the costs vs benefits analysis and was able to show my wife that we would get a rate of return of 4% to 5% annually and the system would pay for itself in 10-12 years. A conservative investment, but one that would provide a consistent return.

I got on Idaho Power's website and was amazed at how supportive they were of rooftop solar. The home page had a section, "Your Solar & Other Clean Choices: Idaho Power supports clean energy and customer choices. We have resources and information to help you make the decision that's right for you." Under the rooftop solar section, Idaho Power states, "If you're considering putting solar panels or other renewable generation at your home or business, Idaho Power is here to help." At the time I was looking at the website there was nothing about the current case before the PUC. Now, the website states, "Also, please be sure to educate yourself about the current cases before the Idaho Public Utilities Commission that could change your expected payback date when making a solar investment." This feels a bit like a bait and switch.

On September 30, I signed my service/sales contract with Auric. On October 11th, I received my layout options for my solar array from Auric. On October 12th, I selected the array I wanted and Auric submitted the plans for my solar project to the City of Boise for permitting to proceed forward. On October 30, I received an email from Idaho Power explaining that "new and existing (unless exempted by IPUC order) customers with on-site generation will be transitioned to the new pricing structure in four separate increments over an eight-year period." Furthermore, Idaho Power considers a new customer as anyone that has a working system that is activated after October 11th, that is the date that the proposed settlement was announced. With one email from a powerful entity, my return on investment went from 4% to 5% to zero or at best 1%.

Idaho Power's Purpose and Values Statement says, "We are passionate about powering lives with clean, reliable, affordable energy, while developing innovative solutions every day. Serving those who depend on us is at the center of everything we do. We all prosper by committing to the needs, safety and success of our customers, communities, employees and shareholders."

The only passion I am seeing from this process is their passionate approach to generating money to reward their shareholders and executives by bullying rooftop solar customers into an unfair settlement.

So, what would I like to see the Idaho Public Utilities Commission do?

- 1) The Commission first needs to respect the investments of the 5000 plus rooftop solar owners and have them grandfathered, as all other states have done when considering changes to net-metering, under the existing net-metering agreement with Idaho Power. Existing rooftop owners should be anyone that as an operating system 30 days after the settlement is officially in place.
- 2) Any request for a change to the net-metering program must be preceded by a cost/benefit study performed by a neutral third-party to inform the Commission of the true costs and benefits of solar interconnection and to promote the growth of on-site power generation.
- 3) A transparent outreach campaign, to all Idaho Power customers, needs to be completed prior to any settlement so that all voices- those of current solar customers and potential solar customers, can be part of the discussion; this can be done through a simple email from Idaho Power with agreed-upon language from settlement participants. Currently, the 13 participants on the settlement do not represent this group of potential rooftop solar customers nor existing rooftop solar customers, and the 6 signees certainly do not representative of Idaho Power private homeowner customers.
- 4) I encourage the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to embrace its mission through all aspects of this settlement; "Determine fair, just and reasonable rates and utility practices for electric gas and water consumers. Ensure that delivery of utility services is safe, reliable and efficient. Ensure safe operation of pipelines and rail carriers within the state."

Finally, I am not against reviewing and revising how rooftop solar is part of Idaho Power's portfolio of energy, however, this must be based on an independent study and with active engagement by all parties. Right now, all I see is Idaho Power trying to bully its way forward to crush the rooftop solar industry. Idaho Power will force solar advocates to push forward legislation like the state of Nevada solar bill of rights

([http://puc.nv.gov/Renewable\\_Energy/Renewable\\_Energy\\_Bill\\_of\\_Rights/](http://puc.nv.gov/Renewable_Energy/Renewable_Energy_Bill_of_Rights/)) instead of investing in developing a vibrant and fair solar industry. We want a public utility that supports the customer - homeowners and industry - not a California public utility model that offers short-term profit to shareholders and executives with no long term vision and investment for the future.

Through the IPUC, a well-researched, unbiased settlement can be put in place that will benefit Idaho Power customers, the rooftop solar industry, and Idaho Power; it will involve compromises on all sides. Otherwise, under the proposed settlement, as private property advocate, we will make legislative changes, similar to what we did with the Idaho House Bill 158 that recently passed. It was this bill that enabled me to install solar because my HOA was forced to address how solar could now be installed on our roofs. The bill stated, "A homeowner's association may adopt reasonable rules regarding the placement of solar panels or solar collectors if those rules do not prevent the installation of the device, impair the functioning of the device or restrict its use, or adversely affect the cost or efficiency of the device."

We, as customers of Idaho Power, should not have to work legislatively in order to have a fair, unbiased approach on how rooftop solar can be integrated into Idaho's power grid. That should be the role of the IPUC. Let's not be California or for that matter Nevada. There are better models to use. It can be a homegrown Idahoan approach facilitated through the IPUC that takes the best from what other states have done.

