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**From:** joerarick@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 6:23 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Joe Rarick

Name: Joe Rarick  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: joerarick@hotmail.com  
Telephone: 2088699375  
Address: 451 W Maple Ave  
Meridian ID, 83642

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Idaho power should not change the current Net metering program. The current program is the main reason we made the investment to go solar in the first place. We are providing clean energy to the power grid and helping to reduce the stress on the system. The minute amount of revenue missed by Idaho power due to us going solar pales in comparison to the revenue generated by all the new construction in the area. The commission has made commitments to residential rooftop solar customers and should keep the current net metering program. Idaho Power claims that solar customers don't pay their fair share of the cost to maintain the grid yet refuses to study the actual cost and benefits of residential solar. This, despite mounting scientific evidence that residential solar is a net benefit to utilities. Besides, we already pay a monthly service charge to maintain the grid.

Thank you.

Joe Rarick

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**From:** jen@wideeye.tv  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 7:07 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Jennifer Isenhart

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Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
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Telephone: 2088616824  
Address: 2901 N Mountain Rd  
Boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: If approved, this proposal could prove to be a death blow for the already weak residential solar industry in Idaho. The changes are so extreme that, when implemented fully, residential solar power will no longer be financially feasible.

We are at a pivotal moment in history. It's time to put our children's futures ahead of corporate profits. Please do not approve this proposal.

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**From:** kevin@kitzworks.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 7:18 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Kevin Kitz

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Boise ID, 83716

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: 11/15/2019  
Idaho PUC  
Docket IPC-E-18-15  
Regarding Net Excess Energy from Rooftop PV

From: Stephanie Bender-Kitz and Kevin Kitz  
5078 E Stemwood  
Boise, ID 83716

Dear Idaho PUC:

It is financially very important to us that existing rooftop PV owners be grandfathered for an extended period of 20 years. Our specific requests to the PUC are:

- 1) Do not destroy the investments in residential and small commercial clean energy that have been made to-date by a radical change of policy after the investments were made.
- 2) Grandfather existing systems for 20 years to provide a reasonable time to recover the investment.
- 3) The grandfathering must stay with the home and the PV system, and not be lost when the home is sold.

In November 2019 invested \$35,000 in a rooftop PV system and a high-e HVAC to complement it, comprising: 4kw PV, 19 SEER A/C, 10 HSPF heat pump, and 97% gas furnace. The heat pump will cut our summer peak demand by more than 50% and add winter load. We intentionally installed the heat pump to greater "levelize" our electric use across the year by adding electric load in the winter to help match our PV output, but doing so caused us to increase the size of the PV system.

The cost of our brand new 4kW rooftop PV system will NEVER be recouped under this proposal. We would never have installed PV at all under the compensation plan proposed. The PV system is a poor 4% investment even with net metering, but we made it to reduce our carbon footprint. The 20 year grandfathering is needed to not totally explode that investment. Simple payback takes 14 years, given IPCo's recent flat power rates.  $\$2,500/\text{kw} / (8760 \text{ hrs} * 20\% \text{ capacity factor} * \$0.1/\text{kwh}) = 14 \text{ years}$ . So a 20 year grandfathering duration is reasonable to account for time value of money.

The precedent for grandfathering is the many PURPA contracts that Idaho Power has signed, and that the PUC has approved. The net metering program is essentially an unwritten Feed-In Tariff. However, like PURPA contracts, net metering is a program that was approved by the PUC. When a PUC-approved PURPA contract becomes uneconomical

compared to projections (as many did), there is no cancellation of the contract. The same should be true of those residential and small commercial systems that invested in PV under the pseudo feed-in tariff of net metering.

All three of the installers with whom we spoke in August – October this year encouraged us to install a system that produced as many kwh per year as we used. Not once was hourly net metering raised by them as a risk. Based on this, we added a heat pump to our energy efficiency investment and increased the size of the PV system to 4kW from 2.5kW to cover some of the heat pump load. The change to net metering not only strands our investment in PV, but also our additional \$2,000 investment in a heat pump.

There are an infinite number of ways that IPCo and the PUC could choose to make the transition. A 20-year grandfathering is clearly both the easiest and recognizes the similarity between a PV net metering investment and a PURPA contract. But there are many others, including buy-outs to rate base, slow reduction of the net metering rollover period (e.g. 6 years each at 12, 9, 6, and 3 month net roll-up), incentives for heat pump installation.

The second best option would be to make net metering hourly, but have Idaho Power's shareholders make-up the difference to the former net metering customer. After all the bad BUSINESS decision on net metering was Idaho Power's, not the individual ratepayers who are getting sucker-punched by Idaho Power's callous proposal.

It is both hypocritical and disingenuous of Idaho Power to assert that the IPCo website clearly informed the public of the punitive changes they had planned. It can be argued that they provided information. But overall the tone was neutral or encouraging but did not indicate that most of the information provided would be invalid soon. This goes on even today. For example, San Jose and Boise and compared in the FAQ section. If IPCo wanted to CLEARLY communicate the risk of investment in solar to customers, there should be a 3rd column with what they were proposing, but as of today that is not there. No doubt it would show that a breakeven payout would never EVER occur. Similarly, the description of Net Metering in the FAQ's describes the annual net metering program only and makes no mention of the draconian change that will occur in less than 6 weeks. In short, IPCo even today shows a total disregard for their customer's potential investments and seems to expect that every customer become an expert on IPCo's regulatory issues on the PUC website.

When business and regulatory environments change and IPCo grid-connected investments become less valuable than anticipated, IPCo expects the ratepayer to cover those changes, and fights tooth and nail to get those costs covered. In the same way, we invested money on the good-faith expectation that our grid-connected investment would be treated fairly.

The fairest thing going forward is to provide current annual net metering customers grandfathering of annual net metering for 20 years. The rooftop PV systems were investments made in good faith by Idaho Power's ratepayers. Those people, including us, deserve better than to be left holding a very expensive investment that can never be recouped.

Sincerely,

Kevin Kitz and Stephanie Bender-Kitz

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**From:** margaret@rtci.net  
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**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Scot Horton

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Address: 1896 East 4500 North  
Buhl ID, 83316

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: 12/2/19 PLEASE grandfather in existing solar customers at the current net metering condition.

We just put in solar earlier this year. We used our retirement IRA to fund it as we viewed the solar as a way to invest now to save on future utilities as I am retired. We made the investment decision in solar based on the present net metering rules. It would not be fair to let Idaho Power change the deal after the fact. We held up our end by making the investment upfront. Now they want all the benefits of customers' investments at a discount after the fact. Right is right, wrong is wrong. Please stand up for what is right and fair to the impacted customers. We will be so very grateful if you can help us. Scot Horton – Buhl, Idaho

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**From:** Rudderboy15@gmail.com  
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**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Jeff Erwin

Name: Jeff Erwin  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
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Telephone: 2087618488  
Address: 4361 N Cartwright Road  
Boise ID, 83714

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: The proposed changes do not reflect economic reality. Any excess power generated goes to the nearest need, i.e., the immediate neighborhood homes. The proposal to phase down net metering to 50% of Idaho Power's retail rate is too much. Anyone who has made this investment used the full kwh rate to make their investment decision. Consumers who have made this investment took a risk, and allow Idaho Power the ability to meet customer demand without making additional generation investments, especially during periods of peak demand. The number of existing customers is small, and will get smaller as a percentage of Idaho Power's business as their service area grows. These early adopters deserve to be grandfathered in at the net metering rate that existed at the time of their investment. Thank you for time.

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**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Susie Vader

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Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
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Telephone: 2088632592  
Address: 7840 Apache Way  
Garden City ID, 83714

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: We bought our solar system based on several premises including the payback period, environmental concerns, and to save money. The proposed settlement could cost us (and 4000+/- other rooftop solar customers) thousands of extra dollars on our power bills.

First, we believe that Idaho Power has an obligation to grandfather in existing net metering customers. Our systems were designed for tracking our usage on a monthly basis and this proposal totally changes everything. The rules should not change after consumers make such significant investments. Applying the proposed program to only new customers is a commonsense compromise.

Second, we believe that a cost/benefit study of the effects of onsite generation on Idaho Power's system needs to be completed and evaluated by all parties involved including the public, PUC, and anyone with net metering. It is pertinent that all power generators (including rooftop solar) be involved and be given the opportunity to comment.

We hope you will consider our comments and protect the plight of all existing rooftop solar customers. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

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**From:** dorianduffin@gmail.com  
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**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Dorian Duffin

Name: Dorian Duffin  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
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Telephone: 2087247314  
Address: 7840 Apache Way  
Garden City ID, 83714

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

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**From:** jrsrleo@gmail.com  
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**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Ruth Leonard

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Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: jrsrleo@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2082840344  
Address: 5230 S Willamette Pl  
Boise Idaho, 83716

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: The Commission should uphold the original solar net meter program that was agreed upon by Idaho Power and solar customers.

Idahoans should not be penalized for investing their own money into a program that was created to incentivize purchasing renewable generation. Approving a net metering policy that encouraged investment for long term savings, only to have it invalidated in this manner, is unethical.

We expect more from our appointed officials on the Commission and our public utility. If Idaho Power 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.

Changing the terms now on existing solar customers is not fair and should not be allowed.

Idaho Power should not be allowed to make a profit on the backs of solar customers.

Please consider allowing existing solar customers to stay on the existing net metering program and apply the new program only to new customers as a commonsense compromise that allows all parties to keep agreements made in good faith.

Thank you for your consideration  
Ruth & Jeff Leonard

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**From:** earniele@msn.com  
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**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Earnie Lewis`

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Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
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Telephone: 2089890576  
Address: 20040 Hoskins Rd  
Caldwell Idaho, 83607

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am writing to oppose Idaho Power's proposal to change the Net Metering Policy. I installed solar polar in September, 2017 for which I made a sizable investment. Of course this benefits me but it also impacts Idaho Power's need to do their own investment in power generation. I resent the proposal that my investment would be reduced in the next several years. This change only benefits the already prosperous Idaho Power and punishes folks like myself.

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**From:** janetdennis0@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 8:56 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Janet Dennis

Name: Janet Dennis  
Case Number:  
Email: janetdennis0@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2083582682  
Address: 701 Soldier Creek Rd.  
Fairfield ID, 83327

Name of Utility Company: Idaho power

Comment: I am adamantly opposed to IPC-E-18-15. I installed my solar power system less than a year ago. I invested in local clean energy expecting a fair deal.

Idaho families and small businesses shouldn't have the rules changed on them after they have already made their investment.

The new proposal could cost existing solar customers thousands of dollars on their electricity bills.

Allowing existing solar customers to stay on the existing net metering program and applying the new program only to new customers is a commonsense compromise that allows all parties to keep agreements made in good faith.

When changing net metering, utilities and commissions around the nation allow existing customers to keep the original terms, because it's unethical and unfair not to.

Maintaining existing utility rates and terms for existing customers is a very common practice for other utilities in the region making similar changes – it's reasonable to expect the same for Idahoans.

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. You need to hold true to your word.

Idaho families and businesses should not be penalized for investing their own money into a program that was created to incentivize purchasing renewable generation. Approving a net metering policy that encouraged investment for long term savings, only to have it invalidated in this manner, is unethical. We should expect more from our appointed officials on the PUC and our public utility. If you had no intention of honoring the service agreement you set out initially, you shouldn't have even made it an option. But you did, and it should be honored.

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**From:** mgrphil467@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 9:17 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Michael Rush

Name: Michael Rush  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
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Telephone: 208.501.4350  
Address: 8230 W Tether St  
Boise ID, 83709

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Idaho Power has a stated goal of using 100% clean energy by 2045. There are a number of people willing to invest tens of thousands of dollars to help them reach that goal. All they ask is that their investment be recognized by allowing them to offset their own power bill. Idaho Power benefits by not having to build their own generation capacity, not having to build supply lines to get that capacity to the consumers and by being gifted significant power generation real estate right in the middle of their existing grid. Please maintain the existing net metering arrangement.

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**From:** kurt.fesenmyer@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 9:27 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Kurt Fesenmyer

Name: Kurt Fesenmyer  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: kurt.fesenmyer@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2089490202  
Address: 1507 N 25th St  
Boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: Dear Idaho Public Utilities Commission:  
RE: Case Number IPC-E-18-15

I am writing to urge the PUC to reject the proposed settlement agreement for case number IPC-E-18-15 the following reasons:

### 1) Unfair treatment of existing net metering customers

In 2017, my family had a 2.4kWh residential solar system installed at our house. We were motivated to invest in a residential solar system because of the long-term economic and environmental benefits. Our system's size, layout, and configuration is designed based on the model of the existing monthly net metering program and balances our monthly production with our monthly consumption over a 12 month period - we produce excess energy during spring and summer afternoons and consume energy in the evenings and during winter. We anticipated a 14-year payback on our investment, but understood when we signed up as an Idaho Power net metering customer that the rate we receive or pay for production or consumption is subject to change under the net metering program and we were comfortable with the possibility that the time horizon for payback on our investment would be extended by several years. But we never expected that the structure and model of the program would completely change. The change to an hourly net metering model as proposed in the settlement agreement would render our existing system over-built and inefficiently-oriented and will significantly lengthen the time horizon for payback of our investment, potentially by decades. This is unfair and unreasonable, and imposes a significant financial penalty on consumers like us who made good-faith investments under a program that is now proposed to substantially change. I urge the commission to respect the investment of individuals like us by rejecting the settlement agreement or upholding the original program and keeping existing net meter customers separate from any proposed change for at least 20 years.

### 2) Incomplete study of costs and benefits of on-site generation

PUC Order No. 34046 Case No. IPC-E-17-13 ordered a comprehensive study to evaluate the costs and benefits associated with on-site generation. The proposed settlement agreement does not use any study or publicly available information to determine the various rates within the Export Credit Rates. Furthermore, the Avoided Transmission and Distribution Capacity Rate and Environmental Benefits Rates (Section IV) are not calculated in the settlement agreement. As such the agreement is incomplete and should be rejected.

Sincerely,

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**From:** blueflax2@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 9:27 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Tara Penry

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Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: blueflax2@hotmail.com  
Telephone: 2083457891  
Address: 419 N Bacon Dr  
Boise Idaho, 83712

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I do NOT support the change in the net metering rate for solar customers proposed by Idaho Power. The top priority for public utilities should be clean, renewable energy for the health of our environment. Policy and rates should ENcourage households to add solar power to the electric grid. This is a more efficient and environmentally sustainable method than even solar and wind farms and other forms of "sustainable" energy production. If rooftop production can minimize turning large plots of animal habitat over to a solar farm, that's a GOOD thing. Please DO NOT REDUCE the net metering rate returned to customers who add solar energy to the grid. I offer this comment as an Idaho Power customer who does not have solar panels on my home. I support using power generated from rooftops first and foremost. Please set rates that encourage MORE home production of solar energy. It should be cost-effective for individuals because it benefits us all. Thank you.

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**From:** burleyglass@pmt.org  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 9:32 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Leslie Kerr

Name: Leslie Kerr  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
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Telephone: 208/670-0579  
Address: 1013 W 400 So  
Heyburn ID, 83336

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I do not want Idaho Power to change its net metering policy for solar power. By doing so, they are penalizing current owners of solar panels considering the cost of the investment. Customer-generated electricity is just as valuable as Idaho Powers electricity and should be paid for as such. Had I known this settlement was in the works, I NEVER would have made such a decision to go solar.

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**From:** aimeec@stanfordalumni.org  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 12:21 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Aimee Christensen

Name: Aimee Christensen  
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Email: aimeec@stanfordalumni.org  
Telephone: 2087218619  
Address:  
Sun Valley United States, 83353

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: Dear Commissioners,

The approval of this change will undermine a strategic opportunity for the state's economy, security and environment: energy resilience, and undermine individual choice and responsibility. By developing Idaho's homegrown renewable energy resources, we can have more and higher wage jobs, a protected environment and a decentralized, diversified, more secure grid to make Idaho more competitive and better able to attract growing industries seeking clean, secure power.

Already Idaho policymakers have sanctioned previous utility efforts to reduce competition and slow the growth of renewable energy, thereby stymieing the expansion of cost-effective renewable energy resources and the associated cost savings and income, (especially to farmers and other landowners), and quality job creation in a state suffering from some of the lowest wages in the country!

