

From: [PUC Consumer Comments](#)
To: [Jan Noriyuki](#)
Subject: Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 11:00:03 AM

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: John Brueck
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-20-26

Comment: "I am an Idaho Power Customer, who is enrolled in the Idaho Power Green Power Program and I want to submit a comment on this case to support Farmers and other Small Businesses to have a fair and equitable option to provide solar energy on their farms and for their businesses for their energy needs and get fairly compensated for any energy they place back into the grid also considering the fair costs of Idaho Power to maintain the power grid. This is similar to the homeowner net metering issue that has been reviewed in the past and I believe is still being studied which I hope is completed soon so that all cases can be resolved in a positive way to encourage solar power investment. Also, in this case, to help investment, I think the 100 kw/meter limit should be lifted and there should not be a proposed solar power grandfather deadline of Dec. 1, 2020. This date should be set after a fair solar value study is completed. If such a grandfather date is needed, it should be for at least 25 years and not ten years so solar power investment costs can be recouped. Finally, rapidly growing solar powered irrigation is a success of an Idaho PUC approved program that is helping Farmers meet their energy needs and assisting Idaho Power meet its 2045 clean energy goal. Thank you for considering my comments."

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The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: solar off grid

Case ID: IPC-E-20-26

Comment: "We talk about energy independence from foreign oil producers, & yet Idaho power wants to stifle the production of independent American power producers. We have a gift of abundant sun in Idaho and to not use this gift is a crime. A crime against the planet, & a crime against the citizens of Idaho. Why waste a natural resource? What is Idaho powers problem? They are dragging their boots about moving ahead with the future. The attitude of we have always done business this way and we are going to keep on doing business as we always have, is blind and extremely short sighted. I have seen utilities in a number of states install their own solar farm with their customers partially owning a share of modules and it is a win-win for both the utility & the customer. When a customer invests in a solar electric system they are only writing off a small share of what a utility can write off & the customer should not be penalized for making an investment in the future. Preserve the future of solar in the great state of Idaho, please."

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The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Shannon Ansley
Submission Time: Oct 27 2020 8:29AM
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-20-26

Comment: "Dear PUC, Please allow Idaho farmers to protect their right to control their own power bills with home-grown energy. Solar in Idaho is not growing too fast, Idaho Power refuses to keep pace and refuses to listen to its constituents. In this case, there must be an extended public comment period beyond the fall harvest season, when farmers can more meaningfully engage in the process. Idaho Power continues to hamstring its customers who choose solar and we must not let this happen again, as it has with residential solar. Solar users deserve fair treatment in the state of Idaho. Will you make that happen? Please. Best regards, Shannon "

From: [Paul Cooperrider <paul.strategiem@gmail.com>](mailto:paul.strategiem@gmail.com)
To: [Jan Noriyuki](#)

Subject: Comment on Case IPC-E-20-26
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 9:06:43 AM



Idaho

Dear Idaho Public Utilities Commission:

We are writing on behalf of the Idaho Chapter of the Clean Tech Alliance to offer comment on Case [IPC-E-20-26](#), which is currently before the commission for consideration. The Idaho Chapter of the Clean Tech Alliance is comprised of Idaho businesses, institutions of higher learning, NGO's, Idaho National Labs, and Idaho citizens interested in growing Idaho's economy through development and deployment of clean tech businesses. Most of us are customers of Idaho Power.

We support Idaho Power's efforts to drive towards 100% Clean Energy by 2045. We also support the development of a compensation process for the Value of Solar that is fair, clear, reflects market dynamics, and is in the best interest over the long term for ratepayers, energy generators and Idaho Power shareholders. To that end, we encourage Idaho Power to maintain focus and expedite the completion of the study to establish the Value of Solar, as was originally presented in Case No. IPC-E-18-15. In that case, there were three remaining factors, 1) Avoided T&D Capacity, 2) Integration Costs, and 3) Environmental Benefit that needed to have values assigned to them. We urge Idaho Power to expedite the process to assign values to these factors, and offer any of our assistance that can contribute to that process and accelerate the establishment of fair values for those variables.

In this way, all stakeholders benefit, and the PUC meets its obligation to facilitate the delivery of affordable, reliable and resilient energy to the state's energy customers.

