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**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 6:03 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Annie Black

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Boise ID, 83712

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Company  
Comment: Dear PUC Commissioners -

With regards to the on-site generation rate structure associated with the Settlement Agreement in IPUC Case No. IPC-E-18-15, I am writing to urge the Commission to honor the existing rate structure offered to customers at the time of their investments.

My husband and I applied for and were granted approval to operate a net metering solar system in late 2017. We invested over \$16,500 in a system that was designed to cover our current use with some potential for additional electrical demands in our home. We made this decision based on the payback period that one could reasonably expect given the current rate structure. The rate calculations were conservative in nature but were predicated on our rate class remaining intact along with the Net Energy Metering Program structure.

At the time, we were notified by Idaho Power in an email regarding our Net Metering application that "Idaho Power has submitted an application to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to modify its net metering service (Schedule 84, Customer Energy Production Net Metering Service). If the company's application is approved as filed, residential and small general service customers in Idaho who complete their system and submit a System Verification Form on or before December 31, 2017 would take service under Schedule 84." (Email from netmetering@idahopower.com, 9/26/17) Despite this notification, Idaho Power has reneged on this rate schedule promise, having converted our service to Schedule 6, Residential Service On-Site Generation.

Now comes their request to the Commission to further back away from their published Net Metering Schedule available at the time our our installation. I'm unaware of any reasonable notice from the company that they now intend to change our net metering schedule, despite the fact that they have appropriate email addresses to keep us informed (unless it was buried in an online bill). Thanks to a friend, I became aware of these changes. I wonder how many existing on-site generation customers are not aware of this proposal before the Commission and are therefore shut out of these proceedings.

While Idaho Power will argue that we did not have a Net Metering contract and are therefore subject to rate class conversions and rate structure changes at any time, I would argue that the proposed changes are an act of bad faith by the company. While I'm not in a position to provide a legal analysis of such rate structure changes, I would offer that, even with an eight-year grace period, this change is unfair to those of us who invested in a reliable energy source in good faith. Many states have figured out that changes to net metering rate structures can only be fairly implemented for new customers. They have expressly stated that new rate structures for existing customers are not reasonable.

Following are my main points for grandfathering in existing Idaho Power CGP customers and for suspending this entire decision until further study can be taken, as originally required by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

- 1) We do not want to see the value of credit that solar customers receive on their bill for the excess electricity decrease 50% lower than it is today.
- 2) The proposed rate changes will unacceptably slow down the adoption of clean energy in Idaho and will have a negative impact on jobs, the economy, and the ability of customers to proactively reduce their carbon footprint. We want energy Democracy, not Socialism.
- 3) Thousands of Idahoans would like solar power and this will make that more difficult for them. We ask that the IPUC keep their commitment to Idaho citizens, keep our economy strong by bringing solar jobs, and regulating Idaho Power to move in the direction of their 100% renewable commitment.
- 4) Idaho Power states that "Customers without panels are effectively subsidizing those with panels" however this proposed change unfairly increases the burden of maintaining the grid infrastructure to customers with solar panels. Now customers with solar panels will be subsidizing those without panels.
- 5) In the proposed Net Metering changes, Idaho Power will still pay solar customers more than wholesale rates which effectively demonstrates Idaho Power has made a valuation of Solar Power. How can Idaho Power know the value of Solar Power in 2028 when they aren't telling consumers the regular rate in 2028? Idaho citizens demand transparency of the valuation process.
- 6) Idaho Power (IPC) has a stated goal of providing 100% renewable energy to all its customers by 2045. IPC customers with solar power help Idaho Power achieve this goal by reducing the amount of electricity IPC must buy from out of state coal fired power plants. It appears that the new rate structure is not in the interest of the public and not in Idaho Power's best interest.
- 7) More than 4,000 Idaho families have invested in rooftop solar; this will negatively impact their financial situation, costing them thousands on their electricity bills. It's not fair to have the rules changed on them after they've made a substantial investment in solar power.

Thank you for your consideration of these important points on the proposed net metering changes.

Sincerely,  
Mike Engle  
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Project Lead, Solarize Pocatello  
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Meridian Idaho , 83646

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I think that it is unfair for Idaho Power to change their net metering program after I have already invested a lot of money into installing a solar panel system on my main residence. Part of my decision making prior to purchasing the system was to review the net metering program that Idaho Power created. If Idaho Power feels that they need to change the program, then it should be going forward with new users and not for people who have already committed a substantial investment under the current program. Thank you for your time.

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**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Jeff Einerson

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Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
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Idaho Falls ID, 83402

Name of Utility Company: Rocky Mountain Power  
Comment: I DO NOT support Idaho Power's proposal to change the rules for existing rooftop solar customers.

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Boise ID, 83709

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am writing to urge Idaho Public Utilities Commission to reject Idaho Power's dismantling of net-metering and to require that Idaho Power furnish an unbiased study of the costs and benefits of residential solar energy before making any changes to net metering.

We have invested our own money building and maintaining solar power system for our 2 homes, and now expect to lose money.