If this most recent filing is approved, it would be a travesty - risking entirely the chance for our state to continue to benefit from a rapidly growing industry - solar energy - that is creating jobs at 10 times the rate of the rest of our nation's economy. Idaho has the natural resources and human resources to tap into this opportunity, indeed, "Idaho's solar industry currently employs 557 people and has invested over \$645 million in the state...according to the Solar Energy Industry Association." (Idaho Conservation League, ICL)

And increased energy resilience is urgent: our region has faced costly power outages and we have identified backup power opportunities at critical infrastructure (fire, police and medical facilities), but by filing this proposal to cut by 50% the price Idaho Power pays for power generated by the 4000+ solar owners, Idaho Power Company (IPC) is undermining our chance to become energy resilient. Idaho National Laboratory is a showcase for energy resilience, with its own operating microgrid demonstrating how solar and battery storage can provide better solutions for businesses and communities. This filing's approval will make these solutions unreachable for Idahoans, which is idiocy in a state where our own INL has shown how and why they are so clearly superior.

Perhaps most importantly, Idaho Power's proposal also runs counter to Idaho values of freedom and security, market competition and conservation: it effectively forbids individuals from generating their own power - which makes our grid less resilient and kills a fast-growing economic opportunity. This is a lose-lose-lose proposition - except for Idaho Power. The electric utilities in Nevada proposed a similar measure, and Nevada lawmakers approved it - only to regret it when they watched thousands of solar jobs leave the state and the largest power users rise up to demand change because of the cost effectiveness of solar. Let's learn from others, let's look at the facts and the public interest, and do what is best for Idahoans.

I applauded IPC's recent commitment to provide 100% clean energy by 2045, but I agree with ICL that, "by ending net metering and potentially lowering rates for existing solar customers, Idaho Power is making it clear that it wants to be the only one that controls that affordable, reliable clean power." This is to the detriment of our state. IPC may think they are protecting their bottom line and therefore customer costs, but what it risks is losing customers, new and existing. With storage costs declining rapidly, solar producers may leave the grid to independently supply all of their own power needs, and then IPC will be stuck with stranded assets - lines and poles - with fewer and fewer customers, harming those who remain dependent on an increasingly irrelevant - and unwanted - grid.

Please stand up for Idaho's greatest public interest, for the public, for jobs, for higher wages, for clean air and water, for the freedom of residents and businesses to help build a more secure and clean grid for all of us, residents and businesses and so we can attract the largest power users (e.g., technology companies such as Apple, Microsoft and Google - where I worked on these matters - and major brands such as Walmart and IKEA) who demand 100% renewable energy. Together, with smart regulatory guidance, Idaho's power users and Idaho's power providers can build a resilient energy future to benefit Idaho. Please support Idaho's - and each of our - opportunity to be part of this better future, now.

Thank you,  
Aimee Christensen  
Founder, Christensen Global Strategies  
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RE: Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Name of utility: Idaho Power

To: Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
11331 W. Chinden Blvd., Building 8, Suite 201-A  
Boise, ID 83714

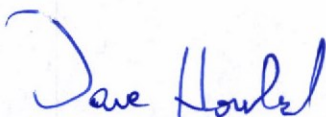
In 2015 my family made a huge financial decision to install solar panels on our home. This major investment was not an easy one considering our limited fixed budget as retirees. We did so based on critical information from Idaho Power related to the cost of purchasing the Idaho Power net metering system and cost savings and payback values over time. We also considered the incredible added value to our home if we chose to sell it in the future. In addition, it would be fair to grandfather existing net metering customers and for them to be able to pass this grandfathered rate on for a future buyer if our house is resold. This was another financial consideration in installing solar as it adds value to our home for resale. Anything less would put our faith in Idaho Power's credibility in jeopardy and cast a cloud on how you treat your valuable customers in a time when trust in big power companies is waning.

We are not aware of any specific study that was used to determine the terms of this settlement decision. It also appears that existing roof-top net metering customers, such as us, did not have the opportunity to be part of the process that generated the proposed settlement agreement.

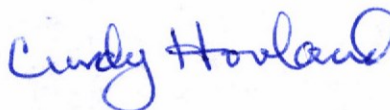
Even our Idaho Power contact person, at the time of installation, appreciated us installing solar because of all the new homes and apartments being built in the area. He said this would help Idaho Power keep up with the ever-increasing power demand in the Treasure Valley.

As there are only a relatively small percentage of existing net metering-rooftop solar generators, I would propose they be grandfathered in at the existing rates. This fair gesture will certainly help Idaho Power reach its goal of 100% clean energy by 2045.

Sincerely,



Dave Hovland



Cindy Hovland



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**From:** Jake@boisehawks.com  
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Telephone: 2087240537  
Address: 5600 N Glenwood St  
Boise ID, 83714

Name of Utility Company: Boise Hawks

Comment: There is no advantage to going green if excess energy can't be sold back at the retail rate. You're creating a monopoly on power for the valley voiding a major factor in decision to go solar. We still pay every month for power used so its not a net loss for our residential dwelling.

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**From:** brenda.lea.ford@gmail.com  
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Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
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Telephone:  
Address: 2211 W Smith Ave  
Boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

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.

I shouldn't have the rules changed on me after they have already made the investment.

The new proposal could cost me thousands of dollars on my electricity bills.

Allowing existing solar customers to stay on the existing net metering program and applying the new program only to new customers is a commonsense compromise that allows all parties to keep agreements made in good faith.

When changing net metering, utilities and commissions around the nation allow existing customers to keep the original terms, because it's unethical and unfair not to.

Maintaining existing utility rates and terms for existing customers is a very common practice for other utilities in the region making similar changes – it's reasonable to expect the same for Idahoans.

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. They need to hold true to their word.

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**From:** Potatoheadif@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 9:53 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Peter Fabrick

Name: Peter Fabrick  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: Potatoheadif@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2084034105  
Address: 3077 E 97 S  
Idaho Falls ID, 83406

Name of Utility Company: Rocky Mountain Power

Comment: I am against the utility company proposal to end net metering for the following reasons:

1. Decreases our use of fossil fuel such as gas and coal
2. It decentralizes the power grid for residences during natural and enemy downing of grid.
3. Reduces the pressure for new online power stations
4. Unfair to consumers who have purchased solar power ( at a minimum need a twenty year grandfather clause).

Lastly, like phone service with the residential ending of landline phones, if you endorse this proposal, all that may happen is more residential homes just go off grid. Your seeing this move in California with the power company shut downs. You can't stop technology by regulation. So, the net result would be utilities with less power in the grid and less customers sharing the burden.

Can there be an argument for commercial solar power operations, yes. However, I would think those would be individuals that produce say twenty times their consumption could be classified as wholesalers of power. They would reflect a profit center. Though again why would we hamper the production of pollution free power over the generating of fuel driven power

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**From:** Travislwinters@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 9:55 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Travis Winters

Name: Travis Winters  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: Travislwinters@gmail.com  
Telephone: 5032980256  
Address: 2682 E Rhyolite Court  
Nampa ID, 83686

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

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 small businesses shouldn't have the rules changed on them after they have already made their investment.

The new proposal could cost existing solar customers thousands of dollars on their electricity bills.

Allowing existing solar customers to stay on the existing net metering program and applying the new program only to new customers is a commonsense compromise that allows all parties to keep agreements made in good faith.

When changing net metering, utilities and commissions around the nation allow existing customers to keep the original terms, because it's unethical and unfair not to.

Maintaining existing utility rates and terms for existing customers is a very common practice for other utilities in the region making similar changes – it's reasonable to expect the same for Idahoans.

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. They need to hold true to their word.

Idaho families and businesses should not be penalized for investing their own money into a program that was created to incentivize purchasing renewable generation. Approving a net metering policy that encouraged investment for long term savings, only to have it invalidated in this manner, is unethical. We should expect more from our appointed officials on the PUC and our public utility. If they had no intention of honoring the service agreement they set out initially, they shouldn't have even made it an option. But they did, and it should be honored.

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**From:** svaught13@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 9:58 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Steve Vaught

Name: Steve Vaught  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: svaught13@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2086293420  
Address: 1924 Montclair Dr.  
Boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: This appears to be a bait and switch from Idaho Power where we were promised one thing and then switched to another less than optimal program. This is an injustice for people who have spent thousands of dollars to help not only the environment, but to put less stress and pressure on Idaho Power's grid. Now Idaho power wants to pay us a less than optimal wholesale rate and charge a retail rate on our own production system that we are forced to sale our electricity too with no means of negotiation and/or strength in business dealings with them. It would be an injustice to allow Idaho Power to force solar customers into a unilateral decision.

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**From:** stockwella@live.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 10:25 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Aaron Stockwell

Name: Aaron Stockwell  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: stockwella@live.com  
Telephone:  
Address: 10792 W Spring River St  
Boise ID, 83709

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Do not change the net metering for existing solar customers like myself. Our solar panels produce more energy than what we consume, so this benefits other non solar customers.

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**From:** davemorganster@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 10:26 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: David Morgan

Name: David Morgan  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: davemorganster@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2084470074  
Address: 1384 SW Gillespie Lane  
MOUNTAIN HOME Idaho, 83647

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am a Senior Citizen with a limited fixed income. I chose to invest a good portion of my saved retirement to install a solar system so that I can manage my cash flow later in life. I live in a house that has no other utilities other than electric.

I sized my system to be able to generate enough electricity during the spring and summer to carry me through the winter with no other charge from Idaho Power than their monthly service fee. So far, this is working well except that I do produce a little more than I use during the year.

As the system is now, which I agreed to when I installed solar, Idaho Power gets to keep any excess power without reimbursement if I die, move, or any other reason that I am no longer the named customer. If I have 10 MW of credited power, Idaho Power can clear it off their books as a liability. They have already sold that power at the retail rate to my neighbors. I have no problem with that agreement.

But now, I have heard the sentiment that they are complaining that it costs them too much to maintain my service and they need to find a way to collect more money from me because if I can afford to install solar I can pay more for electricity. As I said in the beginning, I am on a fixed income. My solar was an investment to protect me from rate hikes and winter power usage. I am generating electricity for Idaho Power at whatever rate they are selling it for to my neighbors. I shouldn't need to pay more for the return of power I generate when Idaho Power gets to sell off my excess with no reimbursement!

I made a good faith agreement with Idaho Power when I installed my solar system. I am just asking that they keep up their end of that agreement.

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**From:** atomicidaho@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 10:28 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Lisa Bosworth

Name: Lisa Bosworth  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
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Telephone: 2088606260  
Address: 1849 Mortimer Dr.  
Boise ID, 83712

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: No net metering changes, or settlement proposals should take effect until the comprehensive study of the cost and benefits of on-site generation on Idaho Power's system, as was ordered by the PUC in Order No. 34046 Case No. IPC-E-17-13, has been completed, analyzed, and those findings evaluated by the public, PUC, and all parties with net metering interests, as stated in that docket.

- No study, nor any information related to a cost/benefit analysis study, was directly used to calculate the terms of this settlement decision.
- If a study was used to calculate these proposed changes, then that study should have been made available to the public and PUC for an opportunity to review before reaching the terms of this settlement or determining any other potential net metering changes.
- The proposed settlement is an arbitrary representation of parties who met behind closed doors without consulting the constituents who actually invested in on-site generation.
- All net metering interests were not taken into consideration during these settlement proceedings. In fact, the vast majority of net metering interests were not taken into consideration during these settlement proceedings. Order No. 34046 and Case No. IPC-E17-13 indicates that this case should include all net-metering interests in this study.
- Any changes to net metering should be evidenced based, and only then should we have a hearing about the whether net metering changes are properly justified.
- The current hearing is non-scientific, undemocratic, and should be postponed until a legitimate cost and benefit study has been properly conducted rather than completely ignored.

2. Grandfathering in existing net metering clients should be an obligation, not a consideration.

- No settlement should have taken place behind closed doors without the direct input of existing net metering customers.
- Systems were purchased and engineered based on existing net metering policies that track production and usage on a monthly basis.
- There were no other existing net metering models for the design of PV systems, or other types of on-site generation, at the time of this investment.
- The adoption of hourly net metering as proposed by the settlement would completely alter how existing systems would have otherwise been designed. This dramatically alters how these investments otherwise would have been made.
- In order to protect these investments, systems should be grandfathered along with the meter number attached to the residence and not only the account number of the client currently residing there. A calculated, expected increase in home value was a major factor in many solar investments.
- Any implemented changes that may happen should become effective 30 days from the PUC's decision and should not take place retroactively. This is a standard practice for most policy changes.

Thank you for consideration of my comments - Lisa Bosworth



## Diane Holt

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**From:** rkhammer@cableone.net  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 10:39 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: R. Keith Hammer

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Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: rkhammer@cableone.net  
Telephone: 208-376-7265  
Address: 3004 South Brookridge Way  
Boise ID, 83716

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: We are Idaho Power customers. Thank you for taking our comments.

Bonita and I purchased solar panels for our home in the summer of 2019 because we thought it was the right thing to do for our world, nation, and community. We are retired and our monthly income did cover this, so we used money from our savings to make the purchase. According to the terms quoted to us from Idaho Power using "net metering" as it is now in place and, even with the tax incentives we will receive, it will take us at least 12 years to recover our investment. We are committed to doing what we can to support green energy so we have also recently purchased an all-electric automobile to replace our 15 year-old car.

It seems to us that it would be highly unfair to present customers and counter productive to encouraging customers in the future to invest in renewable solar generation to change the rules governing net metering and payment for excess generation of electricity from those in place at the time customers made their purchase. We understand that it is a very common practice for other utilities in the region and around the nation who are seeking similar changes as Idaho Power is seeking to maintain existing utility rates and terms for existing customers. We trust that the Idaho Public Utility Commission will be fair to present solar customers and follow the same practice.

Keith and Bonita Hammer  
3004 S. Brookridge Way  
Boise, ID 8316

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**From:** ashton@archstone.group  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 10:45 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Royce Rowles

Name: Royce Rowles  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: ashton@archstone.group  
Telephone: 7209987319  
Address: 4658 W Quaker Ridge Dr  
Meridian ID, 83646

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: The assertions made by net-meetering.idaho do not supply sufficient evidence on the benefits and cost offset of home mounted solar panel energy. Without this, how can they declare what is or isn't fair?

As a solar panel owner, I am already paying a standard service charge. And for several months, during months that I use more energy than I generate, I'm paying the retail rate of power. Idaho Power should have to pay me the retail rate as well, especially considering that I made a large investment in equipment, installation, and maintenance to create it for them.

Maybe they would prefer if we just hooked up batteries and disconnected from the grid all together.

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**From:** Ksroskel@ksamjar.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 10:50 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Keith Roskelley

Name: Keith Roskelley  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: Ksroskel@ksamjar.com  
Telephone: 208-890-0545  
Address: 2339 NE 10th Ave  
Meridian Idaho, 83646

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Adding Solar to a residential home is a major investment by the owner and is based on the evaluation of the return on investment of adding solar to the residence. For myself a major considering point in determining to go solar was Idaho Power's Net Metering program.

Idaho Power should not be allowed to eliminate Net Metering for existing customer and offer an alternate program with a significant reduce in return on investment for the home owner. If Idaho Power wants to change the program for new customers that should be allowed.

Please deny Idaho Powers proposal to replace Net Metering for existing Idaho Power customers

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**From:** tomjensen@gmail.com  
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**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Thomas Jensen

Name: Thomas Jensen  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
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Telephone: 208-921-0925  
Address: 8806 W Steve Ct  
Boise ID, 83714

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I would respectfully request that there be a grandfather clause placed for those who have purchased solar panels under the current net metering rules so long as they own the property. This will enable them to keep the same rates they came in with as long as they keep solar power on their residence/small business and own the property. When I purchased solar panels I purchased them with the understanding that I only needed to offset my regular usage. While I appreciate the need to pay for the maintenance of power lines and other services to keep our power grid up and running, switching rates on customers who have already purchased solar panels to match the net metering rates available to them at the time of purchase is unfair. Making new solar power users have a lower rate will allow the power company to begin the process of lower net metering rates while allowing those with their current solar power output to benefit as they understood they would benefit when purchasing solar panels. The attrition that will happen as owners sell their homes that were grandfathered in will eventually put everyone on the same net metering rate so the power company isn't locked into a situation of losing money. I won't live in my home forever so the next owners purchasing the home would purchase it under the current net metering rates.

