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To: [Jan Noriyuki](#)
Subject: Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb
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The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-21-40

Comment: "I am an Idaho Power customer living in Boise and I am concerned about climate change. We need clean energy, but we also need to consider social justice and sustainable communities when developing new resources. I want Idaho Power to work with community groups to create a community owned solar program in which customers can subscribe to solar arrays that are not owned or controlled by the utility. Community owned solar is beneficial because it increases clean energy and keeps the financial benefits of that clean energy within the communities where the solar is located. It also promotes resiliency on the grid through distributed generation. Please direct Idaho Power to work with community groups to develop a true community owned solar program."

From: Shannon Ansley <anslshan59@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 8:09:57 PM
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Cc: Maria Barratt-Riley <maria.barratt-riley@puc.idaho.gov>
Subject: Comments on the costs and benefits study for the export credit rate for residential solar installations

Thank you for hosting the May 2 workshop at which you and your staff presented the plan for your study of calculating the export credit rate for power generated by residential solar installations.

My comments are:

1. Every Idaho Power customer knows that Idaho Power does not like residential solar.
2. It is disingenuous for Idaho Power to try to discourage residential solar by attempting to reduce credit for non-legacy on-site generation systems and then in the same breath say that you are a company that cares about climate change impacts.
3. Your presentation was highly technical and difficult for the average person to understand which leads one to the conclusion that your study will not result in a fair or equitable assessment of the value of on-site generated solar. "Keep it technical to keep the comments to a minimum" seemed to be the point of the presentation.
4. While I respect the Idaho Power staff and their engineering skills, I also understand their "golden handcuffs" when responding to questions and designing the study on the value of residential solar.
5. As an Idaho Power customer, locked into the system and without options, I expect honesty, integrity, fairness, and unobscured/transparent evaluation in your study.

Best regards,
Shannon Ansley

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Shannon

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The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Fall River Electric Cooperative

Case ID: IPC-E-21-40

Comment: "I am writing as a concerned citizen of Idaho about electrical services provided to Idahoans. My name is Bruce Connery and I live in Teton Valley and receive power from Fall River Electric Cooperative (FREC). Our community is struggling with the issues of fairness or the "haves" and the "have-nots" as Teton County becomes the working person's bedroom community for Jackson Wyoming. Electricity to power businesses and support families is one of the issues. FREC works to help its members, have or have-nots, but they are not overly supportive of clean energy unless they own and manage it. They recently built a small solar array that members can buy into (~shares), but they retain control. The option to receive some electricity from a solar generating system is good, however it maintains the large (i.e., Idaho Power) and medium (regional - FREC) company (monopoly) approach of providing electricity to Idahoans. It is for this reason I would like to see the Public Utility Commission (PUC) support - direct electric companies (whatever size or location in Idaho) to work with communities, or groups in communities, to investigate and decide about the best community electricity service for them. I believe community or community group solar programs are one, possibly a very good, system that would allow the users (citizens) to support or buy into to a community solar system that is owned or controlled by them and works with the utility. Green energy, whatever the source (solar, wind, etc.), that a group or community imagines and creates benefits all community members because it is clean (few if any pollutants), supports at least a few jobs, and is locally administered benefitting all living in the community. It also supports the electric company through payments to their grid operation and maintenance as well as resiliency throughout the local and much larger connected grid system. Giving residents (electric users-consumers) the ability to work with electric companies on generating and providing electricity allows everyone to be involved in building a healthier environment for ALL to live, work, and play in along with supporting electric companies and local businesses and careers. It puts residents, from small communities to bigger towns and even cities to be partners with power companies in building and sustaining an equitable power system along with an environment the residents, community, and company desire. ALL would come away as winners. I am asking for your support in directing electric companies to be open to and work with residents and community groups wanting to first explore and possibly develop community owned solar systems for their communities or areas. Doing so will build partnerships that build a better future of energy security and safe healthy environments for all Idahoans while not hurting electric companies or other business opportunities. Thank your for

this opportunity to comment on communities owning solar systems in a working business arrangement with electric providers. Bruce & Judy Connery "

From: [Lynne Barker](#)
To: [Jan Noriyuki](#)
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Subject: Case No. IPC-E-21-40: Comments from the Blaine County Clean Energy Coalition
Date: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 12:04:06 PM
Attachments: [IPC-E-21-40 Comments Blaine County Clean Energy Coalition.pdf](#)

Dear Commission Secretary:

Please find attached written comments regarding Case No. IPC-E-21-40: Idaho Power Company's Application To Expand Optional Customer Clean Energy Offerings Through The Clean Energy Your Way Program. The comments are submitted on behalf of Blaine County and the City of Bellevue, City of Hailey, and City of Ketchum, Idaho, hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties". The comments explain the Parties general support for this Application while at the same time urging the Commission and the Company to evaluate proposed costs to ensure programs are not cost prohibitive and to consider changes that will better ensure the Parties and other small, rural Idaho communities have an opportunity to participate in the programs.