The Commission should uphold the original program that was agreed upon by Idaho Power and solar customers at the time that they joined the program. any changes to the rate plan should be small and incremental over time. Idahoans have invested in local clean energy expecting a fair and reasonable deal. The statements made by Idaho power regarding there expense incurred administering the program are unfounded due to they should have foreseen the interest in the program would increase beyond there original estimates.

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

Idaho families and small businesses should not have the rules changed on them after they have already made their investment and otherwise relied on Idaho Power's imposed requirements and standards.

Any request for a change to the net-metering program must be preceded by a cost/benefit study performed by a neutral third-party to inform the Commission of the true costs and benefits of solar interconnection and to promote the growth of on-site power generation.

The new proposal could cost existing solar customers thousands of dollars in a short period of time 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 and expected 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 Commission 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 be an incentive when 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 Commission and our public utility. If they had no intention of honoring the original service agreement, that they set out initially, they shouldn't have even made it an option. But they did, and it should be honored.

The Idaho Power plan decreases access, availability, and affordability of residential solar. Should the Commission adopt the Proposal as-written and decide not to grandfather-in existing net-metering customers, thousands of residential solar energy producers will lose their investment, the expansion of residential solar in Idaho will all but end, thousands of much needed jobs will be lost, and our beautiful land will suffer.

Sean and Shannon Adamcik.  
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Boise Idaho, 83703

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I choose to install a solar system because I support the transition away from fossil fuels for environmental concerns, and to save money. The proposed settlement could cost me (and 4000+/- other rooftop solar customers) thousands of extra dollars on our power bills.

My system was designed and installed based on tracking my monthly usage and balancing power production and need throughout the year, the proposed settlement changes everything. I believe that Idaho Power has the obligation to grandfather in the existing net metering customers. Many customers, including myself, made investments into solar under the existing agreement and the rules should not change for us.

I hope you will consider my comments and protect all existing rooftop solar customers.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Boise ID, 83713

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: If the Idaho Public Utilities Commission approves a recent settlement on net metering, the value of credit that solar customers receive on their bill for the excess electricity they send back to the grid would decrease over time to a rate roughly 50% lower than it is today. This is unfair to existing solar customers who built their arrays based on the current net metering rates.

This proposal could cost over 4,000 Idaho families and businesses that have invested in rooftop solar thousands of extra dollars on their electricity bill. Stay the course and pay solar customers based on the current net metering. Thank you for listening!

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Ketchum ID, 83340

Name of Utility Company: IPCO

Comment: Dear PUC Members,

I have been an Idaho Power net metering customer since 2002. In the past, IPCO has been supportive of our endeavors to provide clean, renewable, distributed power. Our peak power supply to the grid neatly coincides with IPCO's peak need – hot summer afternoons when air conditioners and, especially, when irrigators are using huge quantities of electricity.

We have installed our systems with the understanding that the payback would be long, generally 15 – 20 years. The systems are expensive, IPCO's power is relatively inexpensive and Idaho has few incentives. It is particularly unfair for IPCO to change our terms mid-stream, resulting in the payback likely being longer than the life of the system.

Since I installed the 2002 system, I've moved to a new residence. We installed our current system about 2 years ago. With the current net metering system, we are able (if we are very energy conscious) to produce 100% of our annual electricity usage. We still pay the various IPCO fees, even in the months we produce as much as or more power than we use.

The proposed rate system will, ultimately only pay about half retail for the power we produce (when, as mentioned, the bulk of the power we produce is at IPCO's peak need and when IPCO is likely shopping for power on the open market). But even worse, by reconciling the power production vs use hourly, we will not even be able to average our power over the course of a day. The result will be that IPCO's proposal will cost us many hundreds of dollars annually.

We do not understand how effectively dismantling IPCO's net metering program fits IPCO's goal to achieve 100% clean power production by 2045, and we do not think it's fair for IPCO to change the terms of the agreements we have made with the in the middle of our expensive systems' life spans.

We request that the PUC require IPCO to continue their innovative and constructive net metering program in order to support their clean power goals. If that cannot be achieved, we ask at a minimum that IPCO honor the terms of our original agreements for the life of our expensive systems.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Bundy and Kurt Maurer  
Ketchum, ID

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**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Caroline DeFrang

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Boise ID, 83716

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: 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.

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McCall ID , 83638

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I'm writing to state my opposition to the proposed changes to net metering. My wife and I, installed solar panels on our residence this year with the intent to help in the fight against climate change and I'm concerned these proposed changes to net metering could deter other home owners from installing solar panels.

This is also a case of fairness for existing solar customers. Solar customers made an agreement with Idaho Power to be net metered at a certain rate and it is only fair that Idaho Power and the PUC uphold that agreement now and for the long run. Therefore, I believe existing solar customers should be held to the existing net metering rules.

Additionally, the agreement does not take into consideration that renewable energy has an intrinsic value that isn't being measured under this agreement. Solar provides a clean alternative to power that does not threaten our environment and our wildlife.

Lastly, this agreement overstates the impact solar has on infrastructure. Idaho Power needs to make update to modernize the grid, and it's their responsibility to do so, not customers like myself you are trying to do our part in the fight against global climate change.