If a grandfather clause is deemed untenable I would request that another option be considered: provide funding for current customers that have been using solar power to enable them to purchase additional solar panels at no additional cost to them so that the rates remain equivalent. While it would have the potential of a high initial upfront cost, long term the benefit would potentially be greater. The power company is essentially building out solar power in our area that they will be able to keep everyone on the same net metering rates if that was the most important thing to happen. The property owner would be responsible for the maintenance costs and upkeep of the solar panels rather than the power company having to pay for upkeep on them. Long run they would reap the benefits of more electricity generated and purchased by the power company at a lower rate. This would benefit everyone in that we would have an expanded means of power generation in combination with our other more fixed renewable energy as the valley continues to grow in population.

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IPC-E-18-16     FIXED COSTS OF PROVIDING ELECTRIC SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS  
IPC-E-19-15     MEASUREMENT INTERVAL FOR ON-SITE GENERATION~UNDER SCHEDULE 84

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for allowing comments on these proposed rule changes that would affect all net metering rate payers who supply 100KW or less to Idaho Powers electric grid. I have read many but not all of the comments posted so far and many of my concerns have been previously stated so I will try to keep this as short as I can.

I installed a rooftop solar array a few years ago at my own expense (over \$30,000 in materials alone). It has a nameplate capacity of 15.3KWh. The actual output averages about 10KWh during spring, summer, fall, and 4kwh in the winter. This gives me an annual net zero power usage. Using the net metering rules in effect at that time this worked out to a 10 to 15 year payback for the initial investment and a 10 year period worth of interest on the investment in the 25 year life facility. This is about equal to putting your money in the bank while doing something for the environment at the same time. If the proposed changes in schedule structure are granted; I might as well have invested in the Brooklyn Bridge.

I have lived in Idaho my entire life and have witnessed many of Idaho Powers requests and their effects. Idaho Power is a monopoly and does not make a request that is not in its self interest to increase its revenues whether by rate increases or by cost decreases. This has been very apparent since the 1970's when they cried on the commissions shoulder to raise rates due to the increased demand for electricity. Then a year or two later cried again for a rate increase due to consumer conservation. Idaho Power must make a profit to stay in business. It's the commissions' responsibility to control a monopoly in the public interest not rubber stamp its requests to increase profits. Decreasing incentives for investment in home renewable resource installations is not in the public interest only Idaho Powers interest to increased revenue.

There are large public benefits to onsite generation. As more residential costumers gain the ability to generate part or all of their electrical demands, the need for increasing capacity in existing and adjacent residential areas decrease, reducing Idaho Powers infrastructure expenses. In the case of solar generation, the largest output of the solar systems corresponds to the highest demand period for power (mid afternoon in the summer). Under most circumstances, any excess power generated is used by another in the immediate area. Idaho Power reaps the profits by charging for power it didn't have to generate or buy as well as not having to invest in replacing or enlarging any existing infrastructure for increasing demand.



Forcing small independently owned (under 100KW) net metered customers to replace existing inverters with smart inverters at their own expense is irresponsible. This is the equivalent of telling Idaho Power to replace all of their 5 year old transformers with brand new units the customer can control and absorb the entire expense while decreasing the rates they charge for power. For large (megawatt) commercial facilities, this may be reasonable since their sole purpose is to provide power for sale to the electric utilities. In the past, many years ago, Idaho Power complained about having to supply all of the irrigators with power. Now irrigators installing 100KW or less of generation facilities will have less power demand on sight. They also will be generating some excess power thus helping Idaho Power distribute energy over a larger area without enlarging the local infrastructure due to the nature of distributed generation; all while providing a higher percentage of renewable energy than would otherwise be available. Individually, these facilities constitute a mere pittance in capacity when compared to a normal commercial generating facility. Aggregated together, however, these facilities present a considerable amount of power generated without generating any known environmental issues. Any change in the present measurement interval and proposed compensation for net metering purposes should be at the individual suppliers request not Idaho Powers. Changing the metering interval negates net metering. This would give a very lopsided compensation advantage to Idaho Power which is undoubtedly Idaho Powers general concept.

The net excess compensation structure being proposed by Idaho Power will have a very detrimental effect on the continued increase in numbers of consumer/producers falling under the net metering rules due to removing any payback possibility on their investment. The number of these small producers needs to continue to increase unless the commissions' intent is to make large entities such as Idaho Power the sole supplier of electrical power available to all users, possibly increasing the reliance on high carbon output fuels which Idaho Power has a major stake in.

If the commission approves these requests, the effect after 9 years will be to force all customers on schedule 6 and 8 to sell power for 4.4 or 4.9 cents per KWh, then purchase power at whatever the going rate is at that time. The current schedule 6 and 8 rates range from 8.5 to 12.2 cents per KWh and will not be any cheaper in the future. This guarantees Idaho power a minimum of a 100% profit on electricity, in which they have no investment, and most likely many times this amount due to increasing rates. In simpler terms Idaho Power is saying in 9 years I'll borrow a bushel of apples to sell to Joe and give you a ½ bushel or less back after the sale. This makes a very one sided deal. Remember Idaho Power does not participate in the initial investment or maintenance expenses for these generating facilities. All expenses are borne by the owner not Idaho Power who reaps the profits.

The information presented by Idaho Power concerning its fixed cost study seems to conveniently forget a few important factors with time being a major player. Without residential customers there would never have been an Idaho Power Company. Residential customers may have a higher initial service cost due to smaller demand and a less dense service area than large industrial user. However, the service infrastructure for existing residential customers remains the same for very long periods of time. For example the north, south, and east ends of Boise have a basic infrastructure that is approaching 100 years of age and has had little if any updates unless new adjacent subdivisions have been added. These existing infrastructures have been paid for many times over. Large power users tend to change or move more frequently than residential customers causing

demand changes in given areas and forcing infrastructure updates more often. A residential owner or developer must bear the entire cost of getting power from a distribution point to their subdivision or home. However, Idaho Power bears much of this cost for large users as it enlarges feeder capacity. Another item being overlooked is that most of the power distribution systems were put in place to service residential, farm, and small businesses that fall under the normal user rate schedule, the large consumer businesses came later and attached to an existing system reducing their costs.

I am sure in the future Idaho Power will pat its self on the back and claim they are promoting green energy so they can sell or use any future carbon reduction incentives that have been solely produced and paid for by the residential and small renewable energy producers. Yet in reality Idaho Power is using the IPUC's rule making ability to make it financially unreasonable for anyone to invest in a residential or small renewable energy system. These changes requested by Idaho Power with relation to its residential and small renewable energy producers are unreasonable, discriminatory, preferential, and predatory.

Thank you for your time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernard Valentine", written over a horizontal line.

Bernard Valentine

P.O. Box 85

Star, ID 83669



## Diane Holt

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**From:** Mickwoody@frontiernet.net  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 11:02 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Mick Woodburn

Name: Mick Woodburn  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: Mickwoody@frontiernet.net  
Telephone:  
Address: 509 E Selway Dr.  
Homedale Idaho, 83628

Name of Utility Company: Homeowner

Comment: I am a home owner and have invested in a solar system for our home, I don't feel that it is right to let the PUC be able to change the program that both Idaho Power and the solar customers have agreed on, If moving forward they want to write an new agreement that works for new customers and Idaho power then let them try that, but changes to the existing customers agreement just don't seem fair. Thank you for your time.

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**From:** Lars.Sandven@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 11:05 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Lars Sandven

Name: Lars Sandven  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: Lars.Sandven@gmail.com  
Telephone: 12088706569  
Address: 1916 N 24th Street  
Boise Idaho, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Thanks for this opportunity to share my concerns regarding increasing energy cost.

We had 34 solar panels installed on our roof a couple of years ago. The stipulation/promise at that time was that the current cost regulation would stay in place perpetually ( if not specifically stated). That a price hike was hiding around the corner was not anticipated.

We have been very happy with our solar program. The cost was considerable, but we felt good that in a small way we helped reduce the proverbial carbon footprint. Besides, we live in a desert, thus providing us with an unusual amount of solar energy, trapped by our solar panels, which again charges our car.

Now Idaho Power is trying to change the rules, going back on what we thought was a deal benefiting all of us, actual partners or not.

We do appreciate there are tremendous costs building and maintaining the needed infrastructure, but nothing in that regard has changed pertaining to cost.

As Idaho Power plans for the future, and hopefully, more customer will choose going solar, it seems only fair that current customers are honored with the promise they signed up for. We think that is fair. I am confident power consumers will still sign up for solar, even if the utility finds no other way but to increase rates.

Thanks for listening.

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**From:** Robersleather@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 11:05 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Robert Davison

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Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
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Telephone: 2086083735  
Address: 1158 sweetwood circle  
Nampa Id, 83651

Name of Utility Company: Idaho power

Comment: I just purchased solar to reduce my bills if u give us a power hike just because you can mainly cause u can't manage your own budget then u will most likely make me and my family homeless but like most large monopolies all u care about is how to screw over the little people

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**From:** smatlock@micron.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 11:07 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Sarah Matlock

Name: Sarah Matlock  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: smatlock@micron.com  
Telephone:  
Address: 5175 S. Farmhouse Pl  
Boise ID, 83716

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I would like to express concern on the recently proposed changes to solar net metering. As an early adopter of solar power aimed at helping our area move to alternative clean energy, I will be penalized instead of incentivized. Changing the rules after an investment is made is unethical and against what I believe Idaho Power stands for.

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**From:** wrbynum@nnu.edu  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 11:09 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Wm Randolph Bynum

Name: Wm Randolph Bynum  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: wrbynum@nnu.edu  
Telephone: 2088999926  
Address: 431 Arrowhead Dr.  
Nampa Idaho, 83686

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: Dear IPUC Personnel,

I urge you to allow customers with on-site solar generation to continue under the original agreement established with Idaho Power that includes monthly net metering. This is a fair practice agreed upon by both parties that encourages solar "green power" production and adequately compensates those of us who have invested tens of thousands of dollars in our solar generation modules.

Idaho Power's new proposal would discourage investment in solar power and penalize those who have invested and agreed with Idaho Power in good faith. The new proposal would only benefit Idaho Power's profits.

The Commission should uphold the original program that was agreed upon by Idaho Power and solar customers. Idaho Power should not be allowed to make more profits by unfairly treating solar customers. We should not have the rules changed on us after we have already made our investment and otherwise relied on Idaho Power's imposed requirements and standards.

I am opposed to changing the measurement from monthly net metering to hourly metering. This again would benefit only Idaho Power and penalize solar power customers.

Idaho Power consistently solicits donations for "green power." They should recognize the investment that their most environmentally conscientious customers have made.

Idaho families and businesses should not be penalized for investing their own money into a program that was created to incentivize purchasing renewable generation. Approving a net metering policy that encouraged investment for long term savings, only to have it invalidated in this manner, is unethical. Idaho Power should honor the service agreement that they set out initially. The Idaho Power plan decreases access, availability, and affordability of residential solar.

Thank you for your work and for your consideration of our viewpoints!

WRBynum

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**From:** swisskris@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 11:16 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
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Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
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Telephone: 2083406803  
Address: 8806 W. Steve Ct  
Boise ID, 83714

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I purchased solar panels for my home a little over a year ago. I'm disappointed to hear that there could be some big changes to the program. I would encourage you to be fair and uphold your word. Don't discriminate against people who have invested in this program. I invested a lot of money to find out that I would have to buy more panels or go back to having a hefty power bill. I did this the knowing it would help in the long run and I'm disappointed to hear that it may change. Consider allowing existing solar customers to stay on the existing net metering program and applying the new program only to new customers. This would be a commonsense compromise that allows all parties to keep agreements made in good faith. Do the right thing. Honor the agreement that was originally set out and that I understood when I decided to invest in solar panels.

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**From:** skibikegarden2@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 11:20 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: MaryCarol Nelson

Name: MaryCarol Nelson  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: skibikegarden2@gmail.com  
Telephone: 509 860 8735  
Address: 1541 Baldy View Drive,, Hailey, Idaho 83333  
Hailey Idaho, 83333

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment:

I recently moved to Hailey from Washington State. Attending a meeting of the Hailey Climate Action Coalition, I learned about an urgent concern of the group for the many solar customers that have panels on their homes. Their cAltra Afw1757f Women's Timp Trail Running Shoe concern is about the new program that you are going to make a decision on in the next day or two.

It is obvious that I do not know enough about how Idaho Power functions , and the cost in providing power to customers. Also, what percent the excess solar kWh produced by the net metering customers is of all the kWh that Idaho Power sells in a year?

What I would like to say here, however, is to emphasize the importance of your decision! I would hope you do not base your decision on profit alone: that you realize that by your actions, you hold the future of this valley, state, nation and the world in your ability to make clean energy a major priority in the shortest time possible.

Sincerely, MaryCarol Nelson

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**From:** sharon\_parkes@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 11:25 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Sharon Payne

Name: Sharon Payne  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: sharon\_parkes@hotmail.com  
Telephone:  
Address:  
Meridian ID, 83642

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am writing about the proposed changes for solar customers. My husband and I crunched the numbers and saved up for years to afford to put solar panels on our home. Now, those numbers and our investment are in danger. We entered into this program in good faith. It is unfair and seems unreasonable to me that the rules can simply be changed and we can be out money we cannot afford. The existing utility rates need to be maintained. Our understanding when entering into this investment in our community was that discriminatory rates would not be the outcome. And, yet, here we are arguing for this unethical proposal to change the agreement.

Please do the right thing for solar customers in our community. Thank you for your time. - Sharon Payne

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**From:** dorian.hitchcock@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 11:28 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Dorian Hitchcock

Name: Dorian Hitchcock  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: dorian.hitchcock@gmail.com  
Telephone:  
Address:  
Pocatello ID, 83204

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I think Idaho Power's proposed rate changes go contrary to their stated goal reach %100 renewable energy by 2045. It puts an unfair burden on home owners who have made a significant investment in a sustainable future through their installation of solar panels. Please make the power they generate for us all of equal value to any other power on the grid.

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**From:** jgroebne@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 11:34 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Jane Groebner

Name: Jane Groebner  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: jgroebne@hotmail.com  
Telephone: 208-322-1045  
Address: 6803 Pomona Rd  
Boise ID, 83704

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I tried calling that conference line this morning and I want to tell you I think this is a terrible way to get customer comments. Some of the people are very long-winded and after waiting thru a number of calls I gave up.

I have previously commented here on the changes in crediting solar customers so I just wanted to gripe about your conference call set-up

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**From:** tomsouthorn@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 11:49 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Thomas Southorn

Name: Thomas Southorn  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: tomsouthorn@gmail.com  
Telephone: 360-606-8943  
Address: 2703 S Falling Brook Way  
Boise ID, 83706

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment:  
Dear Colleague,

My wife and I are residents and voters living in SE Boise, Idaho. We recently (August 2019) installed solar panels on our home. We did so for several reasons some of which include economics and climate change. We have two boys, Max and Dylan, who are 10 and 12 years old. It is our desire to leave them and their progeny the same clean and livable environment we currently enjoy. Not to invest in our and their future would be irresponsible. After proving that the economics proved out and that our solar panels would pay for themselves after about a decade, we made the capital investment and installed the panels on our roof.

Part of the permitting process prior to installation was Idaho Power evaluating that our home would not place an undue burden on the grid and was an appropriate candidate for solar. Idaho Power did this evaluation and gave us the "go ahead". Only after the panels and our net meter were installed did Idaho Power send us a notification that they hope to change the value of power exchanged through net metering. We feel this is double dealing. We did our due diligence when we evaluated the economics of solar, and now Idaho Power is proposing to change the rules mid-game. This is unfair.

As voters we also evaluate our representatives and their administrations. We will be watching closely to see how those who have invested in solar power are treated. We urge you to prevent Idaho Power from changing the rates that current net metering customers pay.

Yours,

Tom and Rachel Southorn

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**From:** raaacossairt@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 12:04 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: ROY COSSAIRT

Name: ROY COSSAIRT  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: raaacossairt@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2088615329  
Address: 9921 W. EDNA ST., five mile  
BOISE ID, 83704

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: We installed 31 Solar Panels on our house in August of 2017. The decision was not taken lightly and a HUGE part of the decision to move forward was net metering. We were shown documentation that having the installation completed in 2017 would allow us to be GRANDFATHERED should the net metering program be altered.

As the process was being evaluated for changes I tried numerous times to become involved without success. As the recommended changes are now coming out I see the value of the residential solar net metering clients are being valued at nearly zero value.

