Dear Idaho Public Utilities Commission,

I am very concerned about Idaho Power's newly published cost-benefit study on rooftop solar. It underestimates the value of solar by intentionally excluding measurable environmental and related benefits. This impacts customer rates and threatens fair compensation for Idaho families, businesses, farms, schools, and other local entities that benefit from locally-owned solar.

Please hold in-person public hearings in multiple locations across Idaho Power?s service territory (and offer virtual video options and a weekend option) to ensure as many people as possible can participate in this critical proceeding and share their concerns directly with the Commission.

After gaining an understanding of public concerns and the technical flaws in the study, I urge you to reject Idaho Power's study. Idahoans deserve solar rates based on a more fair, credible, comprehensive, and complete analysis.

Sincerely,

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The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Scott Runkel Submission Time: Aug 10 2022 7:51AM Email: runkel1610@gmail.com Telephone: 208-721-1737 Address: 1610 NORTHRIDGE DR HAILEY, ID 83333-8663

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-22-22

Comment: "I am writing to express my concern that IP did not adequately take into account the environmental benefits of rooftop solar when the conducted their study to determine the appropriate way to reimburse customers. We should be encourage all the solar development that is possible to facilitate the transition to clean energy. There are numerous economic benefits to supporting this type of clean energy and IP did not take factor that into their calculations adequately. Please make them rework the study to account for this. Thank you. "

From:	Bradford Brunkhardt
То:	<u>Jan Noriyuki</u>
Cc:	Shasten T Jolley
Subject:	reference Case # IPC-E-22-22
Date:	Wednesday, August 10, 2022 1:45:06 PM

To whom it may concern,

You have an opportunity to help protect equitable access to rooftop solar power in Idaho. Idaho Power recently published a study that shows it intends to slash compensation rates to local solar owners by over 60%, making solar power less affordable for Idaho families, businesses, farms, and schools.

We need your help to tell the Idaho Public Utilities Commission that Idaho Power's study is not fair or credible and that it presents an artificially low value of solar that will prevent residents from exercising their right to energy independence. The Idaho Power value of solar study was released on June 30 of this year. However, their analysis not only may have used incorrect data but also excludes a number of important criteria making the value of the exported electricity artificially low. The result is the solar installation would have to export two to three kWhs onto the grid for the owner to get one kWh back when it is needed. If this was to go through, Idaho Power will increase their hook up fee from 5 dollars to 35 dollars a month. This would crush any incentive to get solar and cause a market that is thriving for the community to stall. I am asking for multiple public hearings at multiple locations across the state to all voices can be herd. Thank you for your consideration and time.

V/R Bradford W. Brunkhardt

From:	Ann Swanson
To:	<u>Jan Noriyuki</u>
Subject:	comment on # IPC-E-22-22
Date:	Wednesday, August 10, 2022 1:46:06 PM

Hi,

I invested a lot to install solar panels on my home. Please don't let Idaho Power wiggle out of their commitment to solar owners. By cutting solar reimbursement rates, Idaho Power will make it economically impractical for others to install solar. Cutting net metering rates works against Idaho Power's commitment to using 100% renewable energy by 2045.

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I would like the PUC and Idaho Power to engage a third party to study the rates issues. An inhouse report from Idaho Power seems untrustworthy.

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Also, please hold in-person public hearings in multiple locations across Idaho Power's service territory, and offer virtual video options and a weekend option to ensure as many people as possible can participate

Thanks,

Ann Swanson ann.swanson@gmail.com 208-244-8521 You are cool. Dear Idaho Public Utilities Commission,

I'm your neighbor and vacation in Idaho. Oregon is actively supporting solar energy. Please consider the welfare of the Northwest in the face of climate change that impacts Idaho as well as the world.

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From:	PUCWeb Notification
То:	Jan Noriyuki
Subject:	Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb
Date:	Wednesday, August 10, 2022 7:00:12 AM

The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Courtney Hamilton Submission Time: Aug 9 2022 5:24PM Email: hamilton.courtney1@gmail.com Telephone: 208-481-1211 Address: 130 Bird Drive Ketchum, ID 83340

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-22-22

Comment: "Hello, I would like to share my feedback that the recent Idaho Power study on rooftop solar is incomplete and, if accepted, will be detrimental to the people of Idaho. I encourage the PUC to demonstrate its desire to do what's best for Idahoans and enlist a third party to assess the future of solar generation rates. This is too important of an issue to not do your due diligence in making this decision. Additionally, please ensure that public comment is reasonably permitted in your deliberation. I encourage you to please hold multiple public meetings in various jurisdictions within Idaho Power's service area and accept online comments. The more you can hear from your constituents, the more informed you will be on what the people of Idaho want. Transparency is crucial in making important decisions, and I ask you to consider this as you plan your public hearings on this item. Thank you, Courtney"

The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: MIKE SMITH Submission Time: Aug 10 2022 10:43AM Email: CAPITOLMIKE@GMAIL.COM Telephone: 208-695-4546 Address: 342 SPUR AVE FRUITLAND, ID 83619

Name of Utility Company: IDAHO POWER

Case ID: IPC-E-22-22

Comment: "Idaho Power often speaks in public about supporting solar power generation. What they do behind closed doors is to reduce solar power generation as much as possible. This case study is another example of that. Per Idaho Power's own website, they get 32.5% from hydro, 11.7% from wind and only 4.1% from solar. The remainder of the power sources are dirty (coal, natural gas or market purchases). Idaho's population is growing and hydro power generation is not growing. If solar is not encouraged, there is no other choice but to increase dirty energy sources. Please stop Idaho Power from changing rules to further discourage solar power generation."

To whom it may concern,

My name is Tristan Field and I work for the CED Greentech in Boise, Idaho. I am reaching out regarding the impending decision to limit net metering across the state. Respectfully, I am asking for you to reject Idaho Power's incomplete study. Opting to lower rates for net metering would greatly disincentivize home owners from purchasing solar materials, and while this would very much hurt the local solar industry financially, more importantly we are doing our local community and the planet a great injustice. Obviously someone like me who works in the industry would feel these immediate financial effects, but to be honest I am much more worried about the strain we are putting on the planet. Climate change is very real and the reason I wanted to get into this industry in the first place, because renewable energy has to play a huge part in our future if we want to sustain the quality of life we have now generations down the line. Again I am asking to reject Idaho Power's study because it presents an artificially low value of Solar for the residents of Idaho.

It would also be advantageous to hold in-person public hearings in multiple locations across Idaho Power's service territory to ensure everyone involved has a chance to let their voice be heard.

Thank you,



Tristan Field

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