Sincerely,  
Alex Brun

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**From:** Annkeenan4d@gmail.com  
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**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Ann Ford

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Telephone: 2083444675  
Address: 2522 North 29th Street  
Boise ID, 83703

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am writing in opposition to the new net metering program desired by Idaho Power. I understand that not only does Idaho Power want to undo benefits to going solar for future users, it wants to take back promises to people who invested in solar with particular metering rates in mind--and budget. Idaho Power has a captive customer in most of us; instead of behaving like a punishing parent when folks are just trying to perform a moral action for the environment, they should be encouraging solar use and solar development. It is the right thing to do. Thank you for taking my comment.

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Address: 1713 Sunset Drive  
Emmett Idaho, 83617

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I would like to tell the PUC how disappointed I am with Idaho Powers new proposal to change the Net Metering rules for Idaho. I sell solar systems here in Idaho. If the PUC allows Idaho Power to do what they are asking to do, I might as well quit trying to sell Solar today. Idaho Power is requesting changes to Net Metering that are absolutely RIDICULOUS and are a definite KILLER to the Solar Industry. They want to go from 100% credit on Solar Produced power to 4 cents buyback. WHAT? That is about a 40% return on our current 100% credit with Net Metering. Considering that the electric rates will probably go up to 11 or 12 cents minimum in the next 10 years that will actually be about a 24% to 30% return on our Net Metering. What a bunch of Dishonest Crooks. Rocky Mountain Power in Utah changed their Net Metering a few years back. When they did that, most of the Solar Companies in Utah ran to Idaho to set up business because Idaho Power had 100% net metering. And they should. I give them power and they should give it back to me. SAME RATE. Anyway, Rocky Mountain changed their Net Metering to a 9 CENT buy back and GRANDFATHERED in ALL new Solar Customers for 20 years. That is not as good as 100% net metering but it is REASONABLE. We can still sell Solar with that kind of a change and Solar will still be a good investment for people in Idaho with that kind of a change. But to give Idaho Power a 4 cent buy back on the Net Metering. If you approve that, 100% of the Solar Companies in Idaho will close their doors. Idaho Power is Corrupt. They say on their website that Solar is a 15 to 18 year payback. Their new proposal will make Solar a 30 year payback if ever. Idaho Power says they like Solar. Yeah Right! (What they mean is they want Solar for THEMSELVES, BUT NOT FOR ANY RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS) Please do NOT give Idaho Power the the Ridiculous things they are asking for. We need Grandfathering for at least 20 years for the existing customers, and the new Net Metering rates can change a little bit maybe, but not anything close to what Idaho Power is asking for. JUST SAY NO!

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Address: 2931 NW 12th Drive  
Meridian ID, 83646

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I purchased solar with the expectation that the rate would stay the same to help pay for the system. I would not have invested that much money if I thought Idaho Power would change the rules. They need to do the right thing and grandfather the rates for those of us who already have solar.

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Address: 1110 N. 17th St  
Boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I have recently installed solar panels on a single family dwelling with an electric forced air furnace. I did this for two reasons.

- 1) To help offset utility costs.
- 2) Installing clean energy production is the right thing to do.

I was able to do this because of Idaho Power's current net metering rates and rules. Investment in solar energy production by homeowners should be encouraged. It's in the public interest to incentivize the use of renewable energy. Do not decrease the value of current net metering rate structure. At the very least, grandfather in current pioneers who have used their hard earned money to contribute to a better world for all.

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**From:** mwbusby@live.com  
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**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Michael Busby

Name: Michael Busby  
Case Number:  
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Telephone:  
Address:  
Fruitvale Idaho, 83612

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Don't lower your entertie compensation rate and renege on your contract with the public who have invested in solarizing their homes. Instead, invest in the solarization of homes to help reduce our dependance on fossil fuels and the degradation of water sheds by damming rivers.

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Telephone:  
Address:  
Coeur d' Alene ID, 83815

Name of Utility Company: Kootenai Electric

Comment: Science indicates that we should be encouraging the use of alternative energy sources. It seems a poor time and peculiar decision to hinder the use of solar power in any way. I urge you to reconsider your proposal to limit or in any way impede customers from using rooftop solar power. Thank you.

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Address:  
MOSCOW ID, 83843-2432

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Comment: I strongly urge you to allow Idaho families and small businesses who've already invested in rooftop solar to stay on the existing net metering program rather than forcing them onto a new program that decreases the value of their investment by 50%. It's only fair.

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Address:  
Nampa ID, 83686

Name of Utility Company: IPCo

Comment: I think it is unfortunate that the IPCo is attempting to introduce an action that thwarts the good effort by responsible citizens who are spending their own money on home solar systems to produce electricity. We "net metering customers" indeed are trying to reduce the negative impacts of producing electricity by burning fossil fuels as IPCo has been doing for so many years.

It is well established, scientifically, that the burning of fossil fuels is burdening earth's atmosphere with heat trapping Carbon di Oxide, a matter that we now see is actually changing our climate.

Instead, a far more responsible action by IPCo would be to provide it's net metering customers with even LOWER rates since we are in fact helping IPCo by reducing not only their need to burn fossil fuels but also by reducing their need to install MORE generating capacity of ANY form. That avoids costs, benefitting the IPCo..