I recognize swapping a net credit 1:1 isn't ideal for Idaho Power but offsetting residential customers as if they are large power producers is an extreme swing. The power produced during peak summer is credited at the same rate as the first/lowest rate watt. If this were accounted for in the proposal it would go along way toward showing appreciation of the value of the energy being returned and immediately used on the grid.

Consider the value of the power being produced during peak summer demand is readily available and ample. The equipment costs have been paid by each residential producer and the excess power is readily available in the area and at a nominal cost to Idaho Power--essentially the cost of a net meter plus wiring back to the grid.

So we spent \$25,000+ for 31 panels, Idaho Power puts a couple hundred dollars into a NET meter on our house plus wiring, and we generate about 80% of the electricity we use over the course of the year.

I believe Idaho Power is acting in bad faith by seeking these changes and once again it appears Idaho Power is seeking to own the means for energy production instead of working cooperatively with generous forward thinking customers to use logical rooftops instead of creating large solar farms damaging thousands of acres of land further away from the end users.

This proposal defies common sense for most parties involved while spitting in the face of those of us trying to be good stewards and contribute to the energy needs of the public at large as well as for our family.

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**From:** adrianpaz56@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 12:24 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: adrian paz

Name: adrian paz  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: adrianpaz56@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2082502057  
Address: p.o. Box 32, 694 view dr  
Notus Idaho, 83656

Name of Utility Company: idaho power

Comment: I Adrian Paz Don't agree with Idaho Power making changes with are solar net meter.It should stay the same as it was when it was offer to us when we made our purchase on solar system please don't let them make those changes . thank Adrian

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**From:** jrisser@maf.org  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 12:26 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Jason Risser

Name: Jason Risser  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: jrisser@maf.org  
Telephone: 2086974172  
Address:  
NAMPA ID, 83686

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: After careful deliberation I decided to go residential solar in March 2019. I made that decision in large part due to the net metering program that was in place at the time. I took the risk and made the significant investment to install the system and recover my investment over time. I feel now that Idaho Power is trying a "bait and switch" move on me. To fix the value of a kw now (Idaho Power proposal) for power generated 6-8 years in the future is unreasonable and dishonest. I believe that Idaho power is actually struggling to keep up with current power demands as it is and my system actually helps to relieve this in a small way. (I am a net producer not consumer of power) That being the case why should I be penalized for helping to solve a big problem? No, Idaho power should be good to their word and not try to punish solar power generators like me.

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**From:** mlwolfenden@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 12:32 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Mark Wolfenden

Name: Mark Wolfenden  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: mlwolfenden@gmail.com  
Telephone:  
Address:  
McCall ID, 83638

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am writing regarding Idaho Power's application to change the net metering program. What an anti-American disgrace! I am vehemently opposed to this for the following reasons:

1. There are only around 4000 Idaho Power customers with solar energy systems. This is a fraction of a percent of their customers. This program makes NO difference to Idaho Powers bottom line. However, it does make a big difference to the Idaho Power customers and families who willingly invested to support clean energy in Idaho.
2. Idaho Power's customers who have invested large sums of money to support Idaho Power's grid and help the state of Idaho with energy independence are to be told their investment is worth 50% less. This is robbery by Idaho Power! If Idaho Power wants to give their solar power producing customers 50% less credit, then they should pay for 50% of the existing customers installation costs. Theses customers installed their solar systems with no clear suggestion of Idaho Power pulling the rug out from them (that note about rates may change is not clear!!!). They should NOT have their investments cut in half by Idaho Power. At the very least these customers should be grandfathered in and receive full credit under the existing deal, for the power they produce.
3. If this program is approved, it will further Idaho Power as an energy monopoly in most of Idaho. Monopolies are bad for capitalism, bad for the free market, bad for Idaho and BAD for America.
4. The renewable energy sector in Idaho is good business for Idaho. It creates numerous well-paying jobs that have a long-term future. Even if Idaho Power is unwilling to be dragged into the 21st century, renewable energies, such as solar, are here to stay and are the future of our energy independence. This program would kneecap this industry, killing a growing tech jobs sector in Idaho, and through government approval. VERY un-American!
5. Idaho Power proposed a study of the costs/benefits of residential solar, they have NOT done this. This agreement is not the study they proposed. They should be held to their own standards and promises.
6. The hourly net metering is a bust. It is simply a route for Idaho Power to manipulate the credit small energy producers receive, to Idaho Power's benefit, basically allowing them to price gouge. Oft an illegal practice.

The future is here, it is in energy independence and a free market approach. Idaho Power is working to prevent this and stopping good jobs from coming to Idaho to line their own pockets. At the very least, as has been done in numerous other states, existing customers should be grandfather in to receive the benefit of their investment. However, this whole program stinks of an attempt by Idaho Power to create a monopoly. For all Idahoans, it should be stopped NOW.

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**From:** jfsmith@boisestate.edu  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 12:38 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: James Smith

Name: James Smith  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: jfsmith@boisestate.edu  
Telephone: 208-631-1149  
Address: 1612 N. 9th St.  
Boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I oppose any changes made to net metering charges. As an owner of solar panels, I have made a commitment to reducing my power needs from the grid and to have a positive impact on carbon emissions and climate change. We sell our excess electricity back to Idaho Power at the same rate we purchase it from them.

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. Allowing existing solar customers to stay on the existing net metering program and applying the new program only to new customers is a commonsense compromise that allows all parties to keep agreements made in good faith.

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**From:** rvestal@mindspring.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 12:52 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Robert Vestal

Name: Robert Vestal  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: rvestal@mindspring.com  
Telephone:  
Address: 2021 N Stoneview Pl  
Boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: December 2, 2019

Dear Members of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission:

My wife and I have been using a 24-panel rooftop solar system since February 2017. We made this large investment for two main reasons: (1) To offset the cost of our electrical energy needs, and (2) to do our part to address the dramatic global threat of climate change due substantially to excessive production of greenhouse gases by burning of fossil fuels. Please consider the following issues as you review the settlement on proposed rate changes for solar customers of Idaho Power:

(1) Monthly net metering for existing systems should be continued. The proposed change violates the principle of fairness. Our decision to make the large investment in rooftop solar was based on the monthly net metering program that tracks production and usage on a monthly basis. The system was designed based on this policy. There were no other metering models at that time. Hourly metering would have completely altered the design of our system and our investment.

We believe that obligatory grandfathering of existing net metering customers, such as we are, should be required by the Idaho PUC. Furthermore, to protect existing investments in solar, systems should be grandfathered with the meter number attached to the residence and not only the customer account number. Our investment decision included a calculated increase in value as a major factor.

(2) The study ordered by the PUC (Order No. 34046 Case No. IPC-E-17-13) should be completed before any settlement proposals or net metering changes take effect. The proposed settlement took place behind closed doors and was made without input from residential net metering customers. Why was this study not completed by Idaho Power and fully evaluated by the public, all existing and potential future customers and the Idaho PUC before this settlement by a small group of interested parties? Our understanding is that no careful cost/benefit analysis was used to develop the settlement or any other potential net metering changes. Any changes in the existing net metering program should be based on solid data that justify any changes in rate structure for existing or future solar customers.

(3) Finally, Idaho Power needs to act in a manner consistent with its own policy. Idaho Power states on their website that the company is committed to 100% clean energy by 2045. The proposed hourly net metering rate structure is a disincentive to potential new investment in rooftop solar. This does not advance Idaho Power's own stated clean energy policy.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Vestal, M.D.

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**From:** shive65@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 1:19 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Aaron Shively

Name: Aaron Shively  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: shive65@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2088050817  
Address: 9229 W Shelterwood Drive  
Boise Idaho, 83709

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Hello, I would like to voice my opinion in saying to please reject Idaho Power's dismantling of net-metering. As a fellow solar customer, I think it is only fair to allow existing solar customers to stay on the existing net metering program and applying the new program only to new customers. I believe this is a good compromise that allows all parties to keep agreements made in good faith.

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**From:** hitcevel@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 1:43 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Evelyn Hitchcock

Name: Evelyn Hitchcock  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: hitcevel@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2082407061  
Address: 1492 Los Altos Way  
Pocatello Idaho, 83201

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am a single 73 year old woman on a fixed low income. I invested a large portion of my savings to install a solar system which I thought would eventually practically eliminate my electric bill. In addition to the actual cost of the solar system I have had to shoulder the financing cost and insurance and liability for maintenance. I was promised a federal tax credit and maybe a state deduction and told I would continue to pay around \$5 service charge to Idaho Power and use their net meter to track how much excess electricity my system generates, and measure my usage when my system is not generating more than my usage.

Now Idaho power is planning to change the rules in their favor, eventually only crediting me half as much for my excess generated electricity as it will charge for my electric consumption. Their letter said this change "will help keep prices fair and affordable for all customers". They seem to be claiming that the other rate payers are in effect shouldering my share of the cost of maintaining the electric grid and it is not fair that I don't still have to pay for it. When I called the Idaho Power Customer Generation team, for an explanation, a representative named Suzanne explained that less than 25% of the kWh charge for electricity was actually for energy. The majority was for many other unspecified things including the maintenance of the infrastructure, customer support (like her salary), etc. If I have to pay for the cost of supplying and maintaining the infrastructure of the Idaho Power generating system then it is only fair that IP should pay me the same retail rate for my generated electricity to cover my rooftop infrastructure expenses.

I do feel that Idaho Power should be required to honor the agreement that was made to the existing customers with onsite generation. Furthermore I feel very strongly that it is in the public interest to continue with the current net zero reimbursement system in order to make it possible for more individuals to take the risk I did to invest in clean power. It will help bring Idaho Power closer to their stated goal of 100% clean energy by 2045. Global warming is reaching a crisis state and rooftop solar provides one way individuals can help.

The Pocatello community recently exceeded everyone's expectations for the number of people participating in the Solarize Pocatello campaign. I can see the rooftop panels on many small houses around town. It seems that the participants were mostly small users like myself for whom the decision probably involved a huge investment. The proposed rate change will stifle the success of future, similar campaigns. Please prevent Idaho Power from implementing this unfair treatment of small customers with onsite generation.

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**From:** sarahkmello@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 1:48 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Sarah Mello

Name: Sarah Mello  
Case Number: IPCE-18-15  
Email: sarahkmello@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2089916970  
Address: 2806 N. 30th St  
Boise ID, 83703

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Please continue to incentivize residential solar power generation by retaining the current net metering regulations. Decentralized power generation improves local, regional, and national energy security. A secure power grid is essential to a healthy Idaho economy. Financial incentives for Idaho residents can help to achieve these goals.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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**From:** smanion@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 2:00 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: SEAN MANION

Name: SEAN MANION  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: smanion@gmail.com  
Telephone:  
Address:  
BOISE ID, 83709

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Idaho Power should not be able to change the rates that were agreed upon during my investment into solar. If they change the rates as they propose, they are essentially de-valuing my significant investment. This is ethically wrong and discriminatory.

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**From:** willibp6@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 2:10 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Brian Williams

Name: Brian Williams  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: willibp6@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2088304129  
Address: 6651 Kuna Rd.  
Nampa Idaho, 83686

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I want to have my voice heard about Idaho Powers desire to penalize current solar customers who invested in green energy with the expectations of the current net metering agreement.

I find it ironic that a company that claims to be going green would unfairly make a profit on the backs of those who really help their system. They "Claim" that it is creating more costs for them but that is without any biased science or unbiased 3rd party looking at what it truly costs them or more likely benefits them.

Current solar customers should be grandfathered in with the original agreement that we agreed to or I would have never made this investment in green energy. I invested in clean energy to try to help our state and Idaho power live up to their claim of a clean company and now they want to change the rules of the game and unfairly charge me half of what they will pay me for the energy I produce.

As in many other states at least they should be required to leave those who are already on the program at the current rates and not unfairly and unethically change the rates after the investment is made. Most states who have had utilities request the same have grandfathered in those who already made the investment. It seems odd that Federal and Idaho governments would give tax incentives to get people to go solar then turn around and let the utility punish them for doing it.

I invested in Solar with the hope that after 15 years I could pay them off and hope to be able to mitigate the costs of home ownership in my retirement years. With this change it destroys my ability to do so and makes the investment a loss. I know that we are helping Idaho power with putting power on the grid without having to have all the transmission lines to get it there. I don't see where I should be penalized for helping them balance their system with out major transmission costs. It seems to me Idaho would want our population to be able to mitigate their costs later in life so we are able to afford to stay here after our income making days are over.

Thank you and please take these comments to make a good decision for Idaho and Idaho residents, not for Idaho power to make a profit on our backs.

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**From:** info@edelam.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 2:12 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Ed Elam

Name: Ed Elam  
Case Number:  
Email: info@edelam.com  
Telephone:  
Address:  
Boise ID, 83713

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am opposed to the changes in rates for the Net Metering that is currently proposed. We added Solar to our home to be fiscally and environmentally responsible and take exception to any rate changes presented by Idaho Power. As a solar energy contributor why should we be penalized financially for providing clean energy to a provider that is still producing power non-Eco-friendly sources. Idaho Power needs to honor their commitment in regards to rates and continue to make improvements to provide clean energy solutions. All of us need to work together to protect our environment.

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**From:** LIE1997@MSN.COM  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 2:12 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: LISA SANTOS

Name: LISA SANTOS  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
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Telephone: 208-921-8279  
Address: 2492 E HEATHFIELD CT  
EAGLE ID, 83616

Name of Utility Company: IDAHO POWER

Comment: When I retired, I made the decision to trade fossil fuels for photovoltaic electricity generation based on Idaho Power's solar panel program on their website. They inspired this decision and showed me that the solar program had a payoff projection of 16 years, (according to IDP website page titled "Curious to know what an investment in solar looks like? based on the IDP residential Schedule 01 as of 11/1/2018.) The new settlement does not support this payoff, but rather causes it to take longer to payoff than the actual lifespan of the solar panels! Which translates to there will never be a payoff date because the solar panels lifespan is 25 years!

Higher energy living costs, were both expected and anticipated, for my retirement years. Again, this was why I felt that I needed to tailor a budget to meet basic living expenses, such as household energy costs and transportation needs by driving an electric vehicle. However, with the proposed agreement, the solar company would have had to come up with an entirely different cost and design for my solar panel rooftop layout, in order for the system to be cost effective!

If the program switches to hourly assessment vs. monthly, my financial outlook changes dramatically. If I had known IDP would not honor their stated program I would not have invested my retirement money into solar energy. I live on a fixed income and I planned accordingly. My goal was to stabilize my energy costs. Idaho retired teachers, still do their homework, and research the consequences of financial choices. This leaves me with many questions. I do not know how IDP got a free pass and did not conduct the proposed study prior to reaching this settlement? Why does my electricity production to meet my own residential needs mean IDP gains and devalues my credits? I am worried that if Idaho lets go of the incentives for solar power, that solar companies will leave the state. How do I have maintenance done without qualified solar installers readily available? This proposed agreement threatens my retirement investment in rooftop solar panels!

If I am not securely grandfathered into the original program as an existing customer, my retirement investment will be greatly diminished. I feel this is not fair treatment for those people who willingly jumped on board with IDP's "100% clean energy by 2045". If I had known that you would renege on this solar energy program, I would have not invested \$28,000 into solar panels. I trusted full retail net metering (kilowatt to kilowatt exchange rate) would stay, and realized that energy costs could change, but certainly not the whole basis of the solar program!

Now I am left disillusioned and feeling very misled. When I retired, I chose to put 27 panels on my rooftop and buy a used Nissan Leaf electric vehicle. IDP inspired me with their fleet of electric vehicles at all the Electric Vehicle shows downtown. I was proud of the choices I made, and so thankful to have IDP onboard for helping to fight climate change.

Please let my dream see fruition and continue to be in alignment with where IDP is taking us!

According to my SolarEdge app, I have saved 13,042.82 lb in CO2 and planted the equivalency of 328.51 trees. This both benefits our planet and promotes more sustainable living!

Thank you for this opportunity to share how this decision has effected my world!