Respectfully,

Idaho Chapter Clean Tech Alliance

To: PUC
case number IPC-E-20-26
State of Idaho
10/26/2020

Dear Sirs,

I am writing today to request that you take the following into consideration in your deliberations on Idaho Power's proposal for the limitations on production, and the net metering credit rate time span for purchasing power from farmers who either have, or plan to install solar panels for the production of electricity.

1. Farmers in Blaine county average \$30,000 in annual income on their primary crops of alfalfa, cattle, sheep, wheat and barley annually. This is not an adequate income for a family of 4, and most farm families in our county must take on jobs off their farm to stay in business. Installing solar to offset irrigation pumping costs would help make these farms more profitable. Farmers should have the opportunity to produce enough power to meet their energy needs.
2. Every farm has patches of land that are too rocky to be utilized to grow crops or graze animals which could be put to productive use with the installation of solar panels for power production.
3. Idaho power is proposing a December 1, 2020 cut off date for the current net metering program which would make the decision to install solar panels financially impossible, since farmers would not have a net metering contract that would last for the expected life of their solar panels. Solar panel installation is an expensive investment and farmers need to have a contract price that will last for the life of the their panels, which is 25 years. 10 years is not adequate.
4. Locally generated power reduces the need to import power from long distance power line systems, and the need to construct and maintain additional redundant lines.
5. With the increased high wind weather events that have plagued the West this year, Idaho's power lines are at increased risk to damage resulting in the catastrophic wild fires and the same extensive power outages our neighboring western states have experienced this year. Local production could reduce this risk.

6. Local solar power installation jobs are good paying jobs with good local businesses that can improve the economic health of our local communities. Rate uncertainties cause our local solar jobs to disappear.

I hope to install solar panels at my 10 acre organic farm 3 miles south of Bellevue, Idaho in 2022 to help offset my monthly irrigation bills of roughly \$600/month. I raise chickens, pigs, vegetables and fruits. My farm could be profitable if I were able to produce power. Currently I support my farm with landscaping work.

Thank you for considering my comments. I appreciate the opportunity to express my interest in producing solar power, and my concerns about continued use of long distance power production that must be transported over thousands of miles of above ground power lines.

Sincerely,
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-20-26

Comment: "Dear Commissioners, In the matter of Idaho Power Company's application for authority to modify Schedule 84's metering requirement and to grandfather existing customers with two meters the Sun Valley Institute for Resilience asks that the commissioners protect farmers' rights to control their own power bills with home-grown energy. The approval of this change will undermine a strategic opportunity for the state's economy, security and environment: energy resilience, and undermine individual choice and responsibility. By developing Idaho's homegrown renewable energy resources, we can have more and higher wage jobs, a protected environment and a decentralized, diversified, more secure grid to make Idaho more competitive and better able to attract growing industries seeking clean, secure power. We applauded IPC's commitment to provide 100% clean energy by 2045 and ask the commissioners to take a long-term look at the decisions being made today. Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of our Idaho communities and we need to uplift the opportunities available to provide economic prosperity to these food producers and land stewards. We ask Idaho Power to extend the public comment period beyond the fall harvest season, when farmers can more meaningfully engage in the process and to establish new and fair export rates before closing the window on its current program. We ask Idaho Power to give farmers the freedom to invest in a solar system that's large enough to meet their energy needs while treating them fairly and valuing their investments into our solar grid and our community at large. Thank you, Amy Mattias Program Director Sun Valley Institute for Resilience "

From: [Dennis Rockwood <dennisrockwood@gmail.com>](mailto:dennisrockwood@gmail.com)
To: [Jan Noriyuki](#)
Subject: Solar fairness for farmers and residences Tuesday, October 27,
Date: 2020 12:50:45 PM

Dear Idaho PUC

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID:IPC-E-20-26

Comment:

For a farmer or resident to invest in solar panels, they are counting on a fair return from Idaho Power. They invested on the promise that they would receive a kilowatt credit for a kilowatt produced . We should be encouraging farmers and residents to install more solar power, not discouraging them!

Idaho has the opportunity to be a national leader in both solar and wind energy. Farmers in Idaho are looking to invest in energy solutions that afford them long term control of their costs in energy. Solar allows farmers to be a huge part of moving to zero emissions.

