

Diane Holt

From: kim.mellean@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2019 4:00 PM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Kim Mellen-McLean

Name: Kim Mellen-McLean
Case Number: IPC-E-18-15
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: We have purchased solar panels in the past 2 years. We currently have 27 panels which was quite an expensive investment. We installed the panels with the understanding that we would receive a 1:1 credit for the energy we produce. That not only made it the right thing to do for the planet, but gave us assurance that eventually it made sense financially. If Idaho Power is allowed to change the rate as per their current proposal we may never be able to recoup the money spent installing the panels with the energy we produce. In addition, we are at a crisis point with climate change and we need to be encouraging more use of solar power. This proposal would essentially kill any future investment in this renewable energy source.

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From: David Burica <buricad@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2019 11:19 AM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: IPC-E-18-15

Hello, Diane,

We've been following the comments. What incredible work that's entailed! We appreciate all that you are doing. It appears you are including late comments, so we hoped this could be added.

Case Number: IPC-E-18-15

Dave and Ingrid Burica

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Utility Company: Idaho Power

Dear Commissioners:

We have previously commented and so greatly appreciate the opportunity. We see that the site was still accepting comments as of yesterday, so we hope that this can still be included as a sort of post script.

We have read the hundreds and hundreds of written comments published, and listened to as much of the verbal testimony as we could. We have learned a lot from the commentators. We would like to make a suggestion for a win-win-win scenario.

Idaho Power's Settlement Agreement and supporting submissions were insultingly deficient with regard to the stipulations of your order. They weren't remotely comprehensive, as required, nor did they address benefits of residential solar, as required.

IP's suggestion for the export credit value based on it's one-sided and narrow analysis was 4.4 cents per kWh.

This value has been comprehensively, scientifically and objectively looked at in many states outside of Idaho, and while the exact value varies depending on the situation, it is always higher than 10 cents and we've seen over 30 cents per kWh. 17 cents per kWh appears average.

We propose going ahead with the new hourly metering model as proposed, but using 17 cents per kWh for the export credit as a placeholder value until such time as a comprehensive study specific to Idaho can be completed (as your order required) and vetted.

This gets us away from net metering, as the Commission has wanted. It allows current and future residential solar customers to be treated alike, as Idaho Power desires. And it makes past and future rooftop customers whole.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to comment.

David and Ingrid Burica

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From: vontver@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2019 11:27 AM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Jason Vontver

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am an Idaho Power customer with rooftop solar providing power since 2016. I expect Idaho Power to treat net metering customers fairly. And I request the PUC to grandfather me into existing rates.

Thank you, Jason

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From: susanmatsuura@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2019 10:56 AM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Susan Matsuura

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I had solar panels installed on my home in September 2019 because I believe in clean energy generated close to the point of use. I believed I was in partnership with Idaho Power to achieve their goal of using all renewable energy by 2045. I believe I was deceived because after installation, Idaho Power proposes to change the rules regarding the value of the energy my system produces.

According to the letter I received from Idaho Power, the energy my panels generate are not as valuable as theirs. I see that their end goal is to decrease my value of my solar power by 50 percent by 2028. This is an incredibly sharp decrease. Why did I bother to make this investment?

Additionally, this is not in the public interest because it will discourage homeowners from investing in renewable solutions to power use. Solar power provides jobs in communities -- this change will negatively impact our economy.

Sincerely
Susan Matsuura

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From: markgrothe@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 2:19 PM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Mark Grothe

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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.

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From: info@cornerstonehscleaning.com
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2019 8:32 PM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Claudio Avila

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Comment: Dear Sirs:

I'm writing to voice my deep concerns regarding Idaho Power's proposed changes to the net metering compensation program.

My wife and I are lifetime residents of Idaho with extended families throughout the state. We have worked our entire life in Idaho and have operated a family business for the past several years.

When we chose to install a solar panel system, we did not do so lightly as our out of pocket cost was nearly \$32,000.00. Based upon our projections we would essentially break even only after about 10 years of usage.

We have just recently retired and figured this cost/break even analysis in our long term living cost plan. You may ask, why are people installing these systems in the first place. I've give your several reasons why we chose to do so.

Saving on utility costs, from now on as we are on fixed income and will be until we die.

Increasing the value of our home, anticipating a sale of the home only when we can no longer live in it safely. Hopefully selling our home at an increased value so that we can afford extended long term care which currently ranges from \$3,000-\$7,000 per month depending upon the extent of care required. This projected cost is a per person cost.