## Diane Holt

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**From:** rrwallis@multicareinc.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 2:19 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Robin Wallis

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Telephone: 2088707449  
Address: 4000 Nth Muldoon Pl.  
Boise Idaho, 83713

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Dear Commissioner, My decision to install a solar system was a significant financial decision, given that I am 72 yrs old, about to retire and probably will downsize my housing over the next 10+ years depending on my health. I made the decision to install the system believing that the existing rules would prevail and that my investment was secure and everyone benefited by this investment, including Idaho Power and future generations of Idahoans. I wanted to eliminate many financial variables with an investment that was secure, had a reasonable payback, would add to the value of my house and was environmentally friendly. Not to mention that the federal government was encouraging the decision with federal tax credits. I analyzed the investment based on an ROI of approx. 16 yrs, but based on the proposed net hourly metering the payback moves out to more than 32 yrs. The proposal to limit the net metering benefit to existing home owners eliminates any possible return I might receive when I sell my home. None of these actions and resulting impact seem like decisions that are consistent with the responsibility of the IPUC. It appears that the proposed program favors the traditional business model of big business; to exploit the individual for their own financial gain. My investment has provided Id. Power the ability to generate 100% ROI on all the excess power I generate without any invested capital of their own to develop new capacity or utilize expensive, alternative energy systems. It also reduces their need to build new facilities to support Idaho's continued growth. Idaho Power receives free energy from the roof to customers and sells it to their neighbors at the existing rates. What a heck of a great deal!! What other businesses have people offering to pay for their capital expenditures? The suggestion that I make the investment to generate power and that Idaho Power takes it and sell it to my neighbor at the current rate during the day and credits me at a discounted rate and then sell it back to me at night at the existing (higher) rate seems unfair to say the least. Makes me wonder what people are thinking or who they work for. Clearly this proposal clearly favors Id. Power. Rules should not be changed after the fact, especially ones that have such significant financial impact on the public. I find it hard to believe that you could support this proposal without consulting the constituents who actually invested in on-site generation. I would think that it is in the benefit of all Idahoans that the existing rules remain in place or at minimum all existing rules covering net monthly metering are grandfathered to the existing house and limited to the existing home owner. A win, win for Idaho would be for the IPUC to pass rulings that encouraged rooftop solar installations preserving our great lifestyle, environment and democracy. Thank you for your consideration, Robin R. Wallis

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**From:** BebianaEvans@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 2:23 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Bebiana Evans

Name: Bebiana Evans  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: BebianaEvans@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2089010000  
Address: 908 16th Ave. S.  
Nampa ID, 83651

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: My solar doesn't cover my power bill now, and with the loan for solar I am paying more now than ever. Once the loan is paid in 20/30years it is to help compensate my investment and provide a greener environment. If what we put in is taken then people may not make the changes needed. Please do studies that will provide better understanding of what is needed, and if your proposed changes will effect us negatively, financially or otherwise, then you need to some how compensate for our investment. I have agreed to how it is now and if that changes, how am I to address what has already been done? I can't return my solar system and can hardly afford it as of now. Contracts and working relationships should be kept in good faith.

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**From:** dandbludwig@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 2:30 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Doin Ludwig

Name: Doin Ludwig  
Case Number: Case Number IPC-E-18-15  
Email: dandbludwig@gmail.com  
Telephone: 208-830-9089  
Address: 1821 Tracy Ct  
Meridian Id, 83646

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power!

Comment: I had Solar Panels installed on my home and on my son's home at 1585 Biddick ct Meridian. Mine was installed three years ago and the property at Biddick Ct almost 2 years ago. I feel with the agreement of Idaho Power to convert to Net Metering that his agreement should be honored and not changed. Idaho Power says they have a goal to go green and people installing solar is helping them reach that goal. We should not be penalized for improving the environment and saving the environment. Idaho Power needs to do more to encourage others to do the same instead of charging more money. Thanks for your consideration of a concerned Id Resident.

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**From:** joe@deganocoaching.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 4:03 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Joe DeGano

Name: Joe DeGano  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: joe@deganocoaching.com  
Telephone: 2088419655  
Address: 1813 North Eagle Creek Way, Eagle, ID, USA  
Eagle ID, 83616

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Idaho families and businesses should not be penalized for investing their own money into a program that was created to incentivize purchasing renewable generation. Approving a net metering policy that encouraged investment for long term savings, only to have it invalidated in this manner, is unethical and cost many homeowners a poor return on investment.

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**From:** sharidorsey1@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 4:06 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Shari Dorsey

Name: Shari Dorsey  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: sharidorsey1@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2088692447  
Address: 1190 E Carter St  
Boise ID, 83706

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Idaho Public Utilities Commission, We are voicing our objection to Idaho Power's proposal to change the net metering system for existing solar customers. We, and many others, made the decision to invest in a solar system based on the current net metering system through Idaho Power and it would not be fair or reasonable for this to be changed for existing solar customers. It is common for businesses to change the plans they offer to new customers while leaving their existing customer's plans the same. This is a customary and reasonable business practice. We've lived in Idaho for over 40 years and one thing we value is the ability to trust our government and utilities companies. We are very disappointed that Idaho Power would even consider going back on their word by proposing to change our net metering agreement. We trust that the PUC will reject Idaho Power's proposal, require them to do what is reasonable and moral for their customers, and keep your promise that there will not be any discriminatory changes to our power rates.

Sincerely,  
William and Shari Dorsey

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**From:** 62woody@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 4:06 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Todd Woodell

Name: Todd Woodell  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: 62woody@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2087612818  
Address: 428 W. Maple Ave  
Meridian ID, 83642

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I paid over \$20K for my solar system this summer in order to lower my utility bills and increase the value of my home. Idaho Power is now trying to change the rules and would effectively make my solar system worthless if their "Compromise" is approved. I disagree with this plan wholeheartedly and hope that the IPUC will side with the small percentage of Idaho power customers that have laid out a substantial investment and currently have solar panels on their home.

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**From:** suzannig@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 4:09 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Suzanne Gebhards

Name: Suzanne Gebhards  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: suzannig@gmail.com  
Telephone:  
Address: 1444 Dragonfly Loop #4391  
McCall ID, 83638

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: As a homeowner with a small roof top solar system, I am appalled that the IPUC and Idaho Power are considering changing the rules regarding Net Metering for solar. My investment in solar provides clean renewable energy and costs Idaho Power nothing. Now the IPUC and Idaho Power want to pay me half the value of any excess power I produce and contribute to the electric grid. This is ridiculous! Why should Idaho Power be allowed to profit from my investment? I don't have to pay more at the gas station for driving a fuel efficient car, so why should I be given less for something that Idaho Power doesn't pay to receive? It's time for the IPUC to stand up for the consumer and small power producers in Idaho.

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December 1, 2019

To: Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
From Edward Robertson  
Re: IPC-E-18-15 (Net Metering)

Hello Commissioners,

Last year my wife and I installed 24 PV panels on our roof and this year we added an additional 3 panels. We added the additional panels because we purchased a used Electric Smart car this Spring and thought that we would need the additional production to charge the car each day.

Our total investment was \$24,510 for the panels. We made this investment for several reasons:

1. We believe that with the increased population growth in Idaho Powers service area that in the future rates will have to increase.
2. We also believe that there will be more low water years in the future due to climate change and that again Idaho Power will need to raise their rates.
3. Use of electric cars for local trips can help to offset the declining air quality that we are experiencing in the valley due to population growth.
4. We have a new south/south west facing roof and have the ability to maximize the benefit of good exposure for maximum power production.
5. We believe that adding the PV panels will enhance the resale value of our home when the time comes for us to relocate.
6. Even with overall low Idaho Power rates, adding these panels just seems "like the right thing to do."

We made this investment with the expectation that the direct metering credit of approximately 8 cents per kWh would be the amount that we would be credited with in the future and perhaps even a higher rate should Idaho Power need to raise their rates. To see the settlement agreement anticipate a new estimated rate in 2028 of 4.4 cents per kWh would be unfair to customers who have made this investment.

As for a change to net metering from calculation on a monthly basis to one on an hourly basis, would this mean that in the future we may be credited at the rate of 4.4 cents per Kwh for the production of our power during the day and then be charged the going rate that non power producing customers would be charged for our use of electricity at night when our system is shut down?

As I mentioned earlier, we made this investment as we believe that everything else being equal, the addition of a PV system should increase the value of our home. For this to be a reality, a future owner of this property should expect to have the same benefit cost wise for the system that we have today.

Can I assume that the fine points of the proposed settlement were based on the results of a comprehensive study of the cost and benefits of residual on site power generation on Idaho Power's system? Assuming this study has been completed, are the results available to the public? If the study has not been completed, then the proposed rate changes in the settlement would seem to be arbitrary.

In addition to the IPUC considering rate changes for the Idaho Power service area, I think that the Commission should also be encouraging the increased use of PV systems as a mechanism to reduce the use of natural gas and coal as we think about climate change. Climate change is not an issue sometime in the future. It is impacting our valley right now. By encouraging home PV systems you will also be supporting electric cars for short trips throughout the valley. Air quality is an issue that your ruling can impact.

Not knowing or understanding all the factors that you will be considering, I would hope that you will "Grandfather" in those of us who have made a significant investment and allow us to continue with the plan that we currently have.

Thank you.

Edward Robertson

4201 West Quail Ridge Drive, Boise 83703, 208 343 4427

## Diane Holt

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**From:** thadf@cox.net  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 5:02 AM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Thad Farnham

Name: Thad Farnham  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: thadf@cox.net  
Telephone: 2087201104  
Address: PO Box 3535  
Ketchum Idaho, 83340

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: Sirs,

I am writing you concerning the proposed change in net metering that would result in being credited back for power returned to the grid at less than the current rate. I installed a 10K solar system on my roof as part of the construction of my home last year. My aim was to reach net zero by using advanced construction methods such as super insulation, ultra tight construction and triple pane windows. I also made the choice to go all electric including a heat pump heating system, a heat pump water heater, condensing dryer, and induction cooktop. Part of the justification for the substantial investment was the ability to send excess power back to the grid when I didn't need it at the same rate I was paying for power when I did need it.

I feel it would be a breach of faith to change the rules for those of us that made financial decisions based on Idaho Power's existing policies. My rooftop solar alone cost over \$30,000. and my commitment to leading edge electric heating also added cost.

I would like to see the rate at which I and others that already have installed rooftop solar systems, be exempt from the changes proposed by Idaho Power.

As a construction professional I stand by my commitments every day and I feel it is only fair that Idaho Power do the same.

Thank you, Thad Farnham

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**From:** meganjones60@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 2:54 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Megan Jones

Name: Megan Jones  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15,  
Email: meganjones60@hotmail.com  
Telephone: 2083421684  
Address: 2303 N 22ND ST  
Boise Idaho, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Please, please, please do not give into the demands of Idaho Power to move to their proposed changes in the use of solar power. I just installed my solar power system; it took me 30 years to save up for it. I am not a rich person but am proud that I have been able to invest in a lifestyle that aligns with my values. I made the investment because in Idaho we have the opportunity to contribute to maintaining a healthy environment for all. My solar power system is a gift to my community and to our Earth. Under current regulations, I will make back my investment in 20 years under the proposed changes, I will not live to see any return on my system.

In addition, I ask the commission to look seriously at the supporting documentation delivered by Idaho Power supporting the changes. I have not seen any cost-benefit analysis information. Nor have I seen any information on how the changes will affect jobs in the Boise area.

I hope the PUC will support the "little guy" supporting their community. I wish Idaho Power would adopt the same approach.

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**From:** publicbrm@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 2:55 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Brian Mattingly

Name: Brian Mattingly  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: publicbrm@gmail.com  
Telephone:  
Address:  
Boise ID, 83703

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I urge the Idaho PUC to reject Idaho Power's regressive Net Metering proposal. It is critical that the Idaho PUC foster and incentivize MORE residential rooftop solar in an effort to safeguard and strengthen our power grid. It is shortsighted and dangerous to put all our power eggs in one basket, as we have now. Power production should be decentralized and spread among many sources to help guard against adversarial cyber threats (EX: Russia, China). Rooftop solar helps do this. The PUC should make policy that helps the PUBLIC as much as the utilities. Public production of energy is now a viable option. Don't kill it before it has a chance to thrive.

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**From:** 13579kmott@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 2:57 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Kim Mott

Name: Kim Mott  
Case Number:  
Email: 13579kmott@gmail.com  
Telephone:  
Address: 1004 N. 31st Street  
Boise Idaho, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Public Utilities Commission - I want a fair rate for solar owners in Idaho. I just installed solar on my home this fall of 2019 and had calculations done based on current rate for economic viability. Please don't make my positive decision to have a bad return as a result of your rate change.

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**From:** muppy208@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 2:59 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Molly Trautman

Name: Molly Trautman  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: muppy208@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2085709382  
Address: 1838 S Broadmoor Dr  
Boise ID, 83705

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: We should not be cutting credits for solar power producing homes. People going green deserve to earn the real cost or credit of power they produce and send back to the grid. If they do not its the same as stealing in my opinion. We should be rewarding green energy not hindering it. If we look at what doing the right thing really looks like I think we all know that this is the wrong thing.

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**From:** erohlman@citlink.net  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 3:02 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Erin Rohlman

Name: Erin Rohlman  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: erohlman@citlink.net  
Telephone: 208-347-3151  
Address: 3350 Big Creek Rd.  
New Meadows Idaho, 83654

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Idaho Power must continue to encourage customer investment in solar energy by maintaining the rate it pays for net-metering. The proposal to change compensation rules in order to decrease the price Idaho Power pays to rooftop solar owners is unfair and a detriment to climate stability. We need more solar development, and we need to decrease or eliminate dependence on hydroelectric dams and coal. As occupants of this planet, it is our responsibility to protect our dwindling natural resources and move towards zero impact!

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**From:** llewelr@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 3:02 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Richard Llewellyn

Name: Richard Llewellyn  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: llewelr@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2084197527  
Address: 9170 W HILL RD  
BOISE ID, 83714

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Please retain the current net metering rate structure for those Idaho Power customers that generate power and send it back to the grid. Solar power in particular has great promise for Idaho with our largely sunny weather. Distributed solar -- that energy capture that is based on individual initiative with the investment of solar panels on roofs, porches, garages, and other creative means of capturing sunlight, has tremendous potential to provide a significant part of Idaho's future energy needs. As battery technology continues to improve, it will be more feasible for both utilities such as Idaho Power, and individual consumers and producers, to store the energy for high peak demand and when the sun isn't shining. Let's continue to support investment in in our future by maintaining our established rate structure.

Thank you,  
Richard Llewellyn  
PhD Biochemistry

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**From:** jan@brinkerhoff.net  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 3:04 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Jan Brinkerhoff

Name: Jan Brinkerhoff  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: jan@brinkerhoff.net  
Telephone:  
Address:  
Boise Idaho, 83716

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: This is my second comment. In my previously submitted comment I overlooked one of the very important issues: the change from monthly net credits to hourly net billing.

In addition to my solar PV system, I drive an electric car (also in an effort to reduce my carbon footprint – and it's working great). I also have a Level 2 charger in my garage.

My current behavior is to export energy to Idaho Power all day long. During the summer months this can be as high as 75kWh per day. I then charge my car in the middle of the night, when demand on Idaho Power is at it's lowest. Under the new plan, I would be exporting energy all day at 4.4 cents only to turn around a few hours later and buy it back for 8.6 cents.

Clearly EV owners will quickly learn to charge their cars during their PV system's peak performance times. This means I'll be charging during the day when my system produces it's highest energy level in order to avoid the export/import penalty. I cannot see how this helps Idaho Power, the grid, or anyone else.

Sure it's easy to say that not that many people have Electric Vehicles. I would guess that Tesla, Rivian, Ford, Volvo, and many others would confirm that many more EV's are coming. Again, the world is changing and Idaho Power might want to try to change with it? There will be far more EV's ten years from now and under this proposal they will all be trying to maximize their charge with clean energy. I'm wondering if Idaho Power considered this (I'm thinking they did).

Again, I strongly urge you to reject this entire agreement until something that makes sense can be worked out that acknowledges the benefits of distributed production to the grid and the environment.

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**From:** gregoryfrank3@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 3:05 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Gregory Mortensen

Name: Gregory Mortensen  
Case Number: 6674832  
Email: gregoryfrank3@gmail.com  
Telephone:  
Address: 975 E 17th N  
Mountain Home Idaho, 83647

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: To whom it may concern:

I had written in an earlier message about my concern regarding the loss of a good investment if Idaho Power's new credit compensation plan comes into effect, especially for those who already have solar. I had a new thought and that was, has Idaho Power considered buy all the power that comes from a customers solar panels? That way they could use it how they wanted and it might save them money. Or would they even be interested in buying the panels themselves?