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**To:** Diane Holt  
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NAMPA ID, 83686

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Co.

Comment: Idaho Power is not adequately valuing residential rooftop solar. They do not have enough studies to define the costs and benefits of rooftop solar, and they (Idaho Power) will benefit disproportionately from the investments of their customers in those systems. This is at odds with their own commitment to clean energy in all of the ways they might pursue, including rooftop solar. These changes would, in effect, end rooftop solar installations in Idaho for any other than the wealthiest people, as the cost recapture simply won't be there for normal folks.

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NAMPA ID, 83686

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Co.

Comment: Idaho Power is not adequately valuing residential rooftop solar. They do not have enough studies to define the costs and benefits of rooftop solar, and they (Idaho Power) will benefit disproportionately from the investments of their customers in those systems. This is at odds with their own commitment to clean energy in all of the ways they might pursue, including rooftop solar. These changes would, in effect, end rooftop solar installations in Idaho for any other than the wealthiest people, as the cost recapture simply won't be there for normal folks.

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**From:** susanirene@ctcweb.net  
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**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Susan Littlefield

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Meridian ID, 83646

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: My husband and I installed solar panels on our roof this year. It was an expensive investment, but because of the positive impact a solar system provides on the environment, plus the 1:1 credit we were told we would receive for any overage power produced beyond what is used in our residence, we felt it was worthwhile.

With the changes Idaho Power is proposing, that credit would be reduced to a 1/2 : 1 rate; I feel like we have become victims of a 'bait and switch' scam.

Solar energy production is peak during the peak energy usage time of the year when AC units are being run all across Southern Idaho causing a spike in energy demand, the net metering customers help offset this peak energy demand with their solar installations. Idaho Power themselves have taken steps to alleviate power demand spikes by giving monthly credits during summer periods for customers that they allow to cycle their AC units on and off based on their demand loads. Again, net metering customers are directly helping Idaho Power and Idaho residents during their time of peak need during the peak time of year for solar production. This should be a win, win for everyone involved, yet with these proposed changes it will significantly impact residential net metering customers.

Therefore, we request that the net metering credit not be changed from its current rate.

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**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Phil Bregitzer

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Case Number: Case Number IPC-E-18-15  
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Telephone: 2082262380  
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American Falls ID, 83211

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I recently invested significantly in solar power generation as part of the Solarize Pocatello program. Two important things factored into this investment:

- 1)The urgent need to reduce carbon pollution. As public investment in new technologies lags, it is the actions of individuals such as me that can promote the profitability and use of clean solar energy.
- 2)The financial incentives of a) a Federal tax credit, b)group buying rates as part of Solarize Pocatello, and c) the kWh-for-kWh exchange between private generators and Idaho Power.

The final point is important; it is what makes my installation of solar power affordable to me--I am nearing retirement and nearly \$40,000 out-of-pocket is something that made sense only if the investment paid off over a decade. I therefore object to Idaho Power's request to slash the value of customer-generated power by approximately half. This is an excessive "grab" by Idaho Power, and furthermore I have a net-metering contract with Idaho Power that this change would violate. I expect Idaho Power to hold up their end of this contract.

I understand that Idaho Power cannot function essentially as a free battery forever, but their request needs to be modified. As-is, their request violates the contract they have with existing small-scale solar generators, up-ends the financial considerations that went into the installation of solar systems, and dis-incentivizes future purchases--the latter of which could threaten the viability of this new-but-essential industry. Please consider instead a more modest proposal: --in lieu of reduced purchase rates,perhaps a small "facilities use" fee such as the Central Electric Cooperative in Bend, OR uses to maintain infrastructure --a more generous reimbursement rate for small-scale consumer-generated electricity --for current solar generators, a grandfather clause for a lengthy period of time (at least a decade, the specifies that purchase rates for solar energy will remain the same as the rates charged by Idaho Power, as they agreed to do originally.

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Boise Idaho, 83714

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am writing in opposition to the proposed change in Idaho Power's solar net metering program. This change would suppress the expansion of home solar system's. In 2018, the UN gas emissions report notes that global fossil fuel CO2 emissions from electricity generation and industry grew by 2%. We should be doing everything we can to cut this growth not suppressing it as the Idaho Power's proposed change would do.

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Boise ID, 83714

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: The change proposed by Idaho Power concerning solar power net metering is an attack on the environment of Idaho. We are a state that values nature and our outdoor environment and this will discourage the production of clean energy that would help keep Idaho green. With the continued growth of population in Idaho this suppression of green power can only result in an expansion of dirty productions of energy. Please do not do this disservice to Idaho's people or environment.