Regards,

Lynne Barker

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April 27, 2022

Commission Secretary
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Via Email: secretary@puc.idaho.gov

RE: Case No. IPC-E-21-40: Blaine County Clean Energy Coalition Comments on Idaho Power Company's Application to Expand Optional Customer Clean Energy Offerings Through the Clean Energy Your Way Program

Dear Commission Secretary:

On behalf of Blaine County and the City of Bellevue, City of Hailey, and City of Ketchum, Idaho, hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties", please accept these comments on Case No. IPC-E-21-40. The aforementioned Parties, all municipalities organized under the laws of the state of Idaho, have agreed to establish the Blaine County Clean Energy Coalition, hereinafter referred to as the "Coalition".

DIRECT AND SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST

The Coalition was formed through a memorandum of understanding for the purpose of monitoring, providing comment, and intervening in cases brought before the Idaho Public Utility Commission as deemed necessary by the Parties to protect the public interests of the Parties' respective organizations and the residents, businesses, and populations served, all of which are customers that make up the Parties' constituency. Collectively, the Parties have mutually beneficial interests in the outcome of cases brought before the Idaho Public Utility Commission as the decisions may affect local self-governance, the promotion of welfare, and preservation of public health.

Idaho Public Utility Commission cases like Idaho Power's application to expand clean energy options through the *Clean Energy Your Way* program will have far-reaching and long-lasting impacts on the Parties ability to benefit from the rapidly expanding clean energy economy. Decisions will also either support or hinder our efforts to achieve our established clean energy goals in relationship to municipal operations and electricity usage.

THE PARTIES CLEAN ENERGY GOALS

75% by 2025	for municipal electricity use.
100% by 2030	for municipal electricity use.
100% by 2035	for community-wide electricity supply.
100% by 2030-35	for municipal fleets and equipment as feasible.
100% by 2045	for all energy uses.

THE PARTIES GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION TARGETS

60% by 2030	reduction in community-wide greenhouse gas emissions.
100% by 2050	reduction in community-wide greenhouse gas emissions.

CASE NO. IPC-E-21-40

Clean Energy Your Way

The Parties applaud Idaho Power Company for proactively responding to customer requests and preferences for a variety of clean energy options to support customers in meeting their clean energy, climate, and sustainability goals. The proposed ***Clean Energy Your Way*** program has the potential to significantly improve customer access to clean energy procurement.

A transition to clean energy is good for Idaho. The Energy Information Agency reports that Idaho's clean energy potential is substantial. There is a wealth of clean energy resources including hydroelectric, solar, wind, biomass and geothermal. However, Idaho imports 70 percent of the energy consumed within the state from out of state resources. This practice creates economic leakage at both the state and local level from a loss of sales and sales tax revenues. Investments in Idaho-based clean energy projects have the potential to reduce economic leakage, strengthen the state's economy, generate greater prosperity for Idaho-based businesses, create new good-paying jobs for Idahoans, and increase revenues for the State of Idaho and Idaho municipalities.

Clean Energy Your Way – Subscription

The subscription-style green tariff offering is of particular interest to the Parties. This program offers the Parties a straight-forward approach for achieving our 2025 and 2030 clean energy goals for municipal electricity usage.

However, the Parties are concerned that the ability of small, rural communities to participate and the cost for participating in the ***Clean Energy Your Way – Subscription*** program may be out of reach financially. Idaho Power Company has stated that it currently only has plans to build one new resource for the program. Given the amount of time it takes for utilities to plan, site, receive approval for, and construct a new resource, it could be many years before this resource is online. Due to significant interest in the subscription program, the Parties' ability to participate in a timely manner may be limited due to insufficient clean energy resources.

Idaho Power Company also identified a number of charges for the program that may result in a price premium for subscriptions. For example, program administration and marketing costs and term adjustment charges. Some of the administration and marketing costs are surely fixed costs already incurred by the Company.