Thank you for your time.

Gregory Mortensen

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**From:** kj4wills@msn.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 3:18 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Johanna Wills

Name: Johanna Wills  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: kj4wills@msn.com  
Telephone: 2088608383  
Address: 2143 W Piazza St  
Meridian Idaho, 83646

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Idaho Power should not be able to change the rate pricing of what is produced by solar customers. When we purchased solar panels we made a significant investment and based our decision on the pricing model we currently have producing our own power. If this were changed it would be discriminatory toward solar panel customers. Please do not allow Idaho Power to discriminate make money off of our investments.

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**From:** rmbrazier@msn.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 3:25 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Roger Brazier

Name: Roger Brazier  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: rmbrazier@msn.com  
Telephone: 208-972-5662  
Address: 1234 W Parkhill Drive  
Boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: My wife and I have made a significant investment in Solar generation within the last 12 months. We object strongly to the proposal by Idaho Power to change the method of reimbursement for our power "after the fact". We believe that our generation should be grandfathered for at least a 10-20 year period to allow us to recoup our investment in this system. We paid for the system ourselves with no help from Idaho Power and do not believe that the reimbursement formula should be changed in their favor. Roger & Bonnie Brazier

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**From:** Gaylord.perez@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 3:29 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Gaylord Perez

Name: Gaylord Perez  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: Gaylord.perez@gmail.com  
Telephone: 208-705-7500  
Address: 2257 Bruce Street  
Pocatello Idaho, 83201

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Company

Comment: I object to Idaho Power's proposed change to the net metering rates agreed upon when I installed solar panels to my residence. I invested in solar power expecting a fair deal in supporting clean energy. Reducing the rate will drastically affect my budget that I was counting on to sustain my use of solar power and a means to uphold my commitment to the finance company who holds my loan.

Idaho Power should not be allowed to make a profit on the backs of unfairly treated solar customers.

The rules should not be changed on families who made their investment into solar power after meeting the requirements and standards Idaho Power imposed.

Allowing existing solar customers to stay on the existing net metering program and applying the new program only to new customers is a commonsense compromise that allows all parties to keep agreements made in good faith.

The new proposal will cost existing solar customers thousands of dollars on their electricity bills.

Over time the proposed net metering rate will be reduced by almost half making my solar system uneconomical. Right now I am barely breaking even with electricity generated by my system.

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**From:** derekarlis@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 3:30 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Derek Cassel

Name: Derek Cassel  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: derekarlis@gmail.com  
Telephone:  
Address:  
Caldwell ID, 83607

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am very against the proposed changes to the way that Idaho Power bills existing solar customers. Creating a precedent of being able to change the rules after we've already made our investment will only discourage people from buying solar and other renewable systems in the future. They say that they want everyone to become more energy efficient, but apparently that only goes so far before they turn on you. Are they really interested in green energy or just green?

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**From:** cmlimber@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 3:32 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: cynthia limber

Name: cynthia limber  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: cmlimber@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2083405254  
Address: 1715 n. 11th st  
boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: This proposed change to the solar energy program is an egregious way to claw back the gains Idahoans have made using clean energy by a monopoly utility company and as a customer of Idaho Power, I'm completely against their actions.

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**From:** marjreedy@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 3:35 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: marjorie reedy

Name: marjorie reedy  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: marjreedy@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2083850220  
Address: 11186 E Hwy 21  
boise ID, 83716

Name of Utility Company: idaho power

Comment:

It is time we supported clean energy!!!

The current arrangement between citizens and Idaho Power is one of the most important state policies for helping Americans generate their own power from the sun. By encouraging private investment in local solar power, it's creating jobs, reducing utility costs, and building a cleaner energy future for us all. I know that energy storage is a problem, but instead of going backwards, build on the current program and force power companies to create progressive solutions for the future.

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**From:** valdecker@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 3:38 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Andreas Decker

Name: Andreas Decker  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: valdecker@gmail.com  
Telephone: 6503155640  
Address: 5001 W Wymosa St  
Boise ID, 83703

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I think that Idaho Power is valuing customer solar generation at less than it should, but it is almost fair. More should be placed on the savings from lower substation costs, lower transmission losses, and deferring system upgrades due to less overall air conditioning loads. I think a fair accounting will make the buy back rate ~3/4 of the tariff rate rather than half, as Idaho Power proposes.

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**From:** jbschuyler@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 3:42 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: John Schuyler

Name: John Schuyler  
Case Number:  
Email: jbschuyler@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2083407944  
Address: 918 N CALEDONIA PL  
EAGLE Idaho, 83616

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Idaho Power tried this before, and now, here they go again. IP is discounting the benefit they receive from customers with solar, and only talks about them "not paying their fair share". IP is the direct beneficiary of generation capacity installed at their customer's expense. Do not let them change the rules. They should be making friends with their customers who use solar, otherwise their shortsightedness will come back to bite them when batteries become cheap enough for the masses.

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**From:** lraynes@boisestate.edu  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 3:45 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Laura Raynes

Name: Laura Raynes  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: lraynes@boisestate.edu  
Telephone: 208-794-0425  
Address: 4986 E SAWMILL WAY  
BOISE ID, 83716

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: We installed solar on our home because we want to do the right thing for future generations on this planet. We also wanted to lower our utility bills. WE INVESTED IN THE CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE WE WISH TO SEE. For you to even consider cutting the return on such investments is actually bordering on criminal. We need to be INCREASING INCENTIVES to so that more and more people and utilities will get truly serious about eliminating carbon emissions. It is the only fair thing to do - for our future and that of our children.

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**From:** christinedisaacs@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 3:47 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Christine Isaacs

Name: Christine Isaacs  
Case Number:  
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Address: 7252 N PIERCE PARK LN  
BOISE ID, 83714

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: December 2, 2019  
Comments to the PUC solar power hearings  
IPC-E-18-15

My husband and I built a passive solar house on Pierce Park Lane in 2014 and installed 30 solar panels to reduce our energy consumption and generate energy to be stored and credited back to us in the winter months. We are ardent conservationists. We researched the options with Idaho Power and decided this was a good option that warranted us paying several thousand dollars to install the solar panels. We have been quite upset that now you wish to change the reimbursement rate to reduce the benefit to us. We are retired people who live on a fixed income and thought the use of this option would allow us to meet our financial energy needs long into our later years. Now we have panels that are going to be less advantageous, have cost us a lot and now we will pay more for power. We do not support the changes you are recommending.

Furthermore, we would ask Idaho Power to be required to change their website showing hourly power usage from its current 3-day delay to real time. This would allow us to track and coordinate our appliance usage to maximize home power consumption at the same time we are producing the most solar power thus allowing us to be more conservative in our power usage.

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**From:** don.dutcher@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 3:58 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Don & Ann Dutcher

Name: Don & Ann Dutcher  
Case Number: Case Number IPC-E-18-15  
Email: don.dutcher@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2088537520  
Address: 5821 W. Riverbend Lane  
Boise Idaho, 83703

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: Request to [PUC.Idaho.Gov/forms/casecomment.aspx](https://puc.idaho.gov/forms/casecomment.aspx)  
For comment on solar power changes 11/29/2019 RESUBMITTED with Case Number on 12/2/2019

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on possible rule changes for managing solar power through Idaho Power.

We have been solar power providers (residential) since about 2016. We produce more power than we consume so we are building up credits that we cannot use now or in the near future. Auric Solar made a too-high estimate of our need, over-built, over-charged and they even projected costs to be recouped in 5-7 years, when, in actuality it would be over 21 years (I won't live that long!). They aren't interested in providing any rebates for the overbuilt nor refunds for their fictional estimate of payback of the system!

But that's another issue, with Auric. I've simply asked them to remove all the positive publicity I gave them via video & in writing, before we discovered this.

My request is simply to help us over producers do something with our excess. My wife and I propose two things:

1. That the credits be applied to eliminate the \$5 monthly administrative fee for getting a report of usage/production.
2. That we could be given the right to transfer credits to poorer individuals that might need help with their electric bill.

We help the poor when we can; the Bible encourages that. And here's a resource that we have more than we need & would be glad to share. At any time that our needs escalated, we would have the ability to adjust the amount we give, as well. But our needs have been stable.

Perhaps the PUC has some other creative ideas for using "excess power production credits?" Your ideas and creative law-making would be greatly appreciated ... using the sun, being fair to providers & helping the poor .. if you have better ways/programs please put them forward &, hopefully, implement them.

Thank you, from those of us who have had no "say" in all this. May God give you wisdom, perseverance and grace in producing fair laws/practices/administration.

Don & Ann Dutcher  
Boise, ID

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**From:** karaedavis@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 4:01 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Kara Harris

Name: Kara Harris  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: karaedavis@gmail.com  
Telephone:  
Address:  
Boise Id, 83712

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: Please deny any changes. Or grandfather in those with exciting net metering

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**From:** irentit2@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 4:02 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Tim Hastings

Name: Tim Hastings  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: irentit2@gmail.com  
Telephone:  
Address: 1916 N 26th St  
Boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am wholly opposed to Idaho Powers request to decrease the payback on Net Metering to home owners an businesses.

It's outrageous to think that we are required to be connected to the grid, send electricity back to Idaho Power if there's overage but can't sell back to them???

This company should be ashamed of their business practices.

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**From:** jonathan.contrucci@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 3:21 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Jonathan Contrucci

Name: Jonathan Contrucci  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: jonathan.contrucci@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2089018925  
Address: 1507 E Wright St.  
Boise ID, 83706

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am opposed to the proposed changes in Case Number IPC-E-18-15. I am a local Solar Energy Consultant and a customer myself living in Boise. When a homeowner is interested in solar for their home, it is my job to design a system for them and show them future savings based on the past and present. The net metering program was in place for 17 years, and with this knowledge, my customers and I have made long term investments. Investments that bring clean renewable energy to the grid.

I have over 100 customers that went solar with me personally, and I feel bad for them. I feel they have been cheated if these changes apply to them. Over the past year, we have made progress with the customer protection and HOA bill, but this net metering program change proposal is a big step back for the industry. Back when the docket was created, I was encouraged to read that discriminatory rates would not follow the ruling. I personally feel discriminated against with this proposed plan and lack of grandfathering of existing customers. I am not impressed with the process or the result. I also have not seen this study that was required as part of the ruling. This all seems to be happening too fast and too soon. In the Idaho Power IRP they say there are 0.5% of Idaho Powers customers have solar. That is far below other states in the west. It's a drop in the bucket. The proposed changes will negatively affect me as it will make it harder for solar to continue to grow here in Idaho. The math with solar was hard to pencil out already here in Idaho, and the changes will make it even harder, leading to even less average income people like me being able to make the choice to install panels. I expect Solar will become even more of a luxury for the rich. I have customers from all over the income spectrum, I doubt that will continue. It may be that I will no longer be able to make a living here in Idaho. I know other companies are already leaving, and I hope I won't have to join them. I love Idaho.

I have run six real life scenarios based on the data over 12 months to see what impact net hourly will have on customer bills. The difference from net monthly to net hourly is substantial. The behind the meter I found is between 30-50%. This means half or more of the energy produced will be diminished by half in value by this proposed program. This is a major change to the program and changes how systems should be sized.

For my home, I had 12 300w panels (3.6kw) installed in April of 2017. My home produced 4935 kwh last year. If I use Idaho Power's \$0.0868 value that is a savings of \$428.36 last year. My yearly savings will be only \$322.89 if this new rate structure applies to me, assuming a generous 50% behind the meter. Over the 20 years, that is a lost value of \$2,109.40. My system will be still warranted for this period, but that is thousands of lost value because of this policy change. My system is on the small side. Most customers have twice the size installed and I have a handful with over 12kw systems installed. This program will negatively impact them much more than it does me with my smaller system. I would have designed a different system for them they were under the proposed changes. The ethical and fair thing to do is to grandfather these existing customers. This is what other PUC's have done. It is my request that this happens here in Idaho as well.

From my experience, people love their Solar that powering their homes and neighbors with clean renewable energy. We receive an ample amount of power from the sun here in Idaho for solar to make sense. Please do not diminish the value of this vital resource. We need the energy to maintain our standard of living. Generating the power on our roofs close to the loads makes a lot of sense. What better way to use the space that we have already built on?

I believe there are other solutions to the problem that is trying to be solved that doesn't discriminate against current future net metering customers. Let's slow down and do this right.

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**From:** connexusllc@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 3:57 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Gary Sandusky

Name: Gary Sandusky  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: connexusllc@gmail.com  
Telephone: 208-484-6062  
Address: 2816 N 26th St  
Boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Our family has invested heavily in 28 solar panels so that we do not have to worry about covering an electric bill during our retirement. If Idaho Power is allowed to change the rate structure to reduce the value of the power we contribute to their grid, it will be a major financial strain on our limited income. Here are several reasons you must not allow this change:

1. No net metering changes, or settlement proposals should take effect until the comprehensive study of the cost and benefits of on-site generation on Idaho Power's system, as was ordered by the PUC in Order No. 34046 Case No. IPC-E-17-13, has been completed, analyzed, and those findings evaluated by the public, PUC, and all parties with net metering interests, as stated in that docket.

- No study, nor any information related to a cost/benefit analysis study, was directly used to calculate the terms of this settlement decision.
- If a study was used to calculate these proposed changes, then that study should have been made available to the public and PUC for an opportunity to review before reaching the terms of this settlement or determining any other potential net metering changes.
- The proposed settlement is an arbitrary representation of parties who met behind closed doors without consulting the constituents who actually invested in on-site generation.
- All net metering interests were not taken into consideration during these settlement proceedings. In fact, the vast majority of net metering interests were not taken into consideration during these settlement proceedings. Order No. 34046 and Case No. IPC-E17-13 indicates that this case should include all net-metering interests in this study.
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- The current hearing is non-scientific, undemocratic, and should be postponed until a legitimate cost and benefit study has been properly conducted rather than completely ignored.

2. Grandfathering in existing net metering clients should be an obligation, not a consideration.

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- Systems were purchased and engineered based on existing net metering policies that track production and usage on a monthly basis.
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- The adoption of hourly net metering as proposed by the settlement would completely alter how existing systems would have otherwise been designed. This dramatically alters how these investments otherwise would have been made.

- In order to protect these investments, systems should be grandfathered along with the meter number attached to the residence and not only the account number of the client currently residing there. A calculated, expected increase in home value was a major factor in many solar investments.
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**Patrick Frederickson started this petition to Idaho Public Utilities Commission**

Idaho Power has proposed a change to the Solar Panel incentive program. Currently you are charged for the power you use in a month. They take one reading a month, what ever you used you are billed for, if there is extra they can either pay you or take a credit.

The proposed changes will monitor it hourly, Pay the home owner a small portion during the day time, then at night will charge the homeowner for any usage.

At the end of the 8 yr roll out plan customers will receive 0.04 cents an hour while Idaho Power will charge 0.08 cents to a non solar customer. Then at night charge the solar home owner for additional night time usage.

For many of us, the solar credits we are banking in the summer help get us thru the days of inversion and short winter days. The current structure is working great for both Idaho Power and Solar users.

Idaho Power has not provided the needed upgrades, but is having the solar companies purchase and install them. The homeowner is purchasing the equipment with a Federal Grant program but still paying a significant amount, many times financing upto 20 years.

December 3rd is the meeting to finalize this arrangement, Please join a cause and let Idaho Public Utilities Commission know that we like things they are currently laid out. Idaho Power is not upgrading or having any expense to have its customers go solar, the change at this time is unwarranted.

Please stand with us and let the Idaho Public Utilities know that we do not support this proposal.

