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Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 9:22 AM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Case Comment Form: Mackenzie Stone

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I don't support Idaho Powers request to change the Net Metering rates in Idaho. Net metering benefits the citizens of Idaho and encourages renewable energy installation which is a great thing for Idaho's future. The following article provides information on how net metering benefits everyone: <https://www.brookings.edu/research/rooftop-solar-net-metering-is-a-net-benefit/>

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Co

Comment: Under IPC-E-18-15 program, my family will only recover about 40% of the cost of the solar system installed, vs 100% under the current monthly-net metering.

IF the recover of only 40% of the is good for my family it is good for all Idaho Power shareholders and the PUC must order Idaho Power to -re-commuted all rate for ALL rate payers using only 40% of their investment one any asset to calculate the rate. Idaho Power will claim they are different but their shareholders are no different than my family or any family who invested in solar. Idaho Power is the one who has set the standard and it is the PUC's duty to hold Idaho Power to the same standard. This new standard of only recovering 40% of the investment in power generation is reasonable, well Idaho Power thinks so. Once this is explained to EVERY rate payer I am sure they too will agree that Idaho Power should ONLY be allowed a recovery of 40% of their capital investment like my family. With 70% of Idaho Powers generation cost fixed the should mean an IMMEDIATE reduction of all uses power rates by 42%. The Idaho power consumers should expect almost a 50% reduction in their power bill within months. This would be a appropriate action by the Idaho PUC.

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Name of Utility Company: idaho power
Comment: Residential and small businesses who convert to solar power should have there net metering transfer to Idaho Power be grandfathered at the fair rate rather than a 50% reduction. We want more homes and businesses to install solar power and this would be an incentive.

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Subject: Case Comment Form: Mary Glen

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am against the current proposal to lower rates paid to solar customers. This is bad for clean energy and their business, negatively affecting jobs and lives.

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Idaho Governor Brad Little
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Dear Governor Little,

I am writing you regarding the settlement agreement between Idaho Power and the Staff of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC) detailing changes to the compensation structure for residential customers with on-site (rooftop) power generation. There has been a fair amount of news on this topic as well as public phone and in-person hearings. I won't go into the detail of that settlement as I'm sure you are fully aware of its provisions and what it will do to the solar industry in Idaho, the environment, and the residential customers with roof-top solar systems.

Rather, the purpose of this letter is to expose facts I uncovered while researching the settlement. I uncovered a history of exceptional generosity from IPUC to Idaho Power that does not appear to be in the public's best interest. What I was unable to determine was the motivation behind this exceptional generosity at the direct expense of Idaho Power customers.

Idaho Power's parent company, IDACORP's 2018 revenues were 1.4 billion dollars and its operating profit was 297 million dollars. Earnings growth was 6.7%, net income growth was 6.8%, and dividend growth was 6.8% in 2018. Over 125 million dollars of excess cash generated in 2018 was paid to shareholders in the form of dividends and stock buy-backs. In addition to the dividend payments, shareholders have also enjoyed the stock appreciating from \$62/share to over \$104/share over the past five years. The chairman and the president begin their letter to shareholders with, "IDACORP enjoyed another incredible year of accomplishment in 2018, punctuated by our 11th consecutive year of earnings growth – a feat that is unprecedented for our company and unique among investor-owned utilities during that period." Furthermore, just last month IDACORP announced yet another increase in its shareholder dividends. These dividends are the result of the consumers paying higher power rates than they should. Clearly, IPUC has been exceptionally generous to Idaho Power over the past 11 years at the expense of the consumer. Or, IPUC has abdicated its responsibility to the power consuming public.

Idaho Power's CEO was compensated \$4.5 million dollars in fiscal year 2019. This is up 80% from \$2.5M just four years earlier in 2015. Additionally, there are several other Idaho Power executives compensated in the millions of dollars per year. The beneficiaries of IPUC's exceptional generosity are clear, and they do not include Idaho Power's customers or its roof-top solar power generators. What is not clear is what IPUC is getting in return for this openhandedness to Idaho Power at the public's expense. I urge you to uncover the answer to this question and to provide transparency to Idaho citizens.

Because Idaho citizens cannot rely on IPUC to protect their interests, I am respectfully asking you to step in on behalf of your constituents and stop Idaho Power's use of its monopolistic power and greed, which has been left un-checked for many years by IPUC. If you disagree with the information provided above, please respond with your thoughts to this letter so I may better understand how IPUC is protecting the consuming public from Idaho Power's monopolistic powers and greed.

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As a side note, it's also worth mentioning the risk the solar settlement mentioned in the first paragraph is exposing the Idaho tax payers to. If not exempted from the settlement, existing rooftop solar power generators will almost certainly file a class-action lawsuit against IPUC. Based on my knowledge of the settlement and the facts stated in this letter, IPUC, even with legal assistance from Idaho Power, will find it difficult to defend its actions and the state risks losing millions of dollars.

Sincerely,



Russell R. Inskeep

CC: Idaho Power
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Idaho Clean Energy Association (via e-mail)
Sierra Club (via e-mail)
The Idaho Statesman (via e-mail)
The Idaho Press Club (via e-mail)
KTVB - Shirah Matsuzawa
Pv magazine (via e-mail)
Solar Power World (via e-mail)
Various other individuals with a vested interest (via e-mail)

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Case Number IPC-E-18-15

To the IPUC:

I am a customer of Idaho Power, a shareowner in IDACORP, and have recently installed rooftop solar panels on my home. I have to say that the plan proposed by Idaho Power will harm Idaho and its citizenry. Instead of collaborating with the solar industry and encouraging the people of Idaho to help reduce pollution in our fine state, they want to send the message to anyone wanting to install solar that they will be penalized. What a **negative** incentive!

I wonder:

- What individual will want to invest in solar or any other renewable energy?
- What renewable energy companies, offering job opportunities to Idahoans, will want to build their business here?
- What does this say to the people of Idaho, the nation, and the world regarding the increase in pollution, impact on the environment, increase in consumption, and corporate greed?

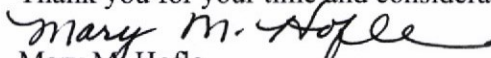
What it says is Idaho Power doesn't care!

I'm not against companies making money, but to plan to get free energy from individual producers (by cutting the rate by one half), making excess money from the sale of that free energy, and not compensating the producer fairly is contemptible.

Many 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.

I encourage the IPUC to vote against the current proposal and against any other proposals that would hinder solar development in Idaho.

Thank you for your time and consideration.


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