

Diane Holt

From: PUC Consumer Comments <Do.Not.Reply@puc.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2020 3:00 PM
To: Diane Hanian
Subject: Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb

The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Dana DuGan
Email: danafan@gmail.com
Telephone: 208-720-1791
Address: 317 E Silver
Hailey, ID 83340

Name of Utility Company: Figgleaf Productions

Case ID: IPC-E-18-15

Comment: "When Idaho Power attempts to affect and negate the admirable solar industry in Idaho, it disengages costumers. The use of alternative solar power helps communities, the environment, individual home owners, and the state in general. Idaho Power is out of line to ask for yet another decision on this matter. Why? Greed? Control? Manipulation? Monopolization? None of these are reasons for the commission to reverse a popular decision or to disregard public opinion."

Name: Anne and Tim Egbert
Email: bigdoganne@gmail.com
Telephone: 208-407-2741
Address: 7211 W McMullen St
Boise, ID 83709

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-18-15

Comment: "I was so completely gratified when the IPUC listened and reacted so favorably to the Idahoans who were part of Idaho Power's net metering solar program by rejecting the proposed changes. Now it appears that Idaho Power is trying to circumvent the IPUC and again attempt to set aside this decision. I am once again asking for your support to continue the regulatory certainty that solar companies and customers were promised and need. We invested a great deal of money trying to do the environmentally responsible act of generating solar on our own rooftop. Customers will face so much uncertainty without clear direction that a thriving solar industry that brings many jobs and generates a great deal of income will wither. Please, once again, consider upholding and clarifying your previous position to allow future solar net metering at a fair rate, a rate that was promised. Thank you for your further consideration."

Name: Rick Just
Email: rickjust@rickjust.com
Telephone: 208-362-9892
Address: 11544 W Jenilyn Ct
Boise, ID 83713

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-18-15

Comment: "Thank you for ruling in favor of citizen solar power producers in this case. It's stunning to me that Idaho Power would fail to provide the study the PUC asked for, then appeal the decision as if it weren't well-considered. Please direct them to do a thorough study of the advantages and disadvantages of personal solar power to the company and to Idaho citizens. It is to their own best interest to understand the costs and benefits rather than to simply speculate."

Name: Chris Carlisle
Email: Chris.Carlisle@its.idaho.gov
Telephone: 208-724-3673
Address: 750 State
Boise, ID 83735

Name of Utility Company: ITS

Case ID: aaa-E-19-01

Comment: "This is a test"

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Sent: Friday, January 24, 2020 2:00 PM
To: Diane Hanian
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The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Steve Lester
Email: stevenlester73@gmail.com
Telephone: 208-401-5011
Address: 3714 N 39th St
Boise, ID 83703

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-18-15

Comment: "Dear PUC Staff, I urge you to reject Idaho Power's request to reverse the recent PUC Order dated December 20, 2019. It's quite galling as an Idaho Power customer and potential solar power user for my home to see Idaho Power so tone-deaf in this matter. The public through the PUC has spoken loud and clear! Please keep the recent Order in place and make Idaho Power follow the wise path you so eloquently outlined in the Order. Thank you for your consideration of my comments. Sincerely, Steve Lester"

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From: PUC Consumer Comments <Do.Not.Reply@puc.idaho.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 12:00 PM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Matthew Curtis
Email: mrcurtis@me.com
Telephone: 208-407-0215
Address: 2108 W Cataldo Dr
Boise, ID 83705

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-18-15

Comment: "Thank you for listening to the Homeowners and small business that have paid for solar out of their own pocket. I know Idaho Power is pursuing you yo over turn your current standing on this matter However as a Solar Owner and Idaho Power customer I urge you to stand strong in upholding our right to affordable power and not allow Idaho power to make an Profit on other peoples investments. Thank you Matt Curtis "

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Reference case Number **IPC-E-18-15**

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.

Unless Idaho Power switches all customers to net hourly

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

1507 E Wright Street, Boise, ID 83706 | Idaho Power Customer | Lindsaymeloy@gmail.com

Diane Holt

From: Russell Griggs <rgriggs151@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2020 7:43 PM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Solar

Please reject Net Hourly and keep the 1 for 1 meter.

