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**To:** [Jan Noriyuki](#)  
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The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Consumer

Case ID: IPC-E-21-40

Comment: "My name is James Van Dinter and I am an Idaho Power customer living in Boise, ID. I am a homeowner with solar and an electric vehicle. I have lived in Boise for over 40 years. 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. "

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**From:** [Michael Engle](#)  
**To:** [Jan Noriyuki](#); [Jan Noriyuki](#)  
**Subject:** Portneuf Resource Council comments on Case Number IPC-E-21-41  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 11, 2022 5:03:41 PM

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Dear Ms. Noriyuki,

The attached pdf and included as text in this email, are the comments from the Portneuf Resource Council regarding IPC-E-21-40.

Thank you for the opportunity to input on this important case before the Idaho PUC.

Sincerely,  
Mike Engle  
Chair, Portneuf Resource Council  
208 284 3825

May 11, 2022

Dear Idaho Public Utilities Commission,

*This letter is concerning Idaho Power's (IPC) application to expand optional customer clean energy offerings, case number IPC-E-21-40. The Portneuf Resource Council (PRC) is a non-profit organization in Southeast Idaho that promotes clean energy and clean water. PRC represents more than three hundred citizens in southeast Idaho who are interested in or already have powered their homes or businesses with solar power.*

*We acknowledge Idaho Power's commitment to 100% renewable energy by 2045 and appreciate in the most recent Integrated Resource Plan, IPC's modeling to pull that 100% date back to 2035.*

*Further we commend IPC's plan to offer clean energy options to customers who may not have the means or ability to add onsite clean energy generation and in general support the concept of Clean Energy Your Way.*

*PRC has several comments and suggestions related to the Clean Energy Your Way. This program should be accessible to all Idahoans including small municipalities, rural farms and businesses, and families of low to moderate income. Provisions in the pricing structure needs to include options that allow low to moderate income people to participate in clean energy without having to pay a premium. In addition to a variable pricing structure based on means, adding additional levels of subscription will give more options to those wanting to participate in clean energy. In addition to 50% and 100% of anticipated monthly bill, add 25% and 75% for more options and flexibility.*

*PRC recommends the IPUC and IPC consider how to expand the program (increase the number of planned generation facilities) to allow a wider range of participants including municipalities, large and small businesses, rural farms and ranches, home owners, and renters. There will be a great deal of interest as many entities and individuals are interested in participating in the ongoing migration to clean energy.*

*While not specific to this Case #, PRC urges IPUC and IPC to move towards allowing third parties to build, own and manage large scale solar arrays. This would give Idahoans a choice to participate in Community Solar projects that are not necessarily Utility owned. There are a lot of good reasons in the literature for enabling third-party Community Solar. One of the roadblocks in Idaho that IPUC can address is the limited 2 year power purchase agreement rule. This effectively kills any investment opportunities when return on investment cannot be determined for large scale solar projects.*

*Thank-you for your consideration of these points regarding the proposed Clean Energy Your Way program.*

Sincerely,

*Mike Engle*  
*Chair, Portneuf Resource Council*  
*208 284 3825*



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**Re: Case #IPC-E-21-40, Idaho Power Company's Application to Expand Optional Customer Clean Energy Offerings Through the Clean Energy Your Way Program**

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments regarding case #IPC-E-21-40, Idaho Power Company's Application to Expand Optional Customer Clean Energy Offerings Through the Clean Energy Your Way Program. We welcome the opportunity to offer public comment.

The Idaho Organization of Resource Councils is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt nonprofit organization based in Boise, Idaho with two local chapters representing members in Bannock and Canyon County, Idaho. Our mission is to empower people to improve the well-being of their communities, sustain family farms and ranches, transform local food systems, promote clean energy, and advocate for responsible stewardship of Idaho's natural resources.

PUC Authority

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has the authority under Idaho Code § 61-501 to regulate public utility companies in the state of Idaho.

Application Background

On December 2, 2021, Idaho Power Company applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission for authority to amend its Green Power Purchase Program to implement customer subscription and customer construction options under a new program called Clean Energy Your Way.