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Boise ID, 83709

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: December 3, 2019

RE: Case #IPC-E-18-15

Power Commission Members:

Let me preface this letter by telling you that all the members of our household are seniors living on fixed incomes. We moved into this home in order to take in my 91 year old parents.

We have always been environmentalists, so as a family, we decided we should invest in solar. It would not only benefit our family, but it would save the planet, the city, and Idaho Power. It would ensure that as energy costs go up, we would be able to afford our power bill.

We have only had solar for just over a year. Our system was installed in late July, early August, so we didn't generate enough power to get us through the first winter. We had to pay over \$100/month for power for several months, in addition to making the solar payment.

When we purchased solar, we were told we would get \$11,000 back on our taxes which we could use to pay off our \$40,000 loan. Because we make so little money, we only got about \$3,000 back. Dad passed away this year, so Mom was able to contribute a little money; however, we still owe \$29,000. We were told that once we paid off our solar, we would be free of a power bill. For a couple of months, our power bill went down to \$.19, and it seemed our system was finally working in our favor. We had a solar payment, but no power bill.

Then we found out Idaho Power is proposing to take the power we contribute to the grid and instead of giving us our current rate of about \$.08 per kilowatt hour, they are going to pay us \$.04 per kilowatt hour, and then when we need that power back, we will pay the going rate. Now I may not understand exactly what that means, but the bottom line is, we will have a power bill forever in addition to a solar payment. That means our solar system will not add any value to our home when we sell it, and it is of very little benefit to us now.

It appears that not only did we get screwed, but the solar companies did too, as they will be going out of business. The planet won't benefit, the city won't benefit, we won't benefit, but Idaho Power will. If we had known this was going to happen, do you think we would have purchased solar? We are not stupid, but maybe we are, because we believed we were doing the right thing.

When I called Idaho Power and asked them how much this was going to cost us, they couldn't tell me. I don't know if it is going to cost us \$5 per month or \$100 per month. How is that fair? Are we going to be forced to move?

I know it costs Idaho Power money to maintain the lines, but you can't tell me they aren't making enough money from selling the power we generate to their other customers to offset the costs they claim they are losing putting our power on the grid and returning that power from the grid.

I propose Idaho Power go back to the drawing board and disclose all the results of the studies they have done. I want them to be able to tell us exactly how much it costs them to put our power into the grid and then return it. I want to know, within a couple of dollars, the amount we are going to have to pay. If we have to pay \$5 per month, we'll manage, but if we have to pay \$30-100 per month, we may be forced to sell and move elsewhere. If you start penalizing people for getting solar, you will destroy the solar companies and the jobs and livelihoods of many Idahoans. In addition, you will destroy the planet and the families who are attempting to make Idaho a better place to live.

I urge you to delay this proposal until Idaho Power can give us solid numbers and the data to back it up.

Sincerely,

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Jeff Smith and  
Doris Schroeder

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Twin Falls Idaho, 83301

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: As an existing Idaho Power customer who decided to move to solar under the existing program rules and have invested over \$50,000 dollars to move toward and in line with the mission of Idaho Power to be totally green by the year 2040. I believe existing customers who invested in the program rules should at the very least remain under the existing program rules that we invested into and expected Idaho Power to honor. Idaho Power's monopoly over the the power grid in Idaho and initiating a change in rate classes will restrict the growth of clean solar energy in the state. With less than .5% of customers being assigned to this new rate class.

It would serve Idaho Power better to research and study how to promote this green energy to better meet their customers needs and sell the excess for profit vs penalize the customers for creating an alternate energy for them. This will also have an effect in jobs and education that the solar industry could continue to create in the Idaho area. ie jobs installing and upkeep of solar systems as well as colleges like Southern Idaho who are implementing certifications for students who want to pursue advanced training in alternative energy.

If the PUC allows Idaho Power to create an alternate rate class and penalize customers for going green. I believe they are missing the opportunity to develop a smarter grid that will enable Idaho Power to reach and exceed their goals of being completely green by 2040 as well as becoming an impactful player in the years to come when fossil fuels will be running short. It would serve the PUC to have foresight in this matter and leverage Idaho Power to continue to move toward their green initiative while researching ways to become a leader in alternative energy. Thus building better more efficient grids for the future.

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**From:** Jcriner1975@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 8:38 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Jason Criner

Name: Jason Criner  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: Jcriner1975@gmail.com  
Telephone: 208-573-9793  
Address: 2152 S Pebbleside Way  
Boise ID, 83709

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: As a born and raised Idahoan I am angry and disappointed in our system. I as well as so many other individuals and even local businesses have invested our own hard-earned money in to a program that was supposed to not only lesson the footprint but allow for long term savings and usage. Now after making payments over 2 years I am being told that nothing will be honored as to the original agreements. If as an individual or a small business did not honor an agreement with the government you can bet, they would take what you have and sell it to make up money lost for them. SO, IS OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THAT AGREE WITH DISHONORING THE CITIZENS OF IDAHO STATE GOING TO PAY ALL ITS CITIZENS WHO BOUGHT SOLAR PANALS (SOME \$58,000+ per household) BACK MONEY FOR THE LOANS ON THE ENERGY PROGRAMS? Will there be a loan forgiveness program because many people who invested in these programs can't pay both ID POWER even more +Solar Loans + whatever else decides to get thrown in.

