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On August 15 of this year my wife and I went live with a 38 panel solar installation on our home on South Oakhurst Way, about four miles due south of here. Since then we have generated just over 5,800 kwh of electricity and delivered approximately 1,900 kwh back to the grid. This installation was, for us, a major investment intended to provide somewhere in excess of 90% of our total annual electricity utilization.

Obviously, the cost/benefit analysis we very carefully performed before embarking on this project was based on credits provided by Idaho Power at the then existing rates. Idaho Power now seeks to change the reimbursement rate structure for the power we deliver to the grid. Had we performed our calculations based on assumptions of a reduced reimbursement rate we would have come to a much different conclusion about the feasibility of the installation. Plainly put, what Idaho Power is proposing will make any sort of significant move to on-site generation in its market economically unfeasible.

That said, I understand Idaho Power's need to maintain a viable business model. And any significant reliance on on-site generated power will present issues in their ability to manage the flow of electricity through the grid. The key concept here is 'significant reliance.' And one of the most important questions before the public utilities commission is the extent to which Idaho Power is significantly reliant on on-site generated power. Apparently Idaho Power feels that on-site generated power installations are approaching the point where they are beginning to have an impact on power management processes.

In your work to assess the significance of Idaho Power's current and projected reliance on on-site power generation, and its impact on Idaho Power's business plan I hope that you will also keep in mind that those of us who invested in individual solar projects entered into a business relationship with Idaho Power based on terms agreed to at the time of our installations. As Idaho Power has pointed out this relationship is not based on a contract. However changing those terms after the fact dishonors the basis of that relationship.

Therefore I request that if you deem it necessary to accede to Idaho Power's request to alter the reimbursement rate structure for on-site generated power, you provide for grandfathering the rates for existing power generating customers.

As an alternative...I live in what might be termed a reasonably conservative neighborhood. And discussions about our solar installation have sometimes included the comment that Idaho Power is, in effect, buying power from us at retail rates. Therefore what Idaho Power is attempting to do with this request is to change the basis so that they are paying us wholesale rates for the power we sell them. My response is that this is true. However Idaho Power never actually pays us for the power we sell them. They give us credits that can accumulate until we use them but Idaho Power will never actually write us a check for the excess power we generate.

So, I offer this proposal for your consideration. If it is your determination that Idaho Power should be able to enter into (or to modify existing) business relationships by which they pay "wholesale prices" for customer-generated power, those business relationships should include actual exchanges of money. In those months when we use more power than we generate we currently make payments based on our power bill. In those months when we generate more power than we use, Idaho Power would send us a check for the power they have purchased from us.

Thank you for your time and for your consideration of this significant issue.

  
Randall Marshall  
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December 3, 2019



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People are frantic to reduce global warming! Must get rid of coal fired plants right away - Idaho Power ~~can~~ <sup>needs to</sup> diversify and build their OWN solar power generating plants to replace the coal plants. Don't penalize the people trying to help reduce electrical usage by installing their own solar panels - we love not buying gas for our electric cars thus reducing auto emissions which is a HUGE generator of <sup>air pollution</sup> ~~carbon emissions~~.

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After making a \$50K investment based on the  
current plan provided by Id Power to change the  
rules after the fact is both prejudice + socialist  
I saw my first solar home in Idaho as a school  
project of Capital High School. It was off Mt View  
on Lubkin St. I have had an interest in solar  
since. My home cost \$20,000 when I built it.  
My solar was \$50K this was a major investment  
the new rules proposed will make it impossible  
in my life time to ever get a return on that  
investment. I also thought this was in the  
best interest of our planet.

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I AM AN Idaho Native.



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I have solar power and have quit an investment into it. When I purchased the solar power I used my retirement money and did it to do away with my power bill. ~~IT~~ IT isn't fair to change these rules and start billing me retail for the power that was stored only giving me credit at wholesale. We are helping the environment and making our power grid stronger with solar power we shouldn't penalize the ~~app~~ public for putting in solar when it helps out everyone. IT isn't fair to change the rules like what is proposed for those who have already invested into solar power.

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The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) should uphold the original program that was agreed upon by Idaho Power and their solar customers. The PUC should not allow discriminatory rates that negatively impact existing customers' solar investments.

Idaho Power proclaims to have a goal of providing 100% clean energy by 2045. An important step toward achieving this goal is to recognize the significant investment of existing solar customers by honoring their initial service agreements.

The PUC needs to encourage development of clean, renewable, solar energy by supporting investments of existing customers. Future PUC negotiations need to also consider the environmental benefits of on-site generation.

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## Diane Holt

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**From:** markgrothe@gmail.com  
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: Request that the proposed changes for charges for solar power users not be approved, since we charge commitments have been already made.

Unique Identifier: 164.165.206.42

18 November 2019

Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC)  
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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 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

Nov 30, 2019

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Dear IPUC,

IDAHO PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

I was disappointed to get a letter from Idaho Power with the new proposal for compensating people with roof top solar systems! I had system installed about 3 years ago with the understanding that it would pay for itself in about 13 years. I would not have installed my system had I known that Idaho Power was going to propose such a radical change in owner compensation. I wanted to do my part to help the environment but with the proposed rate structure I fear that it will virtually kill future roof top solar installations. Idaho Power says they want have 100% renewable energy by 2045 but this proposal will only hurt that goal.

I would ask that the IPUC consider several modifications to Idaho Powers proposal:

1. Grandfather in those customers that currently have a solar system to the current net metering arrangement. I view this as a bait and switch scheme by Idaho Power. Get homeowners to pay big bucks to install a clean energy system with a reasonable payback and then switch the compensation scheme so that payback is not feasible.
2. If it is not possible to grandfather in current solar system owners then postpone the eight year period proposed by Idaho Power to decrease compensation to something like 20 years. This will allow current solar system owners time to recoup more of their investment and make it more fair to them.
3. Raise the 4.4 cent per KWh proposed by Idaho Power so that it would not be so devastating to the future of roof top solar.

Best Regards,

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