Link to Notice <https://puc.idaho.gov/fileroom/cases/elec/IPC/IPCE1815/20191011News%20Release.pdf>



**change.org**

Recipient: Idaho Public Utilities Commission

Letter: Greetings,

Idaho Power changes to Solar Customers



# Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Doug Namba	Centerville, UT	2019-11-13	"I am signing because I do not think that Idaho Power needs to profit off of rooftop onsite generation. They are asking for too much."
Tyler Grange	Meridian, ID	2019-11-13	"This will make idaho power even more of a monopoly. We deserve to have options. This takes away customers rights away to choose how they receive their energy."
Neil McCulloch	Pueblo, CO	2019-11-13	"Solar is a career and the power companies should not have a monopoly!"
Austin Anderson	Wellsville, UT	2019-11-13	"Idaho as a state and Idaho Power as a utility has always been a leader in renewable energy. This type of agreement counteracts the precedent it has been trying to create for the entire country for decades. Pushing back on customers that have already made a investment is more than offensive and damaging to homeowners too. I'm not sure if everything was completely considered in this decision and it seems a little biased or impulsive."
Nathan Hall	Roy, US	2019-11-13	"Solar should not be disparaged."
Lois Wilhelm	Boise, ID	2019-11-13	"Because solar is the right thing to do for our energy crisis! I love having solar and feel like I'm giving back!"
Benjamin Heffron	Idaho Falls, ID	2019-11-13	"As a solar professional in Idaho, this is a huge disservice to both existing customers and solar enthusiasts in years to come"
Johnathon Lopez	Herriman, UT	2019-11-14	"Solar is an inevitable change. Let's all speak up against the monopolies!"
Christina Bodily	Boise, ID	2019-11-14	"If Idaho Power wants to make a change, those that already purchased solar Panama should be grandfathered in to the original deal. It is a very expensive investment for homeowners, and Idaho Power should not be able to change the terms after the investment has been made by homeowners. Solar power is good for all of us and should be rewarded, not punished."
Brian Oberson	Kuna, ID	2019-11-14	"Maybe they should pay 60% of the cost, that's the proposed profit for them!"
Amanda Brant-Orchard	US	2019-11-14	"I got solar and want it to be worth it."
Sheilah Galer	Santa Fe, NM	2019-11-14	"Our country is creating destruction of Mother Earth and needs to be a part of the solution and support solar energy."
Greg Minadeo	US	2019-11-14	"The utility companies continue to make rules that favor their monopoly and prevent customers from owning their own roof top solar! when will they get the message .. the customers did not marry the electric utility! Customers need to be able to make choices!"

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Michael Folsom	Meridian, ID	2019-11-15	"I dont mind paying some extra money for us being connected to the power grid but by doing this new rate it will total negate the reason I went solar. They are going to push solar companies out of idaho if this is passed"
Rick Holder	Austin, IN	2019-11-16	"I'm signing because of the oppressive monopoly of utilities"

# Signatures

Name	Location	Date
Patrick Frederickson	Caldwell, ID	2019-11-13
Doug Namba	Centerville, UT	2019-11-13
Tyler Grange	Eagle, ID	2019-11-13
River Skinner	Meridian, ID	2019-11-13
Nic Hunter	Boise, ID	2019-11-13
David Ballew	Orange, CA	2019-11-13
Jared Hyde	Salt Lake City, UT	2019-11-13
Heather Jensen	Boise, ID	2019-11-13
Courtney Childers	Boise, ID	2019-11-13
Daniel Childers	Mountain Home, ID	2019-11-13
Doug Hewitt	Salt Lake City, UT	2019-11-13
Amber Spencer	Washington, UT	2019-11-13
Max Hubbard	Portland, OR	2019-11-13
Aaron Stockwell	Boise, ID	2019-11-13
SHAWN ANSHUTZ	Sacramento, CA	2019-11-13
KAMIE HUBBARD	Hooper, UT	2019-11-13
Kaden Hurren	Provo, UT	2019-11-13
Ashley Bradley	Boise, ID	2019-11-13
Tyler Grange	Meridian, ID	2019-11-13
Neil McCulloch	Pueblo, CO	2019-11-13

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Daidree Davis	Eagle, ID	2019-11-13
Marshall Manley	Spanish Fork, UT	2019-11-13
Marla Gilson	Los Angeles, CA	2019-11-13
Jaime Pedroza	Cheyenne, WY	2019-11-13
Ryan Grange	Logan, UT	2019-11-13
Austin Anderson	Wellsville, UT	2019-11-13
David Robison	West Jordan, UT	2019-11-13
David Ballard	West Valley City, UT	2019-11-13
Samantha Grange	Eagle, ID	2019-11-13
Everett Brewer	Salt Lake City, UT	2019-11-13
Adam Kaluba	Cincinnati, OH	2019-11-13
Kiersten Bankert	Hanover, US	2019-11-13
Nathan Hall	Roy, US	2019-11-13
Derek Peterson	Ogden, UT	2019-11-13
Claudia Namba	Boise, ID	2019-11-13
Alejandra Gonzales	Layton, UT	2019-11-13
Ben Claybrook	Irvine, CA	2019-11-13
Broc Spinello	Bakersfield, CA	2019-11-13
Mike Spickelmier	Boise, ID	2019-11-13
Jamie Goodro	Salt Lake City, UT	2019-11-13
Kelli LaMay	Boise, ID	2019-11-13
Eric Oester	Amarillo, TX	2019-11-13

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Franklin Fox	Boise, ID	2019-11-13
Chris Malcom	Middleton, ID	2019-11-13
Kelly Peterson	Black Hawk, CO	2019-11-13
Joseph Robinson	Meridian, ID	2019-11-13
Ben McCallister	West Valley City, UT	2019-11-13
Paulina Ruiz	Fort Wayne, US	2019-11-13
Zach Hall	Spring, TX	2019-11-13
Kelsey Parry	Boise, ID	2019-11-13
Wesley Bryant	Vancouver, WA	2019-11-13
Andrew Burton	Middleton, ID	2019-11-13
Mitchell Aloyo	Twin Falls, ID	2019-11-13
Robert Compton	Twin Falls, ID	2019-11-13
Bethany Wood	Los Angeles, CA	2019-11-13
Zach Spencer	Ogden, UT	2019-11-13
Garff Hubbard	Hooper, UT	2019-11-13
Lavon Webb	Meridian, ID	2019-11-13
Lois Wilhelm	Boise, ID	2019-11-13
Kade McCallister	West Jordan, UT	2019-11-13
Marcus McDade	Meridian, ID	2019-11-13
Taven Marquez	Caldwell, ID	2019-11-13
Brandon Preece	Draper, UT	2019-11-13
Melissa Namba	Green Bay, WI	2019-11-13

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Carly Neff	Nampa, ID	2019-11-13
Brandon Grange	Hooper, UT	2019-11-13
Karissa Lazarte	Garden City, ID	2019-11-13
Tylen Chillious	Leland, US	2019-11-13
Jon Ramos	Meridian, ID	2019-11-13
Jim & Cheryl Hunt	Iowa City, IA	2019-11-13
Ameera Ali	Dearborn, US	2019-11-13
Carley Warren	Pocatello, ID	2019-11-13
Benjamin Heffron	Idaho Falls, ID	2019-11-13
Nathan Meyers	Meridian, ID	2019-11-13
James Swiderski	San Diego, CA	2019-11-13
Dennis Frederickson	Lawrence, KS	2019-11-14
Walter Cupa	El Paso, TX	2019-11-14
Cayle TabEEK	Twin Falls, ID	2019-11-14
Colin Villicana	Pleasant Grove, UT	2019-11-14
Brian Brownlee	Kansas City, MO	2019-11-14
Brandon Greaves	US	2019-11-14
Eduardo Castaneda	San Diego, CA	2019-11-14
Takashi Inzunza	Lehi, UT	2019-11-14
Hiroshi Inzunza	Lindon, UT	2019-11-14
Krystal Kilburn	Boise, ID	2019-11-14
JOSEPH FIORELLA	Newtown, CT	2019-11-14

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Johnathon Lopez	Herriman, UT	2019-11-14
Ryan Dodge	Draper, UT	2019-11-14
Dennis Tuck	Falls Church, VA	2019-11-14
Andre Gomez	Pompano Beach, US	2019-11-14
Jason Anderson	Twin Falls, ID	2019-11-14
Benjamin Layman	Boise, ID	2019-11-14
Tyler Helmuth	Saint Augustine, FL	2019-11-14
Ryan Hass	Meridian, ID	2019-11-14
Andrew Jones	American fork, UT	2019-11-14
Jeff McCauley	Eagle, ID	2019-11-14
Virginia Davis	Eagle, ID	2019-11-14
Trisha McCauley	Eagle, ID	2019-11-14
Haddy Hiatt	Middleton, ID	2019-11-14
Tomas Gonzalez	Midlothian, VA	2019-11-14
Marlo Salomonson	Meridian, ID	2019-11-14
Wes Goodro	Salt Lake city, UT	2019-11-14
Dennis Clark	Eagle, ID	2019-11-14
Christina Bodily	Boise, ID	2019-11-14
Jay Nunya	Palmdale, CA	2019-11-14
Aaron Salomonson	Eagle, ID	2019-11-14
Belle Handt	Minneapolis, US	2019-11-14
Chase Blaser	Nampa, ID	2019-11-14

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
Jonathan Clavijo	Gilbert, AZ	2019-11-14
Marielle Carmack	Meridian, ID	2019-11-14
Jayne Hopkins	Boise, ID	2019-11-14
Trina Richards	Meridian, ID	2019-11-14
Johnwayne Morgan	Fort Lauderdale, FL	2019-11-14
Mary Charm Buaya	Cebu City, Philippines	2019-11-14
Melody Bodily	Boise, ID	2019-11-14
Brooke Allen	Boise, ID	2019-11-14
Daisie Mccauley	Boise, ID	2019-11-14
Shaundra Turner	Boise, ID	2019-11-14
Miriam Stocking	Eagle, ID	2019-11-14
Mary Gilbert	Boise, ID	2019-11-14
Andrew Black	Mount Pleasant, US	2019-11-14
Brian Oberson	Kuna, ID	2019-11-14
Derek Salomonson	Salt Lake City, UT	2019-11-14
Lindsay Meloy	Boise, ID	2019-11-14
Shaun Fry	Dayton, OH	2019-11-14
Amanda Brant-Orchard	US	2019-11-14
Mark Ranjel	Boise, ID	2019-11-14
Erika McCauley	Meridian, ID	2019-11-14
Dallas Warren	Pocatello, ID	2019-11-14
Felix Sale	Cebu City, Philippines	2019-11-14



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Joel A Dejito Jr	Cebu City, Philippines	2019-11-14
Todd Mccauley	Salt Lake City, UT	2019-11-14
Asim Hafeez	New Haven, CT	2019-11-14
Sarah Sebastian	Boise, ID	2019-11-14
Elvin Wenceslao	Cebu City, Philippines	2019-11-14
Ellen Escribano	San Juan, Philippines	2019-11-14
Janina April Amodia	Cebu City, Philippines	2019-11-14
Russel Thomas Layumas	Cebu City, Philippines	2019-11-14
Al Bahala	Pasig City, Philippines	2019-11-14
Brad Mortensen	Gilbert, AZ	2019-11-14
Nicholas Buck	Boise, ID	2019-11-14
Len Galus	Boise, ID	2019-11-14
Wendy Dickison	Caldwell, ID	2019-11-14
Justin Pitts	Herriman, UT	2019-11-14
Ryan Simpson	Whittier, CA	2019-11-14
Bernadette Kane	Parma, ID	2019-11-14
Hilary Glad	Eagle, ID	2019-11-14
Marcial Capin	Danao City, Philippines	2019-11-14
Lele Pons	Oklahoma City, US	2019-11-14
Terrill Shelly	Los Angeles, CA	2019-11-14
Jefrey Villoria	Cebu City, Philippines	2019-11-14
Lee Warren	Salt Lake City, UT	2019-11-14

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Zikyu Jaramillo	Cary, US	2019-11-14
Adrian Holder	New York, US	2019-11-14
Sheilah Galer	Santa Fe, NM	2019-11-14
Jaleesa White	Graham, NC	2019-11-14
Misha Smith	Boise, ID	2019-11-14
Marti Dillon	Boise, ID	2019-11-14
William Cahill	San Antonio, TX	2019-11-14
Jeremiah Abernathy	Atlanta, US	2019-11-14
Melissa Dawson	Coeur D'alene, ID	2019-11-14
Patricia McJunkin	Caldwell, ID	2019-11-14
Greg Minadeo	US	2019-11-14
Betty Jones	Cuyahoga Falls, US	2019-11-14
Alex Couey	Boise, ID	2019-11-14
Cody Thiel	Idaho Falls, ID	2019-11-14
Grant Hathaway	Star, ID	2019-11-14
Jennie Grange	Ogden, UT	2019-11-14
Kim Shores	Boise, ID	2019-11-14
Melvin Bodily	boise, ID	2019-11-14
Deb Dawson	Sandpoint, ID	2019-11-14
Jennifer Jansen	Nampa, ID	2019-11-14
Stephen Wren	Meridian, ID	2019-11-14
Zane McCallister	Meridian, ID	2019-11-14

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Threcille Cubar	Cebu City, Philippines	2019-11-14
Jesse Kent	Twin Falls, ID	2019-11-14
Loveta Geesey	Idaho Citu, ID	2019-11-14
paul goetter	Boise, ID	2019-11-14
Cord Nichols	Boise, ID	2019-11-14
Rylee Bennett	Sandy, UT	2019-11-14
Jeremy Austin	Dallas, TX	2019-11-14
Nicole Rainey	Bend, OR	2019-11-14
Emily Petersen	Caldwell, ID	2019-11-14
Amanda Torres	Boise, ID	2019-11-14
Heidi Fackrell	Boise, ID	2019-11-14
Cindy Hamilton	Boise, ID	2019-11-14
Alex Lungaro	Houston, TX	2019-11-14
Julia Darrington	Seattle, WA	2019-11-14
David Fackrell	Boise, ID	2019-11-14
Jackie Meyer	Aurora, CO	2019-11-14
Kirk Currey	Boise, ID	2019-11-14
Everett McConnaughey	Boise, ID	2019-11-14
Jenny Tucker	Syracuse, UT	2019-11-14
Daniel Nelson	Boise, ID	2019-11-14
Brian Freeman	Boise, ID	2019-11-14
Rudy Dye	Gilbert, AZ	2019-11-14

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Roger Steinback	Orange, CA	2019-11-14
Carol Santacroce	Southampton, NY	2019-11-14
Malia Payne	Cleveland, US	2019-11-14
Cobbina Ali Musah	Accra, Ghana	2019-11-14
Polleen Hansen	Blackfoot, ID	2019-11-14
Aimee Craig	Middleton, ID	2019-11-14
Robert Smith	Boise, ID	2019-11-14
Robert Smith	Mountain Top, PA	2019-11-14
Maddie Schmidt	Shickshinny, PA	2019-11-14
Alejandro morgado	Phoenix, US	2019-11-14
Dallas Snyder	Mountain Home, ID	2019-11-14
Ruby Yule	Meridian, ID	2019-11-14
Rafael Gracia	Yonkers, US	2019-11-15
Michael Folsom	Meridian, ID	2019-11-15
keegan williams	Gilbert, US	2019-11-15
Charla Roden	Alavardo, US	2019-11-15
Thomas Hall	West Valley City, UT	2019-11-15
Marianne Nicholes	Meridian, ID	2019-11-15
Bree Flowers	Kennewick, US	2019-11-15
Edward Cuen	Boise, ID	2019-11-15
Christian Blaser	Boise, ID	2019-11-15
Adam Morgan	Wilder, ID	2019-11-15

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Jenette Morgan	Wilder, ID	2019-11-15
Joseph Davidson	Boise, ID	2019-11-15
Pat Clark	Eagle, ID	2019-11-15
Alejandra Cardenas	Hammond, US	2019-11-15
Olivia Shumaker	Baltimore, US	2019-11-15
Maggie Pintoff	Spartanburg, US	2019-11-15
James Roberts	Warwick, RI	2019-11-15
Anthony Armas	Nampa, ID	2019-11-15
Brian Miller	Eagle, ID	2019-11-15
Shaun Lacy	Post Falls, ID	2019-11-15
Shyla Ray	Boise, ID	2019-11-15
Tim House	Clovis, CA	2019-11-15
Landon chapman	Lenoir City, US	2019-11-15
Tammy Sargent	US	2019-11-15
Lyndsay Hobdey	Nampa, ID	2019-11-15
Matthew Rodriguez	Canyon Country, US	2019-11-15
Joe D'Errico	Boise, ID	2019-11-15
Nancy Morgan	Eagle, ID	2019-11-15
Mary Lou Smith	Glen Lyon, PA	2019-11-15
Wayne Levy	Destin, FL	2019-11-15
Charles Tacke	Boise, ID	2019-11-15
Sean Waters	Boise, ID	2019-11-15