The Company's application did not include an example of projected costs for the additional charges in Schedule 62. Therefore, it is impossible to determine whether this option will be accessible to the Parties and other rural Idaho communities.

Solar and wind utility-scale renewable energy projects are reported to be the least costly sources of new energy generation. The Parties recommend that the Company and the Commission give consideration to how these least-cost resources will help Idaho Power Company meet its capacity needs given a projected capacity deficit in 2028.

The Parties also request consideration of expanding the options for the percentage of energy usage to include a 25 and 75 percent option. This will provide more flexibility to the Parties in meeting established clean energy goals. If the cost for the *Clean Energy Your Way – Subscription* does, indeed, result in a premium over current rates, individual members of the Coalition may weigh the costs and benefits of paying a premium. Adding additional levels of procurement as a percentage of annual energy use provides greater flexibility to customers. Offering a lower percentage, such as 25 percent, may also expand equity and access to this program for a larger number of Idaho Power customers, such as low-income and moderate-income residents, nonprofits, and other community-based organizations.

The Parties also urge the Commission and Idaho Power Company to consider how best to work with municipalities interested in building renewable energy resources in their jurisdiction. The International Energy Agency stresses the importance of distributed energy resources (DER) in local, national, and global efforts to mitigate climate change impacts. DERs can also be used to improve grid reliability and energy security. The rapid growth in DER – 179 GW globally of distributed solar alone from 2017 to 2020 – points to an opportunity for Idaho Power Company to better understand how utilities are adapting to the changing energy sector landscape.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is also banking on DERs as a way to enhance grid reliability and resilience and hasten America's transition to a clean energy economy. The Parties are eager to explore how federal investment in DERs can support our community's transition to clean energy, expand the local clean energy economy, and create new, good-paying jobs accessible to all members of the community. These investments can lead to greater prosperity for small, rural communities, and for low-income and communities of color who have historically been excluded from the clean energy economy.

In our calculations, continuing the current annual growth of 22 percent in rooftop solar installations combined with development of larger-scale DERs will be needed to achieve our clean energy and climate goals. This analysis takes into consideration Idaho Power Company's successful implementation of all actions outlined in the 2021 Integrated Resource Plan. The *Clean Energy Your Way* program combined with the Company's action plan is simply not enough to meet the Parties' clean energy and climate goals.

Clean Energy Your Way – Construction

The Parties would not benefit from this option as proposed today. None of the Parties qualify as Schedule 19 or Special Contracts customers. The Parties recommend that the ***Clean Energy Your Way – Construction*** option be expanded to include utility-scale and distributed energy projects that serve an entire community.

The Parties collaborated on a federal grant application to evaluate the feasibility of constructing a renewable energy microgrid in Blaine County. The Idaho National Laboratory (INL) and National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) are the primary investigators proposed in the application. If awarded, NREL will conduct an unconstrained investigation of renewable energy resources within the county and energy storage. NREL will recommend the best option based on an evaluation of technical and economic viability and develop a conceptual design. INL will model and test grid integration including controls, protection, and communications to recommend optimized operations.

If funded, this project may result in an opportunity to construct a microgrid in Blaine County. Having an option to work directly with Idaho Power Company through the ***Clean Energy Your Way – Construction*** program may facilitate construction of the project if determined to be cost-effective and a mutually beneficial investment for the Company and the Parties.

Clean Energy Your Way – ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Parties further encourage Idaho Power Company and the Commission to consider the ***Clean Energy Your Way*** program holistically as an element of a comprehensive set of clean energy offerings for customers. Two other cases are relevant. First, IPC-E-21-21 which will determine net metering rates and whether rooftop solar and larger-scale solar energy generation are cost-effective investments for customers. Second, IPC-E-21-43, Idaho Power Company's 2021 Integrated Resource Plan, will determine investments in energy efficiency and other beneficial programs.

The outcome of Idaho Public Utility Commission proceedings on all three cases will have a significant effect on the Parties ability to achieve our shared clean energy and climate goals. The most current research, as well as an analysis conducted by the Parties, demonstrate that a set of high-impact practices offer the surest path toward achieving these goals. These practices are garnering private investment and federal policy interventions in research, technical assistance, incentives, and grant funding. The high-impact practices are:

- Grid Decarbonization
- Building Energy Efficiency
- Building Electrification
- Distributed Renewable Energy Generation
- Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure

Electric utilities have a significant role to play in these efforts. Expansion of current energy efficiency programs and new incentives for innovative technologies are needed. For example, the companies highlighted in Idaho Power Company's application, Xcel Energy and Puget Sound Energy, offer a range of programs and incentives that support these high-impact practices, including cost-effective

net metering rates and a range of energy efficiency programs and rebates for both residential and commercial customers.

