

From: [PUC Consumer Comments](#)
To: [Jan Noriyuki](#)
Subject: Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb
Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 4:00:03 PM

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Erin Howland
Submission Time: Oct 20 2020 3:01PM
Email: erinebostrom@gmail.com
Telephone: 360-472-1236
Address: 302 E Myrtle Street
Hailey, ID 83333

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-20-26

Comment: "Hello, I am writing about the proposal to change solar net metering program for heavy use customers. Please wait to establish a cutoff date for solar owners to lock in the current net metering program until it has its new program in place. December 1, 2020 is too soon. Please first conduct a “value of solar” study to determine new and fair export rates for customer-owned solar. Treat farmers who already own solar the same as residential solar-owners by allowing a 25-year legacy treatment. Lift the 100 kW/meter cap on solar installations and allow farmers to invest in solar systems that meet their farm’s full energy needs. Also please consider extending the comment period beyond the fall harvest season to provide a better opportunity for those most impacted by these changes to adequately engage. Thank you, Erin Howland "

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Name: Paul Hancock
Submission Time: Oct 20 2020 11:10AM
Email: pocatellopaul177@gmail.com
Telephone: 208-244-1483
Address: 2750 Kootenai
Pocatello, ID 83201

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-20-26

Comment: "Please do not end NET metering. This discourages large farmers and other agriculture businesses from going solar. It is for the greater good for all of us. Paul Hancock"

From: [Elizabeth Wolfe <wolfehowl@gmail.com>](mailto:wolfehowl@gmail.com)
To: [Jan Noriyuki](#)
Subject: Growing solar power Irrigation for Idaho Farmers
Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 8:23:00 AM

I am writing today to urge the PUC to halt changes to the current net metering program for farmers until Idaho Power establishes a new and fair replacement program for today and the future , it's a step into the direction farmers and consumers need to move towards. Idaho Power needs to work towards that goal.

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Elizabeth Wolfe
Jerome, Idaho

"Mubby"

A very humble person. Always has great things to tell and always gives good news. Always falls for the cool kids.

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Name: Matthew Dunay
Submission Time: Oct 21 2020 8:52AM
Email: mdunay@altenergyinc.com
Telephone: 208-297-7660
Address: 206 W 36th St
Garden City, ID 83712

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-20-26

Comment: "Our company, Altenergy Inc, is a solar contractor and an Idaho Power commercial solar customer. We have had solar installed on our warehouse since 2018. This is now the fourth major solar rate case our company has been through since we opened in 2011. IPC-E-14-18, IPC-E-16-11, IPC-E-18-16, IPC-E-20-26 With each rate case, our business experienced months of uncertainty and disruption while under Public Utility Commission review. With each rate case, the Public Utility Commission asked Idaho Power Company to conduct a publicly open study to evaluate solar energy's impact on the grid. This study has not be completed, yet IPC continues to request open-ended changes to the current solar rate schedules. Please do not change the existing net metering rate schedule until a fair and publicly open study is conducted. "

Name: Gary Kunz
Submission Time: Oct 21 2020 8:15AM
Email: bluefxstc@hotmail.com
Telephone: 208-362-2263
Address: 10090 W HARNESS DR
BOISE, ID 83709

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-20-26

Comment: "Limiting net meter options is anti competitive. The reason that individuals and businesses install solar is because it is a cheaper alternative to power from Idaho Power. No business or individual should be forced to buy anything. Limiting net metering is just that, forcing individuals and businesses to buy a business product. Idaho Power needs to learn how to effectively manage and embrace solar, it is the future. Limiting net metering just prolongs this transition and is wrong. I encourage the PUC to deny this request."

