



*Nez Perce*

**TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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January 28, 2020

Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
11331 W. Chinden Blvd., Suite 201-a  
Boise, ID 83714

Re: Nez Perce Tribe's Comments regarding reference case Number IPC-E-18-15

Dear Idaho Public Utility Commissioners,

On behalf of the Nez Perce Tribe ("Tribe"), please accept the following policy comments. First, we would like to thank you for protecting the interests as a customer of Idaho Power by rejecting the settlement in case IPC-E-18-15.

Originally, the Nimiipuu people occupied an area that included parts of present-day Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. We moved throughout this region and parts of what are now Montana and Wyoming to fish, hunt, and trade. The Nez Perce people have immense ecological wisdom and knowledge about the lands, and practice respect for the natural resources. We work to protect and preserve these resources, and we have an invested interest in developing our solar sovereignty resiliency.

With that we strongly 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.

We encourage and believe the one-to-one compensation for excess generation from solar is fair, and future customers deserve the right to invest in the grid. If you have questions, you are welcome to contact Chantel Greene, Chair of the Tribe's Climate Change and Energy Subcommittee, at (208) 843-3698 or chantelg@nezperce.org.

Thank you,

*Mary Jane Miles*

FOR Shannon F. Wheeler  
Chairman



## Diane Hanian

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**From:** Tim Nelson <timothynelson@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 2:54 PM  
**To:** Diane Hanian; Diane Hanian  
**Subject:** Solar Power--Net Metering

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 that future customers deserve the right to invest in the grid.

Sincerely,

Tim Nelson