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**From:** richkanj@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 8:42 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Jay Kanrich

Name: Jay Kanrich  
Case Number:  
Email: richkanj@hotmail.com  
Telephone: 2085853570  
Address: 8951 New Castle Dr  
Middleton ID, 83644

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Today, Monday the 2nd and tomorrow, the 3rd, we are installing an 18.3kw home PV system on our home. I have spent hours researching and crunching the numbers to figure out if this will work. Two things make it possible: the 30% tax credit, which is trimmed back after this year, and the Net Metering program provided by Idaho Power that gives a dollar for dollar credit for power I return to the grid. If not for both of these, this system would not work out at all. If the PUC grants Idaho Power's wish to cut back on the credit, I will be stuck with a multi-thousands of dollars system that may not pay for itself for it's expected life-span.

If you put your money in a bank for safe keeping, expecting to get it back, dollar for dollar, when you needed it in the future, and then were told after-the-fact that the bank will only give you back, say, 70% of the money you put in, would you continue to put your money in that bank? And what would you do if you had to sign a contract to put your money in that bank from this point forward and they then changed the rules on you? That's effectively what Idaho Power is trying to do with my power credits.

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**From:** scott.burlingame@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 9:02 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Scott Burlingame

Name: Scott Burlingame  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: scott.burlingame@gmail.com  
Telephone: 208-389-8085  
Address: 3520 Kingswood Drive  
Boise ID, 83704

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: A couple of years ago, my wife and I investested just under \$20 thousand in a solar panel system. We did it because it seemed the responsible thing (a little cleaner world for our grandchildren and succeeding generations) and it made economic sense. We expected to at least break even within 20 years. Now comes Idaho Power saying, "Oh, we made a mistake, we have to rake back some of the money you spent on solar power for ourselves." I would like to be able to renegotiate the net metering rules a little more in my favor, but I don't expect the PUC would support that, nor should they. There was a clear agreement about how to handle individual solar power producers when we came on line. If we now do not like the deal we signed on to we have no one to blame but ourselves. Yet now it seems Idaho Power does not like the agreement they made--after we chose to make a \$20 thousand investment based on the agreement. The PUC should say the same thing to Idaho Power that should be said to anyone who wants to change the rules mid-stream-- honor what was agreed to. Be ethical and fair. If Idaho Power wants to renegotiate rules for new solar power providers, fair enough. Potential new solar power producers can make their choice based on the rules then in force. Changing rates and terms after the fact for existing producers is wrong--unethical, dishonest, and discriminatory.

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**From:** swainston.collin@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 9:20 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Collin Swainston

Name: Collin Swainston  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: swainston.collin@gmail.com  
Telephone: 208-417-9908  
Address: 591 Turin Way  
Rexburg ID, 83440

Name of Utility Company: Rocky Mountain Power

Comment: I really don't think this proposed settlement is beneficial for anyone but Idaho Power company. It continues to feed money to their monopoly on power. It negatively affects all customers with solar power, making their large investment less beneficial for them. This does not incentivize people to go solar and does not incentivize clean energy (which is what the federal government is trying to incentivize right now with the Federal tax credit among other things). If Idaho was concerned about the well being of their state and the well being of their people, they would not let this happen. Also, as an employee of a solar company, this will most likely impact my job security. My company won't be able to continue to pay what it does because a HUGE customer base will not realistically be able to afford solar because the state of Idaho will be protecting the monopoly Idaho Power already is.

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**From:** rich.suyehira@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 9:38 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Richard Suyehira

Name: Richard Suyehira  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: rich.suyehira@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2083758894  
Address: 3876 N Sawgrass Place  
Boise ID, 83704-4485

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Idaho Power has not completed the study or has not published results for IPC-E-18-15 - IDAHO POWER-- APPLICATION TO STUDY NET EXCESS ENERGY FROM CUSTOMER ON-SITE GENERATION. They have not done the study but they are proposing reducing the price they give to on-site generation customers by half over time. Is this an arbitrary number? What basis does it have? Will the PUC approve Idaho Power's request with out any data?

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**From:** k2hurley@msn.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 9:40 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Kelly Hurley

Name: Kelly Hurley  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: k2hurley@msn.com  
Telephone:  
Address: 3392 S. Ashbury Pl.  
Boise ID, 83706

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am against Idaho Power's proposed changes to customer solar net metering. If they paid 50% of the capital cost for customers' solar installation, then it would be reasonable to only reimburse customers at a 50% rate for the power put onto the grid. The power I put on the grid will probably be used by my neighbors, so the transmission cost will be negligible (significantly less than 50%). Most of the excess solar power put on the grid is during Summer, when Idaho Power's cost of buying power on the open market is probably much higher than the cost of power during Winter, when there is little or no excess solar power put on the grid; if anything, Idaho Power should probably be reimbursing solar customers at more than 100%.

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**From:** lauren.necochea@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 9:44 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Lauren Necochea

Name: Lauren Necochea  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: lauren.necochea@gmail.com  
Telephone:  
Address: 713 N 20TH ST  
Boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I urge the PUC to ensure that Idaho Power honors commitments to residents with current net metering arrangements.

