

Diane Holt

From: Lindsay Meloy <lindsaymeloy@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 4:31 PM
To: Diane Holt; Diane Holt
Subject: Reference case Number IPC-E-18-15

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(website comment section had space limitations, so I wanted to send my full message here, as well as mailing a hard copy)

Esteemed members of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission,

First things first, I want to thank you for rejecting the settlement in case IPC-E-18-15 and for grandfathering in existing net-metering customers. It was reassuring to know that the PUC listened to the 1,000+ public comments that were submitted and that you stuck to your original request that Idaho Power do a study and include the public in doing so.

I recently learned that 2 motions to reconsider were filed on January 10th, and I felt very strongly that I should comment on them, as they are both very important and impactful. I urge you to please accept the petition for reconsideration filed by Vote Solar, and reject the one from Idaho Power.

Vote Solar's request to include all new solar customers in the existing 1-to-1 net-metering program until new rules go into effect makes sense and is fair. Allowing the continuation of the current policy until a new policy is actually determined, after the mandated study and requisite timeframe, and not before, gives future solar customers the ability to fully understand what their program will be. After the initial step away from 1:1 net metering, future changes would likely not be as drastic. Once the changes (informed by the study) have been made, it would likely only be small changes every 2 years as was the case in the rejected settlement. So customers who go solar after the original changes would understand their baseline, a benefit that those purchasing solar prior to the changes do not have. As it stands now, the only ethical way to sell solar in Idaho is to show customers numbers as if the settlement had gone through, and then tell them, "we don't know what your net program will be, but it is currently much better than this at 1:1 and should be better than this after Idaho Power makes an impending change at some unknown time in the future." Until the requested cost-benefit analysis/study of net-metering and all related public workshops are complete, the current program should be guaranteed for all customers who invest in the future of Idaho by improving our grid and protecting our beautiful outdoors with solar. This might even give Idaho Power the incentive they need to actually get the required study done, instead of continuing to avoid doing it. I see no reasonable argument to change a policy without having a new policy approved and implemented, so I agree with Vote Solar and ask for the PUC to please include all new solar customers in the existing 1-to-1 net-metering program until the full study and cost-benefit analysis, including the public workshops you have ordered, are complete.

In addition, I respectfully ask that the PUC reject Idaho Power's motion to reconsider, which petitions for net hourly billing for future solar customers. Currently, solar customers are on net monthly, which makes sense based on standard utility billing cycles. Switching to net hourly billing would negatively impact how solar customer's generation is valued, is discriminatory toward solar customers, and is neither necessary and nor justified without a comprehensive study. I disagree with Idaho Power's request and ask that the PUC not allow future solar customers to be subject to net hourly billing before the required study is completed.

Thank you again for your time and thoughtful decisions on this matter. As you well know, Idaho Power is a public utility, and they must complete the study that has been mandated multiple times in this case. Idaho Power needs to listen to the PUC and the public and stop trying to change the rules before they've completed their tasks. My final request is that the PUC would take the full 28 days to consider these 2 motions to consider so that the public has ample time to be informed and make comments.

Respectfully,

Lindsay Meloy

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From: PUC Consumer Comments <Do.Not.Reply@puc.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 2:00 PM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb

The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Tim Hastings
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Telephone: 208-352-2923
Address: 1916 N 26th St
Boise, ID 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-18-15

Comment: "This is insanity that Idaho Power would attempt to use it's power to bully the residents of this state into overcharging them for the use of the sun. The Commission must uphold the decision made on Dec 20th rejecting their proposal. "

Name: Ben Floyd
Email: bfloydd@gmail.com
Telephone: 208-891-6337
Address: 1967 S Ridge Point Way
Boise, ID 83712

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-18-15

Comment: "We installed 15k worth of solar panels based on the knowledge of current law and monthly net-metering rules. Knowing this, we calculated a cost-risk and decided to go forward. The rules are changing. It would not make sense monetarily to do this now, but it's too late. We believe this is unfair. If the goal is to encourage solar, then this is the wrong move. The laws are already tight around this, please don't make it worse. Thank you, Ben "

Name: Robert Guth
Email: rfguth@yahoo.com
Telephone: 208-841-8440
Address: 10365 W Mossy Cup St
Boise, ID 83709

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-18-15

Comment: "I strongly oppose Idaho Power's plan to change its solar net metering plan. It's not fair to those that paid to install solar and reduce the energy grid."

