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**To:** [Jan Noriyuki](#)  
**Subject:** Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb  
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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-22-22

Comment: "Just days after having solar panels installed on my home, I received from Idaho Power a summary of their recent Value of Distributed Energy Resources study. It seems obvious to most observers that this is a seriously flawed study that serves to seriously diminish the viability of solar power in Idaho at a time when it is most crucial--in the midst of serious climate change emergencies--to encourage it. The study underestimates several avoided costs of customer-owned solar including avoided generation capacity and avoided transmission and distribution costs. And it fails to account for the avoided environmental costs of installing more customer-generated solar. I urge the Commission to reject this study and Idaho Power's intention to seriously undermine solar power in Idaho. "

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-22-22

Comment: "I put solar panels on my house. It cost me \$40,000. I live on a fixed income and end up paying Idaho Power 4to5 months out of the year. The study is terrible flawed and should be redone. I'm willing to do my part, but think the study is being misused. "

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-22-22

Comment: "Idaho Power has undervalued the avoided costs of customer-owned solar. Proposing a figure that is between 34 and 40 percent lower than the current cost of electricity is a disincentive to consumers to invest in solar thereby decelerating movement toward Idaho's stated clean energy goals. They have also failed to account for the environmental/economic benefits of customer generated solar. As of July 11, 2022 'there have been 9 weather/climate disaster events with losses exceeding \$1 Billion each to effect the U.S.' ([www.ncei.noaa.gov](http://www.ncei.noaa.gov)). Does Idaho Power believe there is some magic dome over the state that will exempt Idaho from these events? Please consider denying Idaho Power's current cost of solar study so the utility can come up with a more 'fair and credible' study as previously ordered. Failure to do so will be a failure of the PUC, Idaho Power and our commitment to environmental goals that save dollars and make sense."

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Name of Utility Company: Rocky Mountain Power

Case ID: IPC-E-22-22

Comment: "My opinion is that the VODER study by Rocky Mountain Power underestimates several avoided costs of customer-owned solar including avoided generation capacity and avoided transmission and distribution costs. The study fails to account for the avoided environmental costs of installing more customer generated solar, These need to be addressed before any change in the rate structure is considered by the PUC. "

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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-22-22

Comment: "I encourage you to reject Idaho Power's 2022 VODER study due to the following reasons: 1) Idaho Power has a conflict of interest with the study because they have no financial interest to allow distributed generation, as this competes with their bottom line of selling energy. The study should have been conducted by a neutral, third-party. 2) The study underestimates the avoided cost of customer owned solar by undervaluing the avoided generation capacity and transmission/distribution losses. 3) The study neglects the avoided environmental and social costs associated with distributed generation. As the recent years have shown, climate change is real and we are feeling the effects of it both in our pocket books (e.g., energy bills due to increased need for air conditioning) and in our health (e.g., increased wildfires, drought, etc.). While these costs are hard for the layman to monetize, there are companies that are specialized in doing so. Rather than completely ignored, avoided environmental costs should have value. "

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