Changing the rules of the game after residents have invested heavily in solar is a dangerous precedent that will discourage residents from making similar investments in the future—investments that must be encouraged for our state's future energy security.

I therefore urge you to reject the proposed settlement, which is an arbitrary representation of parties who met behind closed doors without consulting the constituents who actually invested in on-site generation.

Most importantly, grandfathering in existing properties with net metering clients should be an obligation, not a consideration. The adoption of hourly net metering as proposed by the settlement would completely alter how existing systems would have otherwise been designed. 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 our solar investments.

My family's 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.

Respectfully,  
Lauren Necochea

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**From:** rich.suyehira@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 9:53 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Richard Suyehira

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Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: rich.suyehira@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2083758894  
Address: 3876 N Sawgrass Place  
Boise ID, 83704-4485

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I made the investment in home solar power generation in August 2017. The decision to invest in solar at the time was made based on rates at that time. Now, Idaho Power is asking to change those rates for home generation solar power. If the PUC approves Idaho Power's rate change, I may never break even on my solar investment. How can that be? I made the investment, not Idaho Power. All that Idaho Power had to do was install a different meter! Yet, Idaho Power gets my excess power during the summer months when they need it the most for air conditioners and irrigation. And Idaho Power spends money to try to get customers to reduce power usage by switching to LED light bulbs, improving insulation, and switching to other energy saving appliances (e.g., Energy Star). It feels that charging more for solar generation is discouraging Idaho Power customers from installing this "energy saving" solution. Yet they will continue to pay customers to switch to energy saving solutions! This is a double standard! When Idaho Power proposes to build a new power generating facility, they estimate the cost of the investment and request a rate that will cover the investment. The PUC doesn't come back after the investment is made and tell Idaho Power that they must reduce the rate. That makes no sense. So, why don't the same rules apply to customers that have invested in home solar? And why is home solar not being encouraged instead of discouraged?

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**From:** wickjs@msn.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 9:55 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: John Wick

Name: John Wick  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: wickjs@msn.com  
Telephone:  
Address:  
Eagle ID, 83616

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I ask for your support of grandfathering any existing solar customers into Idaho Power's proposed changes for solar customers and keep the current 1:1 credit for surplus power returned to the grid via net metering. The decision to supplement our existing power supply was made with the understanding of 1:1 credit for surplus power returned to the grid. Solar customers have invested significantly into their systems, counting on and expecting the return on their investments based on the 1:1 credit. Solar power returns clean power to the grid. Idaho Power certainly has the right to request this change however I believe it should be to future solar customers rather than existing, and Idaho Power should honor their agreement with existing solar customers.

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**From:** peakinsp@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 9:57 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Christopher Munro

Name: Christopher Munro  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: peakinsp@gmail.com  
Telephone:  
Address: 433 Pinecrest Loop  
Sandpoint ID, 83864

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Comment: I would like to urge the PUC to prevent Idaho power from lowering the net metering rate for solar owners. These people (none that I personally know) have chosen to invest in alternative energy because it is a better way of electric generation than being supplied from the distant, questionable sources. Please honor the agreements made and encourage others to make similar investments for our collective good.

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**From:** gresswold@msn.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 10:01 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Lynn Gress

Name: Lynn Gress  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: gresswold@msn.com  
Telephone: 2088413093  
Address: 12470 W Muir Ridge Drive  
Boise ID, 83709

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I understand that Idaho Power has submitted a change the current program for solar customers. They propose to change the net metering program, including for those already existing solar customers. This is unfair. Idaho needs to continue to invest in and encourage solar power. Decreasing the net metering will have a negative effect on encouraging new solar power users AND is not fair to current users that invested in solar with the assumption of net metering. Thank you.

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**From:** parkinson.harriet@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 10:08 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Harriet Parkinson

Name: Harriet Parkinson  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: parkinson.harriet@gmail.com  
Telephone:  
Address: 1029 Parkhill Dr  
Boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Idaho Power's plan to reduce the value of solar investments made by customers is unfair to their customers who invested with the expectation that they would be compensated a certain amount. These changes are not evidence based as no study was done to back up the net-metering changes that are being pushed by Idaho Power. The current customers were not involved in this decision making process and therefore should not be cheated of their investment when the change isn't justified by research or data.

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**From:** Patrick.r.eaton@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 10:09 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Patrick Eaton

Name: Patrick Eaton  
Case Number: IPC-18-15  
Email: Patrick.r.eaton@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2083406543  
Address: 20079 Cabot Avenue  
Caldwell Idaho , 83605

Name of Utility Company: Idaho power

Comment: Please consider our plea to be grandfathered into the next generation of solar energy for idaho. We have saved hundreds of trees this year alone. The kickback for having solar is not that great. We buy electricity from idaho power every month so far. We were not told we need batteries to store the energy harnessed. Not sure it really was a good idea to go solar except for the fact that we save trees? Really needs to be a more productive system

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**From:** charleswashington3@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 10:15 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Charles Washington

Name: Charles Washington  
Case Number:  
Email: charleswashington3@gmail.com  
Telephone:  
Address:  
Boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: Please do not limit people's ability to limit use of solar.