Dennis & Sharon Rockwood

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-20-26

Comment: "Dear Commissioners, I'm writing to express my concern about the proposed changes to the solar net metering program for businesses and farmers. Existing net-metering opportunities benefit Idaho farmers by providing a cost-efficient, self-resilient solution to their high-cost and demanding power needs. I support farmers who are invested in creating a cleaner energy future for Idaho. Please show your support for our hard working farmers by providing them the opportunity to invest in solar systems that are large enough to meet their demand, and value the investments that some farmers have already made. Thank you for your consideration, Emily"

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Weiser, ID 83672

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Company

Case ID: IPC-E-20-26

Comment: "Idaho Power has stated its desire to become a "cleaner" producer of electricity for its service area. This can only be accomplished by creating a balanced approach to the production and distribution of electricity. Idaho Power needs to make it easier, not harder for all its customers to generate solar power. I encourage you to reject the current proposal and ask Idaho Power to revamp their program to give a more balanced program that will benefit both its customers and the company. Respectfully yours, Clarence Stark"

Name: John Reuter

Submission Time: Oct 27 2020 12:18PM

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Hailey, ID 83333

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-20-26

Comment: "The energy demands from commercial agriculture are massive. Installing solar panels in the unused corners left by single-pivot irrigation makes perfect sense. Farmers should be allowed to net-meter as many kW's as is suitable for their property - there should be no cap at 100 kW, and there should be a suitable export rate for their surplus power. Idaho Power can not claim that they promote 100% renewable energy without giving the public an opportunity to participate individually. Please stand up for commercial and agricultural solar, as you have for the residential sector. Thank you."

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-20-26

Comment: "Regarding Idaho Power's current request to change net metering rules, I think the commission should again order IPC to conduct a legitimate cost benefit analysis of solar as was done in the residential case last year. Idaho Power continues to refuse to participate in a collaborative study that takes into account the full value of solar to the system, and this should be a minimum requirement to any changes to rate structures that impact customers with solar. If the commission sides with Idaho Power a grandfathering period of no less than 25 years should be applied. The continued audacity of Idaho Power to spend money advertising their commitment to a clean energy portfolio while at the same time trying to undercut investments made by producers of distributed clean energy is extremely frustrating to people in their service area that have no ability to choose a utility company that treats them fairly."

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-20-26

Comment: "I am strongly in favor of Idaho Power finding ways to keep the option open for farmers to use solar power to help run irrigation systems. "

Name: Michael Engle
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POCATELLO, ID 83201

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-20-26

Comment: "Hello, I am writing to oppose the Idaho Power petition to modify the metering requirement under Schedule 84, Customer Energy Production Net Metering Service ("schedule 84"). I am opposed to this action at this time primarily because Idaho Power has not completed a valuation study of customer generated power and has no replacement proposal nor is there a timeline for such a alternative. Without this study (as directed by the IPUC in the residential net metering case), Idaho Power can not give the details of an alternate net metering policy. This creates an unfair situation for farmers, ranchers and commercial businesses considering significant investments in solar energy. I strongly urge the PUC to deny Idaho Power's petition and have Idaho Power complete it's valuation study of distributed energy generation and propose a replacement policy the next time Idaho Power petitions to discontinue the current net metering policy. Further, since Idaho Power is the only option for most of their Ag and commercial customers, they (like Idaho Power's residential customers) deserve fair, reasonable, and transparent rules so they have the option of choosing energy independence for their operations while fixing their energy cost budget. Idaho Power limits commercial and Ag operations to 100 kW maximum of net metering. This is an arbitrary limitation and should be removed. When the net metering policy is changed, as with residential solar customers, existing Ag and commercial solar customers should receive legacy treatment and the legacy period should be 25 years. Idaho Power is an industry leader in committing to 100% renewable energy by 2045. As the energy landscape continues to evolve, it is important that Idaho Power partner with their Residential, Commercial, and Ag customers to achieve these clean energy goals. Sincerely, Mike Engle Chair, Portneuf Resource Council Pocatello, Idaho mike.w.engle@gmail.comd 208 284 3825 "