Many forward-thinking utilities are also proposing new, innovative programs to advance these high-impact practices. The Nevada Public Utility Commission authorized NV Energy to invest \$15 million in incentives for the development of public electric vehicle charging stations. Xcel Energy is investing \$4 million in a new, innovative workforce development program. The program will recruit, train, and place participants who are historically underrepresented in the energy efficiency sector. It will expand access to good-paying jobs and support the next generation of clean energy workers.

Finally, cost-effective weatherization, energy efficiency incentives and rebates, rooftop solar, and other programs offer the potential to strengthen Idaho's rural economies through job creation and economic growth. These types of programs can provide opportunities for a greater number of Idaho businesses and residents to benefit from growth and investment in the clean energy sector.

APPROVALS: Executed and effective by the undersigned parties as of the date signed. DATED this 5 day of May, 2022.

THE PARTIES HERETO have executed this instrument.

Dick Fosbury
Dick Fosbury
Blaine County Commissioner

5 May 2022
Date

S. McDougall Graham
Attest: Stephen McDougall Graham
Blaine County Clerk

Mayor Kathryn Goldman
City of Bellevue

Date

Attest:
City of Bellevue Clerk

Mayor Martha Burke
City of Hailey

Date

Attest:
City of Hailey Clerk

Mayor Neil Bradshaw
City of Ketchum

Date

Attest:
City of Ketchum Clerk

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Blaine County Commissioner

Date

Attest: Stephen McDougall Graham
Blaine County Clerk



Mayor Kathryn Goldman
City of Bellevue

5/9/22

Date



Attest: *Martha E. Burke*
City of Bellevue Clerk

Mayor Martha Burke
City of Hailey

Date

Attest:
City of Hailey Clerk

Mayor Neil Bradshaw
City of Ketchum

Date

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City of Ketchum Clerk

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Blaine County Commissioner

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Attest: Stephen McDougall Graham
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Mayor Kathryn Goldman
City of Bellevue

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Martha Burke

5/10/2022

Mayor Martha Burke
City of Hailey



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City of Hailey Clerk

Mayor Neil Bradshaw
City of Ketchum

Date

Attest:
City of Ketchum Clerk



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City of Hailey Clerk



May 9, 2022

Mayor Neil Bradshaw
City of Ketchum

Date


Attest:
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-21-40

Comment: "Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments about the Upcoming review of Idaho Power's power delivery. I would like to advocate for Community Solar projects. This would benefit many lower income residents who are unfairly burdened by IP rate structure. They pay an unfairly high proportion of their income for power. They are the very group who either rents or owns homes that are less well insulate and may have older heating systems and appliances and therefore need more energy to stay warmed to run their households. Community solar programs would benefit this group allowing them to enroll in locally controlled solar and renewable systems that are not just profit motivated like the shareholder owned monopoly Idaho Power. Idaho Power would still get paid for their investment in distribution infrastructure. Locally owned distributed renewable energy sources would add to resilience if there was a battery backup system so that customers who rely on power, like CPAP or BIPAP users whose lives depend on power, would have the assurance that their systems would continue to be powered. Locally owned clean renewable energy would reduce the need to construct long distance power lines which we have all seen in California contribute to wildfire generation and spread depriving citizens of any power. The loss of homes from these huge power company-caused wildfires is contributing to the loss of housing for thousands of citizens right when we are already in a housing crisis. Power companies need to invest in very expensive bonds and insurance to compensate people for the losses they create. This raises power costs for the very people who are at risk from the company caused fires. How can this be equitable, fair? Please ask Idaho Power to allow citizens to have some local control of their energy sources. It's fair and it's the need for the future as we transition to electric vehicles which will require huge new sources of power. Thank you, Dr. Martha S. Bibb 810 CD Olena Dr. Hailey, ID 83333 "