Name: Lindsay Meloy
Email: Lindsaymeloy@gmail.com
Telephone: 208-340-0834
Address: 1507 E Wright St
Boise, ID 83706

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-18-15

Comment: "Hello, Given the word count restraint on this submission form, I have also sent a longer letter expanding upon my requests. First, thank you for rejecting the settlement in case IPC-E-18-15 and for grandfathering in existing net-metering customers. Second, I urge you to please accept the petition for reconsideration filed by Vote Solar, and reject the one from Idaho Power and take the full 28 days to do so. It is prudent and fair that, until the full study and cost-benefit analysis, including the public workshops you have ordered, are complete, all solar customers should be grandfathered into the current net metering policy. Please reject the net hourly billing petition, as this would be discriminatory toward solar customers, and is neither necessary and nor justified without a comprehensive study. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration. Taking the full 28 days will allow ample time for public commentary. Respectfully, Lindsay "

Name: Ryan Bushland
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Meridian, ID 83646

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-18-15

Comment: "I have worked in the solar industry in Idaho for 5 years supporting my family by helping hundreds of customers make the switch to solar. I was shocked to find out (in August 2019) that there were settlement talks by Idaho Power and the ICEA (Idaho Clean Energy Alliance). I was even more shocked to learn the ICEA claimed it represented the solar industry. Having been in this industry for a long time I have found that the ICEA has made little to no effort in keeping the solar industry informed regarding large changes such as those in this case. ICEA does not represent me or the majority of the solar industry in any negotiation. If these changes are made I will be forced to look at other solar markets to move my wife and our five children from our home. You will find that most solar professionals just want to provide their customers with a different option than Idaho Power while providing great products with long term benefits for the individuals that purchase solar and their community."

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Comment: "Idaho Power - How many times do we have to go through this? Please take a long-term view on this and learn to work with current and future solar customers. If you push too hard on unfair policies that harm your customers, you will ultimately guarantee your demise in the future era of inexpensive batteries."

Name: Mick Woodburn
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Telephone: 208-337-3871
Address: 509 Selway
Homedale , ID 83628

Name of Utility Company: Idaho power

Case ID: IPC-E-18-15

Comment: "Dear Idaho Public Utility Commissioners, I want to thank you for protecting my interests as a customer of Idaho Power by rejecting the settlement in case IPC-E-18-15. I urge you to accept the petition for reconsideration filed by Vote Solar, and reject the Idaho Power Company petition for reconsideration filed on January 10th, 2020. Until the full study and cost-benefit analysis, including the public workshops you have ordered, are complete, all solar customers should be grandfathered into the current net metering policy. I believe the one-to-one compensation for excess generation from solar is fair, and future customers deserve the right to invest in the grid. Thank you.""

Name: Jyon Shuler
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Garden City, ID 83714

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-18-15

Comment: "Net hourly billing for solar power is unfair, unnecessary, and discriminatory. I would like to see the Commission continue to allow future customers into the 1-to-1 net metering policy until the future study is completed and new policy takes effect."

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From: PUC Consumer Comments <Do.Not.Reply@puc.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 3:00 PM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb

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Name: Todd Fischer
Email: todd.fischer@ridgerun.com
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Address: 1005 N 12th St
Boise, ID 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-18-15

Comment: "Thanks for opposing Idaho Power's recent proposed settlement. I didn't feel like Idaho Power solicited my input nor did they comply with previous IPUC requirement to do a proper financial model. I am willing to pay my fair share, but the proposed settlement is not fact based and not close to fair. Please ensure any further requests from Idaho Power to propose a settlement have more public input, more data, and a proposal that is fair to all concerned."

Name: Krista Oberlindacher
Email: kristaoberlindacher@yahoo.com
Telephone: 208-867-5253
Address: 1312 N 11TH STREET
BOISE, ID 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-18-15

Comment: "Please do not allow Idaho Power to change its solar net metering program. Allow individuals to purchase, install, and benefit from solar energy and solar panels."

Name: John Schuyler
Email: js2524173@gmail.com
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EAGLE, ID 83616

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

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Name: Deanna Brock
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Caldwell, ID 83607

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-18-15

Comment: "net-hourly" is unfair, unnecessary, and discriminatory, and that you would like to see the Commission continue to allow future customers into the 1-to-1 net metering policy until the future study is completed and new policy takes effect."

Name: Todd Walton
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Address: 6767 E Playwright Drive
Boise, ID 83716

Name of Utility Company: City of Boise

Case ID: IPC-E-18-15

Comment: "The commission listened to Idaho families and businesses and did the correct thing by rejecting Idaho Power proposed settlement to change its net metering program. The commission MUST uphold and clarify their decision. Solar is a growing industry that will bring jobs, creates local investments and benefits the environment. Without transparent policies Idaho will once again miss out on benefits and fall further behind in sustainable energy. Be realistic and listen to the public and your customers. Do the right thing."

Name: Allan Wylie
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Address: 2283 Illinois Ave
Boise, ID 83706

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-18-15

Comment: "net-hourly is unfair, unnecessary, and discriminatory. I would like to see the Commission continue to allow future customers into the 1-to-1 net metering policy until the future study is completed and new policy takes effect."

Name: Steven Thrall
Email: sthrall55@gmail.com
Telephone: 208-867-3017
Address: 3785 N Barron Way
Meridian , ID 83646

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-18-15

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