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The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Comment: "If the PUC wants to encourage residential solar in Idaho, it should continue to use the current net metering process for crediting exported energy. Hourly or real-time monitoring combined with a \$0.03 - \$0.04/kWh credit will drastically limit future residential solar projects in Idaho which seems to conflict with Idaho Power's "Clean Energy Initiative." As an example, when the Nevada PUC allowed the power company to drastically change its net metering program, new residential solar installation permits dropped 92% in the first quarter following the change. (<https://www.brookings.edu/research/rooftop-solar-net-metering-is-a-net-benefit/>) Is that what we really want for Idaho? We are Idaho Power customers with a 13.4kW residential solar system that was turned on in October of 2021. We made a binding financial commitment to the solar installer in April of 2021 to pay \$40,000 for this system. This was before Idaho Power ever filed the application on June 28, 2021 (Case No. IPC-E-21-21) for the "multi-phase comprehensive study" to devalue residential solar generation. We would NOT have made this significant financial investment had we known this study was forthcoming. There is major deficiency in the process of informing new potential solar customers that their investments may be rendered virtually worthless by Idaho Power. Had we been properly informed, we absolutely would NOT have purchased our solar system. If solar customers were being properly informed, there wouldn't continue to be new solar systems installed. The fact that new systems continue to be installed is evidence of the fact that the public is not being properly informed. Because of the lack of adequate notification to new solar customers, the only fair solution is to grant legacy status of every system that has been installed or continues to be installed until the day the PUC makes its final decision regarding changes to net metering. "

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