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Subject: Case #IPC-E-20-26
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Customer-owned solar is growing in popularity. Instead of harnessing this growth, Idaho Power seeks to change this successful net metering program by developing a replacement for it. This proposal also opens the door to change the net metering credit rate, which would have a big impact on the investments of current and future solar owners.

This proposal would not protect a farmer's right to control their own power bills with home-grown energy.

I am asking for an extended public comment period beyond the fall harvest season, when farmers can more meaningfully engage in the process.

I am asking for this to ensure Idaho Power maintains fair export credit rates and accurately values the extra power customer-solar provides, also giving farmers the freedom to invest in a solar system that's large enough to meet their energy needs, and for fair rules that treat farmers the same as everyone else and value their hard-earned investments.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

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Subject: IPC-E-20-26
Date: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 1:10:55 PM

I would like to comment on the requested change to net-metering for businesses and farms by Idaho Power.

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Solar-powered irrigation pumping is a technology that is quickly growing in popularity providing the necessary power for pumping surface water or groundwater to crops using no new infrastructure or long distance power.

With quickly dropping upfront capital costs, solar pumps reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, reducing impacts on climate change, and are low maintenance with near-zero marginal costs to operate. They are a financial boon to our food producers and to our small and large businesses. This impacts us all.

And, customer-owned solar is growing in popularity but instead of harnessing this addition to a more sustainable energy future, Idaho Power seeks to change their successful net metering program with an unknown future. While eliminating the two meter system makes sense, this opens the door to change the current net metering rate as it threatened that for residential last year. This would have a big impact on the investments of current and future solar owners.

Currently, farms and businesses can only install up to 100 kilowatts of solar per meter. Many business and irrigation pumps require much more power than that. This arbitrary 100 kilowatt cap means a business or farmer cannot offset all of their own needs and would obviously buy the remainder from Idaho Power. Should this cap be higher or does the benefit of scattered energy sources benefit our area and our state as well as our climate? I think it would.

I would request an extended public comment period, beyond the fall harvest season, when farmers can more meaningfully engage in the process and businesses become more fully informed.

Thank you,
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From: [PUC Consumer Comments](#)
To: [Jan Noriyuki](#)
Subject: Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb
Date: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 7:00:07 AM

The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-20-26

Comment: "As a customer I feel that the proposal for lowering the net metering credit rate for farmers would have a negative impact on the future growth of farmers wanting to invest in solar power for irrigation."

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-20-26

Comment: "Idaho Power is trying to restrict net metering and this is wrong. They have all the control over the energy sector in my area. While they are trying to go clean, they want to restrict individuals right to make their own energy. In my opinion, people have a right to produce and use their own solar energy. It is essential to move towards a post-greenhouse gas world. "

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