

Diane Holt

From: Ahalpern@csub.edu
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 4:03 PM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Annette Hinds

Name: Annette Hinds
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15
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Bliss Id, 83314

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: In August 2019 we invested \$42,000 in solar power for our residence. The predicted payback is about 20 yrs. we only made that investment because we expect Idaho Power to credit us 1:1 for our generation. If Idaho Power lowers that exchange rate it will take maybe 40 years. We will long be dead. We would never have invested had we known Idaho Power would change the rules. It seems grossly unfair for us not to be grandfathered at our current rate. As well it appears as simply a money making ploy into the future that could kill solar investments, which clearly are needed for the health and future of this planet. I urge Idaho Power to reconsider their plan to undercut existing and future solar power investors. .

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From: greg@nbhousing.com
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Nampa ID, 83687

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: We have installed solar systems on four affordable senior communities here in the Treasure Valley. The power cost off-set helps us to reduce our operating costs and keep rents lower for seniors on fixed incomes. Changing rates now would result in higher rents for our residents at the existing communities and limit our ability to install similar solar systems in the future.

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Subject: Case Comment Form: Kelly Clark

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Case Number: IPC-E-18-15
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McCall Idaho, 83638

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: In regards to Idaho Power wanting to change rates for net - metering under their thoughts we do not pay for any maintenance. After contacting the IPCO office for a transfer of a business account and on the first bill I asked what was the \$5.00 meter charge for and I was told everyone pay that and it is for help with line maintenance.

When IPCO is able to use power from our solar system they charge the customers 100% of their normal billing fees. We do get a power credit of about 30% of the cost of the power we put back on their power grid.

IPCO has entered in to contracts or understandings of how much they will not pay back but credit my account.

Make them honor this agreement that they have in place as of the time of the contracts. If they want to change the rate structure going forward let them address the Idaho State PUC commission and let them try to build a new rate case for the new Net-Metering customers.

Don't devalue my investment and the cost calculations I have set up a budget for pay-out over time.

Please have a grandfather clause for those of us that have already set up solar systems

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: My husband and I recently had solar panels added to our home. This was something we felt was a responsible thing to do. We are both close to 70 and know that we will never recoup the investment we made but felt like it was a good thing for the environment.

Now we have heard that Idaho power wants to reduce the value of electricity produced by residential solar systems. We feel that these proposed changes will be a deterrent to more residential customers adding solar to their homes.

We thought Idaho Power was on board for providing renewable energy. With this rate change it doesn't appear they are. Solar energy is a great way to provide renewable energy and good jobs.

When the opportunity came up to install solar on our home we decided to invest. We did not come to this decision lightly. We have never had large incomes and don't have a lot of disposable income.

These rate changes sound like they will add to our electric bill. It doesn't seem fair to change the rules now. We are just asking Idaho Power to keep things way they were when we decided to go solar. Please don't allow Idaho Power to devalue our investment and the investment of so many other solar customers. Thank you.

Brian and Elizabeth Janssen

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From: Ahalpern@csub.edu
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

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Boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Comment: Charlie, Carrie, Loren and Elizabeth Kahle
1284 E Broadstone Ct
Boise, ID 83702

December 4, 2019

Reference Case Number IPC-E-18-15

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your service as commissioners. Having volunteered on state agencies in Washington State I understand the important role the Idaho PUC plays in gathering and considering public input when making decisions that affect all the public in Idaho.

I'm sorry that I was not able to participate in the public hearing on Dec 3 to make my comments and offer these for your consideration in written form.

My wife and I moved to Boise earlier this year where my parents have just completed a new home for us to share together. They are in their 90s and we all recognized their need for more care from family at home.

As part of this new home we worked with AltEnergy, Inc to design and build a 9.25kW roof mounted solar system to help supplement the power needs for our family. We designed this system considering the Net Metering program available from Idaho Power to meet our needs and if there was any extra we are happy to help our neighbors. We were also pleased to work with a local company AltEnergy, Inc. We felt it important to invest in clean energy for our future, our children and grandchildren.