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Boise Id, 83714

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: The PUC promised that discriminatory rates would not be the outcome of this rate change. If changes are implemented that negatively impact customers' solar investments, it would be discriminatory. With the growth in Idaho the energy would be powered by unsustainable energy sources. Unsustainable sources are dirtier than solar and unsustainable.

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Blackfoot Idaho, 83221

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: My ground-mounted solar system was installed two and one-half years ago (May 2017). Before that, I had followed the advertised counsel of Idaho Power to conserve power in order to save the environment, save the cost of new generation facilities, and to save money. This included spending for a modified heat system, increased insulation, changing incandescent light to LED, etc.

Based upon the IPUC approved rules, I invested in solar panels. The payback was not a good investment but I felt that going green was the right thing to do, and the payback of one-to-one in net metering was fair. We paid for every cost to procure and install, including Idaho Power inspection and approval. The net result was our home uses less electricity as promoted by Idaho Power and as incentivized by federal and state tax policies.

Under the policy change proposed by Idaho Power, its impact is this:

- \*The payback for my investment will be negative instead of just breaking even.
- \*Idaho Power will take advantage of the power I generate at a loss and sell it for a profit.
- \*Idaho Power will penalize me for following its advertised admonition to use less power, thus reduce its costs. I understand paying a fair reimbursement for its infrastructure, but no infrastructure for my home's use of the grid is disclosed. Reducing the value of my generation to almost half has no relationship to the 0.023% cost increase shown in the "2017 Net Metering Report. This is hypocrisy.
- \*Changing to an hourly charge rate opens my home account to future charges as commercial accounts now are, where the time-of-day costs vary to the utility's benefit.
- \*Idaho Power is buying into solar power from a private contractor(s) now for its bottom line benefit (see Idaho Power's Jackpot project). Idaho Power penalizes me for purchasing a solar capacity. Again, it's hypocrisy.
- \*These changes from Idaho Power effectively kill small, private investment to help the environment at the very time it is needed most.

In all of this, where is the consumer protection from the IPUC? Where is its political oversight? Will the IPUC allow Idaho Power to profit from this bait-and-switch policy change? If this were to happen in a private business, instead of a state-regulated utility, it would be sued. If the IPUC were not standing as a shield to Idaho Power there would be legal action now.

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Address:  
Blackfoot Idaho, 83221

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

I am not a power generating customer at this time. I'm researching this issue and I have some concerns.

Idaho Power's 2017 Net Metering Report shows customers generating power were shifting 0.023% of their costs to customers who didn't participate. I could understand if Idaho Power was asking generating customers to offset the costs they were passing to nonparticipating customers. I don't understand when Idaho Power is asking for a reduction of the net metering credit which is greater than the offset cost to nonparticipants.

I'm concerned about the smart meter required by the agreement. According to the document Staff Comments in Support of Settlement Agreement (page 9), the smart meter may allow Idaho Power to limit behind-the-meter energy production. The same staff document states on page 3: "Although not specified in the language of the Settlement, the methodology established within it is based on a "bright line at the meter" concept: What happens behind the meter is the customer's concern and the Company's concern is with those things that are measurable at the meter. ...With a host of related and sometimes overlapping issues, this principle was central to the discussions." — "Behind-the-meter" was the underlying principle of the Settlement; yet, Idaho Power requires a smart meter which could give them control behind the meter. Sounds like the underlying principle has been violated.

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## Diane Holt

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Co

Comment: I urge the PUC to oppose IPC's proposed changes to policy and compensation for on-site generation of solar power. I installed solar panels on the roof of my Boise residence 5 years ago, after calculating that the significant personal investment required was justified. From a purely business perspective, it is blatantly unfair now for IPC to propose new rules that put my investment at risk. From a moral and ethical perspective, I feel that IPC now wants to change the rules to penalize customers like me, at a time when IPC corporate profits are substantial and unthreatened.

As climate change becomes more and more obvious, solar power will be more and more important as a carbo -free generating source. IPC policy should encourage renewables like solar, rather than making renewable power more difficult and financially costly.

The PUC should not approve IPC's proposed settlement. Existing private generators should be grandfathered, with no changes approved by the PUC to on-site generation (like solar) that is already in place.

Thank you.

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**From:** greggsorrell3@gmail.com  
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: To whom it may concern at the PUC, For the record, and as a homeowner who currently has solar panels on their home, I'm upset that there is discussion of changing the "net metering" program for your existing customers. I'm further discouraged by the possibility that a change could be made for future solar customers.

But to make a change that would impact your existing customers, who have already made a significant investment, is absolutely unethical. I can only say that I would hope such a change is not even given "serious" consideration.

Thank you for your time,  
Gregg & Theresa Sorrell

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