

**From:** [PUC Consumer Comments](#)  
**To:** [Jan Noriyuki](#)  
**Subject:** Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb  
**Date:** Friday, August 13, 2021 5:00:05 PM

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The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Joanie Fauci  
Submission Time: Aug 13 2021 4:22PM  
Email: joanie4c@yahoo.com  
Telephone: 208-631-4748  
Address: 2944 Hillway Dr  
Boise, ID 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-21-12

Comment: "Please accept and approve Idaho Power's request to get out of the North Valmy Power Plant. We need to move away from coal as quickly as possible. And we don't need to be burdened with their debt any longer than necessary. Let them break free! Thanks for listening, Joanie Fauci"

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The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Tyler Harris  
Submission Time: Aug 13 2021 11:02PM  
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Telephone: 206-819-5378  
Address: 646 S. Granite Way  
Boise, ID 83712

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-21-12

Comment: "The science linking man-made causes of climate change to catastrophic weather events is overwhelming. The most recent UN Report makes this clear. We must transition away from fossil fuels as soon as possible. I fully support Idaho power is decision to pull away from the North Valmy Power Plant in 2025. If possible, I would urge them to pull out sooner. We are seeing the effects of climate change grow stronger with each year. This year, the fireworks on Payette Lake on the Fourth of July were obscured by wildfire smoke. This has not happened previously in my lifetime. Every Day that passes without definitive action is a day we will need to justify to our children and grandchildren. The status quo is unacceptable. Thank you, Tyler Harris"

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The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Sherri Lechten  
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Boise, ID 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-21-12

Comment: "I support Idaho Power's application to exit the North Valmy Power Plant by 2025 as it is a necessary step toward combating climate change."

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The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Kiki Leslie Tidwell  
Submission Time: Aug 16 2021 8:09AM  
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-21-12

Comment: "To quote investment manager Paul S. Herman, "The Nobel-prize-winning IPCC group of scientists have updated the latest forecast - there is a "code red for humanity" to take climate action (<https://twitter.com/i/events/1424568170749202438>)." I disagree with Idaho Power's plan to keep the Valmy Unit 2 coal-fired power plant running until 2025, rather than retiring it in 2022. As a longtime Idahoan, I know that the climate-impacted West can not afford to continue to run coal plants. I have farmer friends who are very unsure that they can continue to keep farming due to dwindling water supply in Carey, Idaho. Ratepayers and Idahoans should not suffer because of Idaho Power's slowness to explore and adopt new technology. Idaho Power has done a poor job of integrating battery storage into its power production portfolio. Currently, the company shows that batteries will not be incorporated until 2029 in its 2021 IRP. Idaho Power is pinning its hopes on getting to its 100%-renewable-energy-by-2045 goal on a plan that it devised in 2006- to bring power 305 miles from Oregon to Idaho. The company is not going to build its own renewable energy solar or wind farms in Idaho, where the naturally-occurring wind, solar, geothermal, and hydro sources are outstanding. Unfortunately, this 2006 plan leaves Idaho ratepayers at risk; what will the power cost in the future from this out-of-state plant and will it even be available when we need it, if we are competing with others for this same power at the same time? In 2006, Idaho Power hated renewables and as late as July, 2012, ran a media campaign against wind power. For perspective on the pace of technology change since 2006, note that the iPhone was first introduced in 2007. Now solar power is the least cost resource, with the Jackpot Solar power purchase agreement coming in at 2.175 cents per kWh. When Idaho Power had to agree to a majority of shareholders in 2008 to reduce carbon in its power production, ratepayers actually benefitted; ratepayers saved \$17.5 million last year when coal plants were shut down early. But unfortunately, Idaho Power is still very much behind other states when it comes to embracing and incorporating batteries as a way to 'firm' renewables to be on-demand power and to replace expensive transmission and fossil peaker plants. Idaho Power's 2019 Integrated Resource Plan, which maps out the next 20 years of projects for the companies, shows that batteries are slated to be introduced ten years down the road, in 2029, and then only 30 megawatts' worth. Every other state is building 400, 770, 1,000 and 3,000 megawatts of batteries now! "Hawaiian utility backs 460 megawatts of solar and nearly 3 gigawatt-hours of batteries as state moves to close its fossil plants." (Hawaii also has a 2045 100% clean energy goal.) "Earlier this month Southern California Edison selected seven projects adding up to 770