We were reassured by Idaho Power's position on moving to 100% clean energy by 2045.

As they currently state on their website (<https://www.idahopower.com/energy-environment/energy/clean-today-cleaner-tomorrow/>)

"At Idaho Power, our commitment to serving customers and communities with reliable, affordable energy has been the hallmark of our 100-year history. As we continue the next century of service, we look to build on that foundation with a new and exciting mission:
100% clean energy by 2045

Not only is this goal meaningful to us, it's important to many of our customers, the communities we serve and the places we call home."

Our concerns are many regarding the Settlement agreement that was filed with the IPC and which you are now considering. We, my family, urge you not to accept this settlement.

Some of the reasons are:

- Our system was 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 our existing system pays back our investment. We would have designed something different had we used the proposed guidelines.
- In order to protect this investment and that of all existing net metering system owners, systems should be grandfathered in 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 ours and many other solar investments.

In addition, I urge you to have no net metering changes, or have settlement proposals 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.

This year we have also invested in a new solar power system for our family home in Warren Vermont. Green Mountain Power (GMP) and the state of Vermont have programs in place to also reach clean energy goals. One example is their "Bring your own Device" program to encourage home owners to add batteries to store power generated by the solar system. This energy is then made available to GMP to help meet peak energy loads. This enables them to avoid starting up power plants to meet this demand often fueled by nature gas a know source of CO2 emissions. I mention this as an example of more Idaho Power can do to help meet their goal of 100% clean energy by 2045.

This proposed settlement you are considering would discourage future residential investments in Solar power systems. That is a change in the wrong direction.

Thank you for your consideration of our thoughts and perspectives.

Charlie, Carrie, Loren and Elizabeth Kahle

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From: srandy77@msn.com
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Subject: Case Comment Form: Randy Smith

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POCATELLO Idaho, 83204

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Comment:

“... in the public interest...”

We do not want to see the value of credit that solar customers receive on their bill for the excess electricity decrease to a rate roughly 50% lower than it is today.

The proposed rate changes will unacceptably slow down the adoption of clean energy in Idaho and will have a negative impact on jobs and the economy.

IPC customers with solar power are helping Idaho Power achieve their goal of providing 100% renewable energy to all its customers by 2045.

More than 4,000 Idaho families have already 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.

Thousands more Idahoans would like to be solar powered and this will make that transition more difficult. We ask that the IPUC keep our economy strong by bringing solar jobs and regulating Idaho Power to move in the direction of their 100% renewable commitment.

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From: Paul Kjellander
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2019 7:52 AM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Fwd: Idaho Power

A late comment

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Zoe Ambrose <zoeambrose@my.cwi.edu>
Date: December 5, 2019 at 12:16:41 AM MST
To: Paul Kjellander <Paul.Kjellander@puc.idaho.gov>
Subject: Idaho Power

Hello,

As an Idaho Power customer and someone with an interest in net metering, Idaho Power customers will not accept net metering changes without producing an objective, third-party study “to comprehensively study the costs and benefits of on site-generation on Idaho Power's system, as well as the proper rates and rate design, transitional rates, and related issues of compensation for net excess energy as a resource to the Company.”

An objective study and open publication of that study is the only way to enact this legislation with any degree of competency and integrity. We cannot argue the validity of rate changes without evidence that these changes are necessary.

Cheers,

Zoe

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From: Paul Kjellander
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2019 7:53 AM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Fwd: Public Comment on Proposed Changes to Net Metering in Idaho

A late comment

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Matt Jerry <mattjerry1@gmail.com>
Date: December 5, 2019 at 7:41:36 AM MST
To: Paul Kjellander <Paul.Kjellander@puc.idaho.gov>, Eric Anderson <Eric.Anderson@puc.idaho.gov>, "kristine.sasser@puc.idaho.gov" <kristine.sasser@puc.idaho.gov>
Subject: Public Comment on Proposed Changes to Net Metering in Idaho

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Sincerely,
Dr. Matthew Jerry

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Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2019 8:16 AM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Erin Roland

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Middleton IDAHO, 83644

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: If I would of known Idaho Power was trying to steal power from us, I would not of gotten Solar. If there is not a benefit why would anybody participate?