Name: Ruth Merrill
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-21-40

Comment: "My name is Ruth Merrill and I am an Idaho Power customer living in Boise. I am retired after a career working with immigrants and newly arrived refugees to assist their transition to community members with language and cultural instruction. I own my house and live primarily on social security retirement benefits. Additions to the house for solar, even passive solar are out of my income bracket. Though the support and expansion of green energy is imperative to me so I support the production of green energy through my monthly bill. But I am very concerned that as a community, we need to invest in solar to become more energy independent and just for all the members of the community. I want Idaho Power to work with community groups to create a community owned solar program in which customers can subscribe to solar arrays that are not owned or controlled by the utility. Community owned solar is beneficial because it increases clean energy and keeps the financial benefits of that clean energy within the communities where the solar is located. It also promotes resiliency on the grid through distributed generation. I care about these issues because we must take every opportunity to utilize solar energy, create jobs and make the benefits available to the community. Please direct Idaho Power to work with community groups to develop a true community owned solar program. "

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-21-40

Comment: "I strongly urge the commission to set in place a mechanism to develop community owned solar generation program. "

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-21-40

Comment: "Please consider the ability of Idaho Power to develop some means of allowing community solar projects for people with low income. Many of these folks do not have the space for solar panels on their homes, or they live in rental units that do not have solar panels. Also encourage Idaho Power to allow battery backup systems that could benefit the community solar projects and benefit Idaho Power during peak load times. Thank You"

Name: Janet Abromeit
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-21-40

Comment: "I strongly support a mechanism to develop a community owned solar generation system for Idaho in conjunction with Idaho Power. "

Name: Shannon Ansley
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-21-40

Comment: "My name is Shannon Ansley and I am an Idaho Power customer living in Pocatello, Idaho. I live in a 110-year old home listed on the Historic Register near the ISU campus and am unable to put solar panels on my home because of large old trees, old-house structural issues, and esthetic/historic reasons. I want to have the option of buying into a community solar network so that I can contribute to the fight against global warming and climate change effects without having to cut trees, ruin the historical aesthetic of my home, or have to replace my roof structure. I respectfully ask that the IPUC require Idaho Power to work with community groups to create a community-owned solar program in which customers can subscribe to solar arrays that are not owned or controlled by the utility. This is called virtual net metering and it is already being done in other states such as California, Connecticut, Colorado, Delaware, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington D.C., and Wisconsin. So, you can see that virtual net metering (community-owned solar) taking off in this country. Please keep Idaho on the forefront of energy independence and personal choice. Virtual net metering is beneficial because it increases clean energy and keeps the financial benefits of that clean energy within the communities where the solar is located. It also promotes resiliency on the grid through distributed generation. I care about these issues because as an Idahoan, I want to exercise my personal choice for power supplying my home and not be under complete control of a power company that does not let me make personal choices and sets unfair rates for solar energy producers. We are in Idaho, for Pete's sake, and personal choice should extend to everyone and everything. Please direct Idaho Power to work with community groups to develop a true community-owned solar program. Best regards, Shannon Ansley "

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Name of Utility Company: Avista

Case ID: IPC-E-21-40

Comment: "I commend Idaho Power's proposal for Clean Energy Your Way. As a professional in climate mitigation work, I am eager to see more options for customers from renewable energy sources. However, many consumers, like myself are not able to purchase my own solar panels. Having small-scale solar distributed generation in our communities and the opportunity for community ownership of these projects would benefit Idahoans. Community ownership will ensure that profits from electric generation are reinvested in our communities in Idaho - increasing job creation and economic benefits. The need for viable clean energy projects is paramount. I urge you to require Idaho Power to permit other entities to install and own solar arrays and provide and support mechanisms for third-party subscription for community members. We must consider the needs of low-income customers and community solar projects will provide opportunity to support clean energy and promote energy resiliency at the local level. Please direct Idaho Power to work with community groups to develop a true community owned solar program. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter."

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-21-40

Comment: "I am greatly concerned about climate change and I urge you to adopt policies that will increase our use of clean electricity. I am convinced that community solar subscription programs should be adopted in Idaho. Community solar will allow low income consumers to afford solar-produced electricity. We need all consumers to use clean electricity, not just those with higher incomes. Community solar has worked well on other states and we need to use it in Idaho. We need to move quickly because the climate is changing quickly. Please work with community groups to develop community solar subscription programs. Allow permits for entities other than Idaho Power to own solar arrays, and provide a mechanism for community members to subscribe for the energy produced by these arrays. Thank you for considering my comment. "