megawatts of 4-hour-duration battery systems slated to be completed by August 2021.” Batteries are also replacing expensive peaker plants which only run for certain peak times of the year, “Strata Solar will begin construction in July on its 100-megawatt/400-megawatt-hour battery plant in Ventura County.” Massachusetts has already installed 108 megawatt hours as of Feb 2020, and has a plan for 1000 megawatt hours by 2025- five years! As an Idaho Power ratepayer and shareholder, I am dismayed that my power company is so far behind technologically. The company is not maximizing its business returns by clinging to 14-year-old plans when it could be building its own power plants in Idaho. As well, it is leaving ratepayers at risk of future price increases, transmission line losses, and lack of supply if it continues to rely on power plants outside of Idaho. It is high time for this company to get with it and install megawatts of batteries now in 2021. The Company may not have received any responses to its RFP but it can build its own power plants itself. There are tremendous solar and wind resources as well as public lands to build on in Southern Idaho. Idaho Power should retire the Valmy Unit #2 coal fired power plant in 2022. We in the West cannot afford to exacerbate our climate degradation with one more minute of coal. "

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Name: Elizabeth Jeffrey  
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-21-12

Comment: "The latest forecast from IPCC scientists is that there is a "code red for humanity" to take climate action right now! And each one of our power companies have the people and the powers that can make the biggest impact on that crisis. I am against Idaho Power's plan to keep the Valmy Unit 2 coal-fired power plant running until 2025, rather than retiring it in 2022. There are tremendous solar and wind resources - as well as public lands to build on - in Southern Idaho. Idaho Power should retire the Valmy Unit #2 coal fired power plant in 2022. We in the West cannot afford to exacerbate our climate degradation with one more minute of coal. Right now, solar power is the least costly resource, with the Jackpot Solar power purchase agreement coming in at 2.175 cents per kWh. When Idaho Power had to agree to a majority of shareholders in 2008 to reduce carbon in its power production, ratepayers actually benefitted; ratepayers saved \$17.5 million last year when coal plants were shut down early. Unfortunately, Idaho Power is still very much behind other states when it comes to embracing and incorporating batteries as a way to ‘firm’ renewables to be on-demand power and to replace expensive transmission and fossil peaker plants. Idaho Power’s 2019 Integrated Resource Plan shows that batteries are slated to be introduced ten years down the road, in 2029, and then only 30 megawatts’ worth. Every other state is building 400, 770, 1,000 and 3,000 megawatts of batteries now! As an Idaho Power ratepayer and shareholder, I am dismayed that my power company is so far behind technologically. The company is not maximizing its business returns by clinging to 14-year-old plans when it could be building its own power plants in Idaho. As well, it is leaving ratepayers at risk of future price increases, transmission line losses, and lack of supply if it continues to rely so heavily on power plants

outside of Idaho. It is high time for this company to get with it and install megawatts of batteries now. There are tremendous solar and wind resources as well as public lands to build on in Southern Idaho. Idaho Power should retire the Valmy Unit #2 coal fired power plant in 2022. We in the West cannot afford to exacerbate our climate degradation with one more minute of coal. "

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The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-21-12

Comment: "Hi, I am strongly concerned about how climate change is going to impact Idaho. I am further concerned that these impacts will only grow increasingly worse if we do not take large and important steps to reduce carbon emissions and to sequester carbon. For this reason I ask that Idaho Power be approved to exit the North Valmy Power Plant by 2025. This is an important and necessary step for reducing climate impacts in Idaho. Thank you."

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Name: Todd Davis  
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Boise, ID 83703

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-21-12

Comment: "I strongly support Idaho Powers's efforts to transition from fossil fuels to clean, renewable energy and the effort to exit from the North Valmy Power Plant on December 31, 2025. Drought, unprecedented heat, and ongoing abnormal wildfires over many consecutive years now speaks to the urgency of making these changes as soon as feasible. There is frankly no downside to moving in this direction from both an economic or quality of life standpoint. Thanks for considering my input. "

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