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Dear Commissioners Kjellander, Raper, and Anderson,

As a residential rooftop solar customer, I would like to thank you on behalf of our family for your recent Order concerning Case No. IPC-E-18-15 involving net metering for Idaho Power customers. I can't express enough the gratitude from our family for your decision to grandfather in existing customers. Thank you.

The Order as written seems a wise and just decision in all regards, and as an Idahoan it brings comfort to know we have Commissioners that are thoughtful, wise, and listen to the public with sincerity, and most importantly make rules based on fairness and comprehensive studies, versus what a corporate monopoly would wish to have done.

As you, and our Governor, know, Idaho's future generations will be directly impacted by climate change in various negative and uncertain ways. Solar energy provides a solution to curbing climate change. I only wish that Idaho Power would be more aggressive in pursuing truly renewable energy (hydro is not renewable energy, nor is it 'clean' – consider the extreme detriment dams have on our salmon). Because of Idaho Power's lack of proactive involvement in solar energy production, Idahoans are taking it upon themselves to create truly clean and renewable solar energy for Idaho. I hope you will keep this fact in mind when creating a new pricing structure for future residential roof-top solar customers. Until battery technology becomes affordable, roof-top solar customers have only one choice and that is to stay connected to Idaho Powers grid. As someone that crunched the numbers before purchasing our solar system several years ago, I can say with absolute certainty that we would not have purchased our rooftop solar array at the 4.4 cents per kWh Idaho Power says is fair. The 'settlement agreement' proposed by Idaho Power would have without question killed the independent solar industry in Idaho and the over 500 jobs it has created, which is of course what Idaho Power would like to have happen.

In closing, thank you for grandfathering us in as existing net metering customers. On behalf of our entire family, we are truly grateful. And thank you for your public service as IPUC Commissioners. Happy New Year.

Sincerely,



Mark Blaiser