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**From:** salmonidbrewing@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 10:36 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Bill Baer

Name: Bill Baer  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: salmonidbrewing@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2089402649  
Address: 15 Bitterroot Loop  
Salmon ID, 83467

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

My wife and I purchased residential solar with integrated net metering in 2014. We appreciated the federal and state tax incentives at the time and the accessibility to the net metering platform to help us make a very tough decision to outlay a significant investment for a clean, sustainable energy option. It is the type of thing our state and federal governments should be supporting. It is the type of investment the IPUC should be supporting and protecting into the future. We appreciate and acknowledge that net metering can't occur without the existing infrastructure supported by Idaho Power and the rate payers. We have no problem with the current small surcharge each month that represents our share of supporting that infrastructure.

Having said all this, we find Idaho Power's application to change the rules of the game very disturbing, with discriminatory compensation changes effectively creating a dis-incentive for prospective purchasers of residential solar, and penalizing those of us who have already made a commitment to residential solar. Decisions by the commission need to be incentivizing and facilitating the behavior to invest in solar, not stymie it!

Please do not approve the Idaho Power application. Primarily it sends the wrong message, but is also particularly unfair to those of us who are existing power generators and who thought that we knew what we were getting into when we first invested. There are more equitable solutions than this proposal to the rate structure. Thank you!

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**From:** susanebt.pg@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 8:13 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Paul and Susan Beattie

Name: Paul and Susan Beattie  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: susanebt.pg@gmail.com  
Telephone: 208-466-6184  
Address: 104 N. Poplar St.  
Nampa Idaho, 83651

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: The proposed settlement agreement does not accurately examine costs of small generator solar generation, as a value of "0" (zero) is assessed to the benefit of such power generation. The basis for an appropriate valuation is available from numerous studies but absent from Idaho Power's assessment calculations.

Aside from the greenhouse gas emission reduction provided by small generator solar systems, these systems have positive value by effectively expanding the service of existing centralized power generation infrastructure. This reduces overall cost of power generation for all customers through reducing infrastructure needs.

Another positive benefit, which increases in value over time, is reduced land resource commitment for power generation. Simply put, reducing the need for more power plants now and in the future saves money for all customers, and saves more money over time because the cost of future real estate is likely to be greater than the current cost.

Another valuable benefit is predictability of solar generation. Unlike ad-hoc individual conservation measures which can never be fully known or predicted, the permitting process for small generation solar can be calculated in a predictable manner under every known scenario. We could go on, but you get the idea.

Has the positive effect of shareholder value been evaluated? It seems like marketing sustainable CO2-reducing green energy as a component of a business strategy is likely to have a positive effect on a stock price, right? Another valuable benefit for Idaho Power, shareholders, and all customers. None of these realities have been identified, discussed, or evaluated by Idaho Power.

The simple fact that Idaho Power has the capacity and capability to do this type of assessment and has elected to ignore any value from solar generators is discriminatory. And, in our opinion, approval of this agreement represents a taking. If this proposal is accepted by the PUC, the value of products purchased by consumers is rendered virtually worthless.

Additional losses, beyond the purchase price of the panels may be realized. Suppose a residence currently producing solar power by permit from Idaho Power is reduced in value below it's pre-solar panel asset value and becomes a less liquid asset if the solar panels are seen as an encumbrance to potential buyers? What is the plan to make these customers and consumers whole? What is the plan to make solar businesses whole?

We are also concerned that this proposed settlement agreement discriminates against existing and future Idaho Power customers and shareholders through lack of opportunity to participate in these discussions and by withholding information regarding this proposal from current customers and shareholders.

We have many more concerns, but appreciate that your time is valuable.

Please carefully consider rejecting the current proposal.

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**From:** katiagillis@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 10:49 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Katia Gillis

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Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: katiagillis@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2082490252  
Address: 2255 E Kuna Mora Rd  
Kuna ID, 83634

Name of Utility Company: Idaho power

Comment: Why would Idaho Power propose decreasing the benefits to the consumer for installing solar? That makes very little sense and is completely unfair to those of us who have already installed solar panels. It would also discourage others from installing a renewable energy source. It appears to boil down to greed on the part of Idaho Power. We invested \$50,000 in our solar panels because the long term benefits were huge. Now Idaho power wants us to be ok with throwing that money down the drain? I don't think so! Not fair, totally unjust highway robbery on the part of Idaho Power.

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**From:** alayne@horsesforcleanwater.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 11:07 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Alayne Blickle

Name: Alayne Blickle  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: alayne@horsesforcleanwater.com  
Telephone:  
Address: 7235 Southside Blvd  
Nampa Idaho, 83686

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Co

Comment: It is not fair to change your policies and rates for those ratepayers who have already made decisions and invested in solar power based on current facts and rates. If Idaho Power is planning to change their rates, current solar panel owners should be grandfathered in.

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**From:** chadwickhunt@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 11:11 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Chadwick Hunt

Name: Chadwick Hunt  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: chadwickhunt@hotmail.com  
Telephone: 208-310-2428  
Address: 6032 W. View Point Dr.  
Meridian Idaho, 83642

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am apposed to the changing of the net metering rules for Idaho Power Customers. Many of us have invested in solar power/self generation units for our own power use. Due to the nature of reusable energy, this power is not always consumed in full on the premises and is turned to the grid for other consumers to utilize. To sell this power to Idaho Power for future power credit \$ for \$ makes such investments economically feasible and even desirable.