Discussion

We commend Idaho Power Company for taking a leading role in transitioning Idaho to 100% clean and renewable energy and expanding customer options for utility-supplied clean power. By offering additional clean energy options, the Clean Energy Your Way program will result in more solar and wind power being brought online in the coming years if the program is a success. A win for Idaho's people and environment.

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By expanding the Clean Energy Your Way program to include community-owned options, Idaho Power Company can create another path to more clean and renewable energy, while helping meet its goal of providing 100% clean energy by the year 2045. Community-owned power generation programs have been successful across the country and provide some important advantages to the utility-controlled model proposed in the Clean Energy Your Way.

Community solar can provide cost savings for transmission and distribution, increased reliability for customers because of improved energy distribution, and economic benefits for the local communities they are built to serve.

The Idaho Public Utility Commission's discretionary approval of the Clean Energy Your Way program should include direction for Idaho Power Company to create community solar options in addition to the utility-controlled customer subscription option. This would allow third-parties to build and operate community solar installations in and near the communities they serve.

#### Affordability & Low-Income Customers

Idaho power learned from the Community Solar Pilot Program "that the primary factors leading to lack of interest were high premium cost compared to regular rates." Many low and middle-income Idahoans simply do not have the option to pay more on their monthly utility bills to receive clean energy. With continued economic strain from the pandemic, high consumer price inflation, and a possible recession looming, affordability is a key factor that will lead to the customer adoption of the Clean Energy Your Way program.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments on this issue. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 208-991-4451 or [dpaddock@iorcinfo.org](mailto:dpaddock@iorcinfo.org).

Sincerely,

Doug Paddock  
Lead Organizer  
Idaho Organization of Resource Councils

CC: Lisa D. Nordstrom, Idaho Power Company  
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**From:** [PUCWeb Notification](#)  
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-21-40

Comment: "As a homeowner in Boise, I was pleased to install rooftop solar. As a person who recently moved to an apartment, I appreciate that folks who don't own a home or have a suitable roof should also be able to participate in generating local solar power. Community ownership of local solar generation facilities provides that opportunity. I ask Idaho Power to work with community groups to develop a real community owned solar program. Community ownership provides opportunity for local investment, local profits, and local jobs. Electricity generated locally and distributed locally does not incur transmission costs, thus saving electricity costs to the overall system. As we deal with the reality of climate change, smaller, distributed electricity generation pods will give us a more resilient power grid than one that relies on a few huge power plants with extensive transmission lines. Thank you for this opportunity to comment. "

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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-21-40

Comment: "My name is Renée Mullen and my husband Bob Moseley and I are Idaho Power customers living in Boise, Idaho. I am a retired professor of Environmental Science and Biology. Bob Moseley is also newly retired, having worked for Idaho Fish and Game for 11 years and then for the global conservation organization, The Nature Conservancy, for 21 years. We are writing this letter together. We were recently informed of Idaho Power's plan to develop solar power as a form of energy to sell to Idahoans. While that is admirable in that it would help to combat climate change and begin to get us off of our fossil fuel addiction – as well as begin (maybe) to make bringing down the destructive Snake River dams a real possibility, a more just and democratic way to do achieve these goals and to empower Idaho communities would be to invest in community solar. We respectfully request that the PUC support 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. As mentioned above, 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 energy is located. It also promotes resiliency of the grid through distributed generation and it empowers communities. We care about these issues because we are deeply concerned about and invested in the future of Idaho, the US, and indeed, the world. Too many people have been harmed by private power companies – only to have profits born of that harm go to the already wealthy shareholders of private power companies. It is time to truly support ALL communities in health and opportunity, not just the wealthy ones. Thank you for your consideration, Renée B. Mullen and Robert Kenneth Moseley "

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-21-40

Comment: "Thank you for your efforts to provide clean energy to Idaho. I am writing to encourage you to make community owned solar an option to help idahoans play a greater role in the transition to clean electricity. Living in a community that has set a goal for a 2035 clean electric grid, community solar is a solution that we would like to take advantage of yet Idaho Power rules make it impossible. Please change the rules to allow for community solar so citizens can play a greater role in their electricity generation. Thank you, Scott"

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