Solar is better for the environment. I want to help the environment. But, it is wrong of Idaho Power to abuse the environment by not helping customers help the environment. It is unethical of Idaho Power.

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Subject: Case Comment Form: Tami McHugh

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Kuna Idaho, 83634

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: We invested over \$50K in solar panels one year ago. The investment we made was dependent on the ability to have net metering with Idaho Power with the ability to offset our very high utility bills. We urge you to honor the investments Idahoans have made into sustainable energy products to lower utility bills and protect our environment.

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Subject: Case Comment Form: Sally Eberhart

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Meridian ID, 83646

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am greatly disturbed by the possible changes to the solar net-metering program! We recently installed solar panels on our home and our decision to make this green investment was based on the facts at the time and we satisfied all of the necessary requirements by Idaho Power. We relied on Idaho Power's promise of fair compensation for any excess energy we generate in choosing to go solar, in designing our system to provide meaningful offset to our power bill and in deciding to make the investment in the high up-front costs going solar.

Please REJECT the dismantling of the net-metering program! It is our belief that going solar HELPS Idaho Power by requiring less infrastructure on their part. It is our expectation that they honor the system in place when we made our decision to invest in solar. We are not expecting Idaho Power to purchase our extra energy that we generate, but we do expect to earn credits from the extra energy we generate to be used down the road if we need to use it. That was the arrangement when we made our investment. It is not fair to change the plan after the fact. We need to encourage people to invest in green energy options, not attack them.

Please uphold the original program that was agreed upon by Idaho Power and solar customers. We expect a fair deal. It is not fair to change the rules after the fact. Changing this will cost us money out of our pocket that we did not anticipate when we made our investment. 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 Idahoan. 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.

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 end. We need to ENCOURAGE green energy options such as solar and not penalize people who have made significant investments towards that goal!!

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Subject: Case Comment Form: Rob Pelton

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Boise ID, 83714

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: PLEASE STOP IDAHO POWER and do not allow them to change the current net metering program. We invested over \$30,000.00 in September 2018 and will not be able to see any return if the programs. We agree with all the Blue Raven Solar comments and do not want to be forced by Idaho Power to give up the incentives for our investment. PLEASE STOP IDAHO POWER from making penalizing changes to existing home owners who are on the Solar program.

Thank-you, dated 12-03-2015.

Rob & Wendy Pelton
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Boise, Idaho 83714

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To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: William Lind

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Case Number:
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Star Idaho, 83669

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I support the proposal to change the electricity pay rates that are paid to solar panel owners. I recognize that they are being overpaid for the electricity they are producing and they need to pay for their share of the infrastructure.

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Boise ID, 83706

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I'm writing to oppose the proposed rule change regarding net metering for solar energy consumers.

I am a strong believer in a transition to clean energy and hope that state regulatory agencies will do everything in their power to incentivize the expansion of clean energy in Idaho. Net metering is a powerful incentive for Idaho homeowners. The proposal currently being considered will decrease the rate solar customers receive for putting excess clean energy into the grid by roughly 50%; not only would this undercut an important incentive for expanding clean energy in the state, but to make this change now would be unfair to the Idaho families and businesses that have already made substantial investments in solar power based upon the current rates.

I am not currently a homeowner, but I hope to be someday. When the time comes that I am able to be a homeowner I hope to invest in solar power myself because it is important to me to live my values. Net metering is a way of reducing financial barriers for people like myself who want greater energy independence for Idaho's families and communities.

Please allow existing solar customers to remain on the current net metering program, and ensure that whatever programs are put in place going forward maintain the financial incentives that will empower more Idahoans to contribute to Idaho's clean energy future.

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