These investments were made with the understanding that net metering would remain unchanged \$ for \$ of produced power sold to Idaho Power for power later consumed. Budgets were built upon this understanding and made based on trust in Idaho Power to hold true to the rules of play. To change the rules to those already engaged in net metering is misleading and breaks the trust of many Idaho Power customers. To have such benefits changed will ruin the economic advantage of such power units and may ruin the projected budgets of many household like our own.

If changes to the net metering law are to be made, I propose that they be made for future self generating power power customers while keeping those who are already invested in in such power units grandfathered in the previous net metering rules.

Such a change would allow those who have already invested in self generating power units (such as solar power) to maintain their budgets and maintain trust in Idaho Power as an honest, transparent company while allowing Idaho Power to sway the markets in a way that can benefit/maintain their power grids.

Thank you for your consideration of my thoughts and those of many friends who have likewise invested in Solar Power or self generating power units.

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**From:** fleursmorris@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 11:40 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: CAROLINE Morris

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Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
Email: fleursmorris@gmail.com  
Telephone: 2089541092  
Address: 1347 W Parkhill Dr  
Boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: IDAHO POWER COMPANY  
Comment: Re: Idaho Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Case No. IPC-E-18-15

My comments relate to Idaho Power's (IP) recent net metering settlement proposal in the captioned case, a proposal subject to public review and approval prior to PUC's decision.

I urge the PUC to reject this settlement proposal, because it violates fairness and requirements of related PUC Order No. 34046 in Case No. IPC-E-17-13 that:

1. A cost-benefits analysis of IP's on-site generation system be made and publicized, which study, if done, has not been released; and

2. The arbitrary parties writing the settlement proposal did not include all net-metering interests, especially lacking direct input by small net-metering customers or other constituent investors in on-site solar power generation.

I have been a residential solar energy net-metering IP customer since 2014. My system complies with IP's existing net metering policies, in effect for the past several years, that provide for monthly tracking of power production and usage. I oppose a proposed adoption of hourly net metering tracking, that likely would require renovating my home system, perhaps expensively. IP approved installation of my monthly tracking system, so it should not be allowed to now change my applicable net meter rules.

I recommend that all current residential and small business solar energy net-metering IP customers and the home/building's meter number shall be permitted to continue monthly tracking at 2019 rates, exempting them from any new net metering rates or tracking measurement alterations.

I urge PUC's just resolution and implementation of this net-metering issue.

Thank you.

Caroline Morris  
83702

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**From:** fleursmorris@gmail.com  
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**From:** kngrff@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 11:52 PM  
**To:** Diane Holt  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Kenneth Graff

Name: Kenneth Graff  
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15  
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Telephone: 2086814688  
Address: 514N 400W  
Blackfoot Idaho, 83221

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power company

Comment: I had a solar panel system installed on the roof of my house and my shop. I have waited a many years for the prices to come down enough to be able to get a loan and be able to pay off the loan in about eight to ten years. I am seventy four years old. I was hoping to get the loan payed off while I am still around. I have only payed into the loan for one year. Please don't allow this change to extend my payments beyond my lifetime.

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## Diane Holt

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I strongly support a hold on net metering changes or settlement proposals until a comprehensive study can be completed, analyzed, and evaluated by the public, PUC, and all relevant parties. As a homeowner with solar panels, I have several concerns about the proposed settlement.

This settlement decision was not based on a cost/benefit analysis study and the vast majority of net metering interests were not taken into consideration during the process. Any changes to net metering should be based on evidence that shows these changes are justified. To be fair to all parties, the current hearing should be postponed until a legitimate cost and benefit study has been properly conducted.

The proposed settlement also places an unfair burden on Idaho solar users who made investments based on existing net metering models. According to a partial analysis from the Idaho Conservation League and Vote Solar, the investment of at least 1,300 families and small businesses would become uneconomical because of the proposed settlement. 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.

I encourage members of the Idaho PUC to also consider how the proposed net metering settlement will harm small businesses and potential investors in this clean energy. Although the position of solar installer is the fastest-growing job in the country, most of this growth is through small businesses working at the residential and neighborhood scale. The proposed settlement will discourage solar investment in Idaho and have a detrimental effect on high-paid jobs—something desperately needed with Idaho's rising cost of living.

If Idaho utilities seek to keep rates low in the long run, they should encourage homeowners to transition to sustainable forms of energy. Despite arguments that net metering leads to "cost-shifting," numerous studies have contradicted this claim. At least 16 state-level reports concluded that solar panel owners provide more value to the grid than they get back from net metering. According to a 2016 Brookings Institution report, net metering "frequently benefits all ratepayers when all costs and benefits are accounted for."

We need to let the solar industry thrive in Idaho. For these reasons and more, I encourage you to hold the proposed settlement until a proper analysis can be completed and evaluated by all relevant parties. Thank you for your review and consideration.

Sincerely,

Malcolm Hong

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