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Janet Maritt	Caldwell, ID	2019-11-15
Joshua Pelletier	Richfield, ID	2019-11-15
Jeremy Stell	Parma, ID	2019-11-15
Amanda Jones	Kooskia, ID	2019-11-15
Mark Brunciak	Little Falls, US	2019-11-15
Eduardo Barrios	Oklahoma City, OK	2019-11-15
Olivia Edginton	Spokane, US	2019-11-16
Jaclyn Wirth	Pompton Lakes, US	2019-11-16
Manis Petersen	Fruitland, ID	2019-11-16
Randy Braden	Parma, ID	2019-11-16
Connie Miller	Parma, ID	2019-11-16
Kate Kelley	Boise, ID	2019-11-16
Maryann Hopkins	Garden City, ID	2019-11-16
Maxwell Dolar	Pocatello, ID	2019-11-16
Luis Villalobos	South Jordan, UT	2019-11-16
Toni Atwell	Chillicothe, US	2019-11-16
Keshaunnah Thomas	Chattanooga, US	2019-11-16
Deniz Spite	Williamsburg, US	2019-11-16
Rick Holder	Austin, IN	2019-11-16
Elisha Daniel	Shawnee, US	2019-11-16
Jacob Acker	Akron, OH	2019-11-16
Natasha Burns	Kinston, US	2019-11-16

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Jade Marz	Winter Haven, US	2019-11-16
Haley Bennett	Chicago, US	2019-11-16
Shunae Dixon	Jacksonville, US	2019-11-16
Dj Varner	Ontario, OR	2019-11-16
Jil Miles	South Jordan, UT	2019-11-17
Lavender G 101	US	2019-11-17
Heather Thompson	US	2019-11-17
Jackson Dunn	Hagaman, US	2019-11-17
Matthieu Jean-Louis	Brooklyn, US	2019-11-17
Melisha Pachai	Jersey City, US	2019-11-17
Cadence Green	Ogden, US	2019-11-17
Jennifer Butler	Boise, ID	2019-11-17
Barry Spencer	Boise, ID	2019-11-17
William Clementi	Charlotte, NC	2019-11-17
Bethany Pena	League City, US	2019-11-17
Sandy Clark	Portland, US	2019-11-17
Lucas Essex	New Paltz, US	2019-11-17
George Stanton	Boise, ID	2019-11-18
Kayla Kapitzke	US	2019-11-18
Lily Recc	Burbank, US	2019-11-18
Sean Malloy	Nampa, ID	2019-11-18
Ryan Carson	Cheyenne, ID	2019-11-18

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BRUCE DRAKE	Denver, CO	2019-11-18
Wendt Johnson	Coeur d Alene, ID	2019-11-20
Douglas Namba	Boise, ID	2019-11-22
Kevin Files	Los Angeles, CA	2019-11-24
Lori Warren	West Jordan, UT	2019-11-26



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Recipient: Idaho Public Utilities Commission

Letter: Greetings,

Idaho Power changes to Solar Customers

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**From:** tatemason4@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 4:10 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: James Mason

Name: James Mason  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: tatemason4@gmail.com  
Telephone:  
Address:  
Boise ID, 83706

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: As a residential solar customer, I am very concerned with Idaho Power's efforts to renegotiate net metering terms. My family made the investment in clean energy with an understanding that the energy I produced could be returned to the grid at a fair market price. Reducing the net-metering compensation rate would create a substantial financial burden on my family.

In a state filled with sunshine, we should be encouraging a low-cost, decentralized grid... a grid that does not compromise the existence of wild salmon. This move could cripple the burgeoning solar industry and price low to medium income customers out of the solar market. On behalf of so many rate payers that are concerned about the environment, I encourage the PUC to deny this change.

Thank you,  
James Mason

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**From:** rgregory@flash.net  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 4:16 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Randy Gregory

Name: Randy Gregory  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: rgregory@flash.net  
Telephone:  
Address: 2705 Fallcrest Street  
Caldwell Idaho, 83607

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I want to register my opposition to the changes to the Net Metering Policy being proposed by Idaho Power. We paid a lot of money to have solar installed, with the expectation that we would not only be helping the environment, but that we had a deal with the power company. We were trying to do our part to help the grid and the environment and this move looks like an effort to penalize people like us for our efforts and maybe directly stifle environmental action. I've heard the arguments about what the money will be used for but I am certain that most of us know that the savings will go into the pockets of Idaho Power Company stockholders. Can you at least tell us the rules about us buying batteries and cutting ourselves off the grid entirely so that the company does not have the use or access to the power generated by us for resale by them. In most wholesale/retail negotiations both sides have equal power to set the price. This very clearly seems like just the type of situation where the government will side with big business.

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**From:** allvalley@mindspring.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 4:18 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Larry Taylor

Name: Larry Taylor  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: allvalley@mindspring.com  
Telephone: 2088662761  
Address: 3299 W. Davis Lane  
Meridian ID, 83642

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: 18 November 2019  
Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC)  
11331 W. Chinden Blvd, Bldg 8, Suite 201-A Boise, ID 83714

RE: IPC-E-18-15  
Larry & Tami Taylor  
3299 W. Davis Ln.  
Meridian, ID 83642

Dear Sirs,

This letter is in response to the notice that was received from Idaho Power regarding the above referenced Case and Settlement Agreement. Earlier this year my wife and I made a substantial investment to our property by installing a solar system. In the determination to make this investment one of the primary factors was the Net Metering Program offered and agreed to by Idaho Power. The changes listed in this Settlement Agreement will adversely affect this investment and if these adjustments were in effect at that time we may have not made this improvement/investment to our property. It is extremely concerning that within months of entering our Net Metering Agreement that the agreement becomes null and void without compensable consideration. My wife and I are asking this commission to allow those of us who are already enrolled in the Net Metering Program to be grandfathered to the terms in that agreement. If changes are to be made to the net metering program it should be for new customers who will be able to make informed decisions on making an investment in Solar or not.

Sincerely

Larry & Tami Taylor

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**From:** Cbrown7125@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 4:27 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Carl Brown

Name: Carl Brown  
Case Number:  
Email: Cbrown7125@gmail.com  
Telephone:  
Address:  
Boise Id, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho power

Comment: IPC-E-18-15 Although I do not have solar on my home, I strongly believe that the citizens of Idaho who worked with Idaho Power to invest in rooftop solar deserve fair net metering compensation and predictability from their utility.

Please give a fair deal to existing customers who worked with Idaho Power to design their personal investments around their program.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Carl

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**From:** Richrayhill@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 4:28 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Rich Rayhill

Name: Rich Rayhill  
Case Number:  
Email: Richrayhill@gmail.com  
Telephone:  
Address:  
Boise ID, 83712

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: according to the American Public Power Association, 2018 wholesale power prices hit the highest levels since 2008 in the west. Average temperatures continue to rise. Peak summer loads on the IPCo system follow the sun: air conditioning load and solar energy production track each other. NW hydro-electric generation dissipates as runoff abates and IPCo lacks sufficient storage to maintain hydro-electric generation that matches load. This requires IPCo to go to the open market and purchase power when demand is highest and hydro baseload generation has fallen off. This is when solar generation is at its peak. local solar generation does not require wheeling; local solar generation allows IPCo to avoid transmission constraints; the power is readily available when it is needed most. Net metering allows IPCo to place electrons into its system and avoid the highest open market rates this avoids the most costly power purchases. Solar generation allows ratepayers to avoid the costly (12.5 cents/per kWh) from the langley gulch power facility which, ironically, was sold to the IPUC by IPCo as a means to incorporate renewable energy. approving IPCo's net metering reduction will shut down homeowner solar and will reduce available future power to offset open market energy purchase when IPCo is at peak load and regional power prices are at their highest. Approval of IPCo's net metering reduction request will increase rates for IPCo customers, discourage increased, diverse, local generation and would constitute a betrayal of those of us who added solar in good faith and with reliance on a kWh for kWh balance and runs counter to the definition of net metering where the meter runs in reverse when power generated at one's house exceeds the load at the house. I request the IPUC deny IPCo's request and keep Idaho moving forward toward energy independence.

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**From:** lkscop0661@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 4:28 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Lucy Scopinich

Name: Lucy Scopinich  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: lkscop0661@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2083870661  
Address: 3334 E Dowling Mill CT  
Boise Idaho, 83706

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: As an Idaho Power ratepayer, as well as an Idaho taxpayer, I feel that Idaho citizens should be encouraged to invest in clean solar power, and decreasing compensation per kilowatt is not supportive of solar power. Idaho Power is an expensive and restrictive private entity and seeks to monopolize the energy market, holding ratepayers captive. Do the right thing and support idahoans! Lucy Scopinich.

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**From:** mollyandken@msn.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 4:30 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Kenneth Reed

Name: Kenneth Reed  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15.  
Email: mollyandken@msn.com  
Telephone: 2083433341  
Address: 2415 W Compass Dr  
Boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: We support those who have pioneered solar power in Idaho, and we believe that existing Idaho Power customers who have solar power capabilities should NOT have their agreement changed in any way. Existing solar customers should be grandfathered in so that their contracts/agreements with Idaho Power are not changed or devalued.

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IDAHO PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

November 26, 2019

Re: Case No. IPC-E-17-13

Commissioners:

Our family has serious concerns about the proposed settlement agreement making changes to Idaho Power Company's roof top solar program. We are (or will be shortly) a roof top solar net metering customer. This June we started work on a project to install solar panels to offset most of our current household electricity use. We are retired people trying to use our savings to make a reasonable investment to control our monthly bills. Our system was installed and we are waiting on Idaho Power to install our meter and so we can turn the system on. The following are our concerns:

**1. Please provide fair and reasonable consideration of our investment, which was completed in good faith based on the program structure in place during project development and installation.** The change from monthly to hourly metering has a huge impact on project design. A project for hourly metering would be laid out quite differently from the one we just installed. It's neither fair nor reasonable to change the rules after we made significant investments based on the current program structure. Please organize the new program as follows:

- **Allow existing customers to continue under the monthly net metering program.** If/when you adopt an hourly net metering program it should apply to people who have not already installed a system and can still adapt the design to the new program structure.
- **Define existing customers as those with systems operating as of your final decision.** It is hardly fair or reasonable to expect people to design their solar systems to a program structure that is just a proposal, or in our case unknown for essentially all of the design and installation process. Our family has been working on a system design since June, and signed a contract for a specific design on October 7, 2019. We received city approval of the design on October 18. By mid October the equipment was purchased and we were preparing for installation. Our net metering application was submitted on November 4, 2019. We did not know there might be a reason to submit the application earlier; we waited until a new roof was installed.

We understand Idaho Power Company has proposed defining existing customers as those who submitted their net metering applications before the proposed settlement agreement was announced in mid October 2019. We suggest that:

- 1) for projects underway, way too much has been invested and decided before the net metering application is submitted for that to be a fair basis for defining existing customers, and
- 2) the announcement of a proposed settlement agreement is too uncertain to use for defining existing customers. It's just not fair for people to have to guess the outcome of the current process if they already have a project underway. Please use the date of your decision, plus perhaps some additional time, as is customary for policy and regulatory changes.

- **Allow existing customers to stay in the monthly net metering program for 25 years from the date the system began operations.** This is the typical design life of a roof top solar system.
- **Define eligibility for the monthly net metering program as a feature of the system,** not the people with the account. Our family researched and considered the impact to our house value when deciding to make our investment. We are sure most people with existing systems used the same considerations.

2. **Please complete the comprehensive study of costs and benefits of onsite generation, as specified in your original order, before you decide how to change the roof top solar program.** A Brookings Institute study of the costs and benefits of distributed solar installations found that in most states, when the full range of benefits are considered, roof top solar with net metering benefits both the utilities and other customers. How can we know where we stand and how to properly organize a program without the cost/benefit study?

3. **Please include actual roof top solar customers in any negotiated program change** and keep that class of customers informed rather than allowing select stakeholders to work behind closed doors.

4. **Please explain why Schedule 8 customers should receive a higher export value than Schedule 6 customers.**

5. **Please make sure that Idaho Power Company does not make any profit from our private investment to serve our own family's needs.**

Thank you for considering our concerns.

Sincerely



Peter Oberlindacher



Sally Goodell Oberlindacher



DATE: November 29, 2019

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SUBJECT: NET METERING CHARGES

This refers to IPUC Case Number IPUC-E-18-15. It proposes to reduce compensation for Net Excess Energy supplied by customers. It is proposed to become effective on or after January 01, 2020.

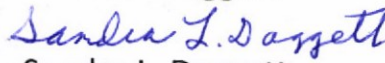
Our Solar system was approved and operational in February 2017. As such, we feel this part of the proposal does not impact our Net Metering Charges. Please advise if you agree.

Our concern is Section IX of the proposal. It deals with existing customers. It requests IPUC review what future charges should apply to them.

Please keep us advised when IPUC starts a review of Section IX.

Sincerely

  
Willis L. Daggett

  
Sandra L. Daggett

465 W. Ashbourne Dr  
Eagle, ID 83616  
208 867 2137

CC: Auric Energy  
3568 E. Lanark St.  
Meridian, ID 83642

## Diane Holt

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**From:** thomas@trandrews.COM  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 4:33 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Thomas Andrews

Name: Thomas Andrews  
Case Number: docket IPC-E-18-15.  
Email: thomas@trandrews.COM  
Telephone:  
Address:  
Hailey ID, 83333

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: Idaho Power is trying to drive customers away from clean, local, affordable solar energy. Maintaining fair pricing for existing customers makes sense. This feels like Idaho Power reneging on good-faith agreements with customers.

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**From:** jkreitler@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 4:35 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Jason Kreitler

Name: Jason Kreitler  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: jkreitler@gmail.com  
Telephone:  
Address:  
Boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: Dear Idaho Public Utilities Commission:  
RE: Case Number IPC-E-18-15

Today I write to express my confusion and extreme frustration regarding the backroom dealings and unfair process of the proposed settlement agreement for case IPC-E-18-15. I specifically object to the following serious shortcomings:

1. Financial penalty for existing net metering customers

I had a 4.6kw residential solar photovoltaic system installed on my roof in 2017, at considerable expense to my family's finances, even though the -- EXISTING -- net-metering structure and State incentives were subpar compared to national averages. My motivation was to offset my carbon emissions and the negative externalities associated with my family's greenhouse gas footprint cost-effectively. While I could have received a much larger return on my capital through investing in a simple index fund, I chose to reduce my future electric bills as an environmentally responsible investment with a modest expected return. I was aware that future rates of electricity might change due to seasonal or generation factors, or -- IF -- it was found that net-metering customers were not paying their -- TRUE -- share or burden. However, Idaho Power is now suggesting a complete change to the structure and timing of net-metering, which will render the panel layout and design of my system inefficient for the 'hourly' net-metering change. Had this been known, the design of my system would be completely different with the goal to offset ALL of my daytime electricity use, and optimized to generate electricity over more hours during the day (panels facing east, south, and west), albeit for a smaller total production of kilowatt hours (kWh) over the course of the day. Instead, as is common practice, my system was designed to -- OPTIMIZE -- total solar production (all panels facing due south), and now ID Power is proposing financial penalties to legacy solar customers. I find this -- UNFAIR -- and -- UNREASONABLE. I made a good-faith effort to be an environmentally conscious and responsible global citizen; ID Power should do the same and not penalize distributed solar customers and all the good paying jobs it has brought to the state of Idaho. I urge you to reject the proposed changes and maintain the existing agreement with legacy net-metering customers.

2. Cost/benefit of on-site generation

PUC Order No. 34046 Case No. IPC-E-17-13 ordered a comprehensive study to evaluate the costs and benefits associated with on-site generation. WHERE IS IT?! Surely ID Power can do better than "Attachment 1" to the Settlement Agreement. It rather conveniently (for ID Power's case) leaves out most of the benefits that distributed solar provides: "The methodology to determine such value is not part of this Settlement Agreement..." -- seriously? This is a case of an incomplete assignment. I urge you to order ID Power to actually do their homework and try to understand the true benefits and avoided costs that customers have financed and are supplying ID Power. At the very least, ID Power should be able to articulate why their case is different than -- MANY \*ACTUAL\* STUDIES -- from PUCs, academics, and national

labs that have found “the economic benefits of solar actually outweigh the costs and impose no significant cost increase for non-solar customers.” Anything less will be unacceptable and disingenuous.

Sincerely,

Jason Kreidler, Ph.D.  
Boise, ID

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