Thank you
Russell Griggs

Sent from my iPhone

Diane Holt

From: Elizabeth Kelsey <ekelsey33@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2020 10:48 AM
To: Diane Holt; Diane Holt
Subject: solar

Dear Commission members, please continue allowing the fair one for one credit net metering policy until all studies are completed. Please continue the net monthly billing until a comprehensive study is completed. Listen to your public! Don't change the rules until all tasks are completed. As a solar participant and a strong believer in climate change we must all do our part in averting the tragic results of climate change. Elizabeth Kelsey, 10313 W Cultis Bay St.

Diane Holt

From: Garold Maxfield <Garold@thecottages.biz>
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2020 8:43 PM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Net metering

I have heard that Idaho Power is once again trying to change the net metering mechanics. As one who has already installed solar based upon the information & mechanics that were in place at the time, I strongly object making any changes away from the current net metering basics. That would be totally unfair to us who have installed systems already. Any changes that are made to the billing methods, such as net hourly should be done for future customers only.

Your consideration to fairness is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Garold Maxfield

Diane Holt

From: john segar <segar.john@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2020 8:50 PM
To: Diane Holt; Diane Holt
Subject: IPC-E-18-15 Case Comments -- PUC Internet Comment Form Not Working

I am submitting the following comments by email because I could not get the PUC Comment Form to accept my comments. Please make sure these comments are added to the record.

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Thank you for rejecting ID Power last net metering proposal. It is a good first step, but I would like to see you clarify your decision by identifying a goal of encouraging rooftop solar, and provide some form of clarity/stability for those of us who are considering investing in rooftop solar in the future, but are afraid of the risk and uncertainties given ID Power attitude toward rooftop solar.

I do not see rooftop solar as a money making investment for myself, but I do see it as a way to reduce our environmental impact, and also reduce our state's dependence on power controlled by conglomerates and monopolies whose only goal is to maximize profits. I also see rooftop solar as a growth industry throughout the country, and I would like to encourage independent solar companies and jobs in Idaho that can fill this future need.

Thank you for your time and attention.

John Segar
3109 S Crossfield Way
Boise, ID 83706
208-424-8461

Diane Holt

From: PUC Consumer Comments <Do.Not.Reply@puc.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2020 7:00 AM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Telephone: 208-599-0631
Address: 1525 SW Wright Place
Mountain Home , ID 83647

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-18-15

Comment: "Reject Net Hourly and keep 1 for 1"

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Diane Holt

From: Roberta <joro.boise@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2020 8:57 AM
To: Diane Holt; Diane Holt

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,

Roberta D'Amico

3109 S Crossfield Way, Boise, ID 83706

Diane Holt

From: Louisa Evers <elouisa603@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2020 7:51 AM
To: Diane Holt; Diane Holt
Subject: Case Number IPC-E-18-15

Dear Idaho Public Utility Commissioners,

Thank you for rejecting the proposed settlement in case IPC-E-18-15 and protecting my interests as a solar customer of Idaho Power. Please accept the petition for reconsideration filed by Vote Solar and reject the Idaho Power petition for reconsidered filed on 10 January 2020.

Given that standard utility billing rates are net monthly, using net hourly billing for future solar customers makes no sense unless Idaho Power also went to hourly billing for all customers regardless of the power source. As a public utility Idaho Power should continue to treat all new solar customers the same as existing solar customers until the public workshops and full cost-benefit study you have ordered are completed.

I tried to use the comment form, but it would not even open for me.

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Louisa Evers
elouisa603@gmail.com

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To: Diane Holt
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The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: HeatherSteele Steele
Email: hnsteele3@gmail.com
Telephone: 208-342-3568
Address: 520 E Jefferson St
BOISE, ID 83712

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-18-15

Comment: "Dear Commissioners, I'd like to thank and commend you on your decision to uphold net metering and fair compensation to current solar customers of Idaho Power. As the company moves forward, I ask that you keep those current standards in place for the benefit of other residents and businesses who are considering going solar. We need more development of solar and other renewable energy technologies. It's encouraging that the solar industry has been growing in Idaho. But a rollback, or lack of reliability, in fair compensation for the electricity that solar systems contribute to Idaho Power's grid would stop this growth in its tracks. It would cast doubt upon the financial viability of new solar investments. Consequently, the businesses who install and maintain solar systems, on whom we rely for future maintenance of OUR system, will suffer. Please renew and sustain Idaho's commitment to fair compensation for independently generated solar electricity. Thank you!"

Name: Alvena Kinkade
Email: kinkadealvena8@gmail.com
Telephone: 208-658-9081
Address: 10937 W Linstock Ct
Boise, ID 83713

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. Sincerely, Alvena Kinkade"