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Idaho Public Utilities Commission P.O. Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0074

Re: Case #IPC-E-22-22, IDAHO POWER APPLICATION TO COMPLETE THE STUDY REVIEW PHASE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF COSTS AND BENEFITS OF ON-SITE CUSTOMER GENERATION

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments regarding case #IPC-E-22-22, Idaho Power Company's Application to Complete the Study Review Phase of the Comprehensive Study of Costs and Benefits of On-Site Customer Generation. 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.

As of the date of this letter, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission has received 66 comments regarding Idaho Power Company's VODER study. This tremendous engagement shows the public cares deeply about the issue of net metering in Idaho. We urge you to develop a robust public engagement strategy for the upcoming public meeting. Please consider hosting multiple in-person, virtual hybrid comment sessions in different locations across Idaho Power's service area at different times of the day/week to accommodate participation. Perhaps a series of three hybrid meetings, one each in the Treasure Valley, Magic Valley or Wood River Valley, and the Portneuf River Valley, and one each during regular business hours, on a weekday evening, and during the weekend. Please consider using a modern virtual conference software such as Zoom or WebX, in addition to in-person events.

Additionally, due to the length and complex content of the VODER study, we request adequate time to analyze and respond. Please allow as much time as is possible for the public and non-governmental organizations to respond.

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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.

Sincerely,

Doug Paddock Lead Organizer

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Comments: Case #IPC-E-22-22

 From:
 Kylie Jackson

 To:
 Jan Noriyuki

 Subject:
 IPC-E-22-22

Date: Friday, August 5, 2022 10:15:29 AM

Hello!

I'm emailing as a concerned citizen for the public hearing regarding this case. Please hold the hearing on a weekend afternoon instead of a weekday so that it's more accessible for people to contribute their input. This issue matters to many and affects several communities, so I think it's only fair that the hearing be made more accessible so people can voice their concerns. Please consider, and thank you.

Sincerely, Kylie Jackson
 From:
 Sophia Grace Puype

 To:
 Jan Noriyuki

 Subject:
 IPC-E-22-22

Date: Friday, August 5, 2022 1:02:05 PM

Dear commissioners,

As an Idaho resident who is affected by the VODER study regarding Idaho Power and solar energy, I am asking for the public hearing for IPC-E-22-22 to be held on a weekend afternoon. Although in the past public hearings have been held on weekday evenings, this is in direct conflict with the schedules of working Idahoans. In order to make the public hearing actually available to the public, it is urgent that this date be changed.

Sincerely, Sophia Puype