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Name: Scott Smith
Submission Time: Oct 21 2020 10:55AM
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Telephone: 208-344-3381
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Boise, ID 83703

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-20-26

Comment: "With the climate crisis upon us, I believe we need to do everything possible to support green energy and ameliorate dependence on fossil fuels. Idaho farmers find it difficult to invest in solar with significant uncertainties. Idaho Power should establish new and fair export rates before closing the window on the current solar program. It is my understanding that, during peak July power usage, we need to buy power from the coal-fired Jim Bridger plant in Wyoming. This could be further ameliorated by favorable and predictable treatment of Idaho farmers' power. Also, it is hardly fair to hold these hearings in the middle of harvest season when farmers cannot easily participate in the dialogue."

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Name: Cathy Anderson
Submission Time: Oct 21 2020 11:11AM
Email: rkcjanderson@gmail.com
Telephone: 208-466-9175
Address: 14580 Midway Rd
Nampa, ID 83651

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-20-26

Comment: "Farmers deserve a fair and assessable solar program to help meet their energy needs, stabilize their energy costs, and build resilience."

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The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Lisa Schweiter
Submission Time: Oct 21 2020 12:11PM
Email: lisaschweiter@hotmail.com
Telephone: 208-781-2164
Address: 179 Wildflower Ln
Eagle, ID 83616

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-20-26

Comment: "We need to do everything to encourage & increase solar power- especially here in Idaho- & definitely do nothing to decrease solar power interest- this could cause decrease interest in solar power!"

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Name: David Sealander
Submission Time: Oct 21 2020 1:23PM
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Address: 1554 N. 700 E.
Shelley, ID 83274

Name of Utility Company: Rocky Mountain Power

Case ID: IPC-E-20-26

Comment: "I have been a member of the International Solar Energy Society and the American Solar Energy Society since 1970. I have attended several of their Annual Conferences and followed the advance of the science and technology closely. I have been a farmer all my life. Photovoltaic advance is projecting 80% efficiency in the near future from current 20-30%. Battery storage is also advancing rapidly. It is easily and intelligently envisioned that solar added onto rooftops and structures will become mandatory, so all land use planning and building codes will shift to accommodate it will be coming. Centralized utility generation and to some degree even transmission will change a great deal and diminish. Utilities will be required to integrate in a far more flexible way, so don't stiffen things us to compel rigidity in the relations between solar generation/customers and the utilities as Idaho Power. All attention should be given to making these relationships seamless, inclusive and flexible to a maximal degree, for the highest benefit to the whole society. It will not be simple, but with AI computing and Energetics Modeling, it is eminently solvable. The temptation to go to war with ourselves and favor one party over others, must be deliberately and strongly resisted. Renewables are the only efficacious path to the get beyond the industrial ancestor grave robbing carbon burning short path to our extinction. Get to it and stick to it or else. Welcome ALL constructive and positive contributions regarding Idaho Power and Agricultural Solar implementation and Use."

Name: Scott Burlingame
Submission Time: Oct 21 2020 1:57PM
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Telephone: 208-389-8085
Address: 3520 Kingswood Drive
Boise, ID 83704

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-20-26

Comment: "ID It appears Idaho Power is again setting up a plan to change the net metering agreements--this time with agricultural customers. They want potential users after 1 December 2020 to wait for a new solar user plan and live with the uncertainty. This is patently backwards. Let things continue as they are, not putting this big ticket farm investment into limbo, until any new rules have been finalized. Keep the current clarity until a new clarity can be achieved. "

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The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Molly Thorn
Submission Time: Oct 21 2020 3:16PM
Email: mollymoonthorn@gmail.com
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Address: 9290 Henley St
Victor, ID 83455

Name of Utility Company: Fall River Electric

Case ID: IPC-E-20-26

Comment: "I am writing to urge the PUC to halt changes to the current net metering program for farmers until Idaho Power establishes a new and fair replacement program. We need to support clean energy, especially solar, and insure that farmers and other investors in solar can reap the rewards of being pro-active in the fight against climate change. It is also important to promote future solar development to insure clean energy for future generations. Thank you."

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