We want to reduce our carbon footprint. We firmly believe by doing so, we can in our own way help to reduce global warming, something that most scientists believe in. Hopefully our little contribution to this issue/situation will help our planet in both short and long term.

Providing the Utility with a cheap, clean, non-polluting source of energy so that they can sell it. Providing them a long lasting source of renewable energy.

Providing the electrical utility with a source of inexpensive energy (they did not participate in the up front cost to retrofit our home) with the equipment to provide them with a source of energy. Maybe it would be a good idea to have them contribute 50% of the cost, \$16,000.

We, the home owners are responsible for maintaining and paying for any issues with the solar panel system. The utility is not responsible now and will not be required to maintain it. What a savings, could you imagine having someone building you a dam, pay for it, maintain it and provide you a source of power and you just have to offset what you use. Not a bad deal.

These are only some of our reasons for disputing the proposed rate change.

We truly believe that if Idaho Power really wanted to create a win win situation, they would promote the use of solar panels into the future. Idaho Power could then take credit for working with the customers of Idaho to make it a green state. Hundred of thousands of people come to Idaho yearly to get out of smog infested cities, counties and states. Idaho Power could capitalize its brand name as being free of coal burning facilities, promoting wind, solar, even nuclear. They could partner with their customers to promote the state as a more clean, beautiful, and more environmentally state to live. There is no doubt that many of the people who move to Idaho with that motivation will allow Idaho Power to grow and grow with a positive image.

Our family has driven a hybrid car for years, we did that for several reasons. But one in particular was to use less gas so those people who drive larger vehicles wouldn't have to pay as much because of our reduced usage. Guess what happened, as we were trying to help others out, the state of Idaho passed a law to penalize drivers of hybrid cars. Yes, because we tried to help our fellow man, the state sees it fit to penalize us. Apparently, we don't use enough gas to help pay the state gas tax. They forget that our vehicle is lighter and it causes much less damage to our state highway system.

By going solar, we were trying to help ourselves, our neighbors, our state, utilities and even our planet, in this same way. Please do not make a decision that is focused on the short term profits of share holders but rather try to help those individuals and hopefully companies that are trying to make this world a better place. Now is the time we need leadership that will protect our planet at all levels of government with many of the rules and regulations that control land usage, environmental issues, and health related issues such as coal burning.

We are not asking nor promoting people to get off the grid but want to work with utilities and in doing so, help them prosper and grow along with its loyal customers. Germany has embraced the use of wind and solar energy, answering a need of their people. Idaho should be as advanced as this and take a leadership role for The United States of America to follow.

We request that the utility commission refrain from changing the rates but keep them in place for the foreseeable future. If anything, encourage Idaho Power to provide assistance in the installation of solar panel systems with fair and equitable rates to both home owner and utility.

We would also encourage them to try and encourage school districts and large businesses to also install solar and wind generation. I was told that each one of those wind turbines pays the owner of the property \$6,000 per month regardless if they generate power or not. That seems like a pretty sweet deal. Solar panel owners are not seeking such compensation but rather a fair and equitable compensation for the investment we have made, not only for ourselves but for others.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Claudio and Vicki Avila

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From: Paul Kjellander
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2019 7:39 PM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Fwd: IPUC Idaho Power Settlement

Another late filed comment that was sent to my email

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jeff Siddoway <jeffrey.siddoway@rosi-boise.com>
Date: December 5, 2019 at 12:34:38 PM MST
To: Paul Kjellander <Paul.Kjellander@puc.idaho.gov>
Subject: IPUC Idaho Power Settlement

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 onsite 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.

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Diane Holt

From: Kevin Thompson <thompsokj@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2019 5:45 PM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Idaho Power Net Metering

5 December 2019

Dear Ma'am/ Sir:

Probably not the correct desk but hopefully you can forward to the appropriate party. I would like to voice my support for Idaho Power in their request to reduce the rate paid for net metering. First of all our federal tax dollars are being used to subsidize both solar and wind projects which on their own are economically unviable without subsidies. Now I'm also potentially seeing higher power rates to subsidize "net metering" because the rate being paid is retail and not what IPCO would buy power off of the grid for. I have no sympathy for those people jumping all over solar for potential tax breaks without doing their research regarding economic pay back/break even point. Sure they want higher net metering rates after all they probably aren't aware that they'll probably have to start replacing panels in 20-25 years.

Thank you for your consideration.

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