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Subject:	Idaho Solar Installer Representation
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Attachments:	Solar Company Sign-on Letter to PUC Idaho Power Solar Study August 2022 (1).pdf

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To the PUC,

I ask that you review the attached document before making any decisions regarding Idaho Power's study on net metering (Case # IPC-E-22-22).

In the attached, you will find a list of solar installation companies across the state (employing over 500 people locally, among many others) that will be drastically impacted by the decision on this Case.

Please keep these hard working people in consideration, as well as their thousands of homeowner customers that rely on solar power every day to feed their families.

Thank you for your time.



Shasten Jolley

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Idaho Public Utilities Commission 11331 W. Chinden Blvd. Boise, ID 83714

August 18, 2022

Re: Case # IPC-E-22-22, Idaho Power VODER Study Hearing Request

Dear Commissioners,

As solar installation and distribution companies servicing thousands of Idaho Power customers across southern Idaho and eastern Oregon, and employing hundreds of local residents, we write to you today to request a robust public input process for evaluating Idaho Power's Value of Distributed Energy Resources (VODER) Study, which will impact everyone involved with our businesses.

Specifically, we urge you to hold multiple public hearings at different venues across the state and at different times (including a weekend). This will assure that as many people as possible have a chance to attend and share their perspective. There are numerous customers and other interested parties who live in the Pocatello area, Twin Falls area, Ketchum area, McCall area, and even the Ontario area¹ who will be impacted by the outcome of this case. Holding public hearings in each of those locations would provide a fair and reasonable opportunity for those individuals to speak directly with the Commission without having to drive for several hours to the PUC Office in Boise, likely followed by waiting for several more hours in a long queue to finally testify.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tyler Grange Owner Idahome Solar

¹ OR statute 757.300(9) exempts Idaho Power customers from Oregon state net metering law (as long as Idaho Power has fewer than 25,000 Oregon customers) and places them under the jurisdiction of the Idaho PUC. This means that the results of the VODER study will impact Oregon Idaho Power customers.

Company	Location(s)	Name	Title	# of Idaho Employees	Email
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The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Lyle Zufelt Submission Time: Aug 22 2022 9:03PM Email: zufeltco@netzero.net Telephone: 208-989-8259 Address: 9965 GRAND TARGHEE TRL Middleton, ID 83644

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-22-22

Comment: "I continue to contemplate the proposed change in the Export Credit Rate we receive for the electricity created by the solar panels that we have paid to install on our homes. It seems like a gross abuse of those who have paid a very high price to install panels on their property. I will again question the \$5.00/month service charge that we are required to pay in spite of the amount of electricity we provide. We will be required to pay \$5.00/month in perpetuity. This monthly service charge should cover our part of the maintenance of the power lines and office staffing. Again, I remind you that Idaho Power obtains the electricity we create at no cost to them. Once the Export Credit Rate is reduced, the number of customers inclined to consider paying the high price for solar panel installation will also be reduced substantially. Idaho Power will forever lose the increased electricity that they could have relied on in times of greatest need. I urge you to deny the request to change/LOWER the Export Credit Rate. Such a decision will lead to serious regrets in the future. Thank you. "

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From: PUCWeb Notification <<u>Do.Not.Reply@puc.idaho.gov</u>>
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 11:00 AM
To: ConsumerComplaintsWeb <<u>ConsumerComplaintsWeb@puc.idaho.gov</u>>
Subject: Notice: A complaint was submitted to PUCWeb

The following complaint was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Jesse Hutchinson Submission Time: Aug 23 2022 10:24AM Email: <u>hitman_construction@live.com</u> Telephone: 208-919-1032 Address: 3201 college ave caldwell, ID 83605

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Contacted Utility: No

Comment: "I have a Question about the study done for solar. i have skimmed a good portion of the document but have failed to see where Idaho power has taken into consideration the hard cost the customer has incurred installing solar. It appears they take into consideration the hard cost they incur changing there pay out rate for solar for a valued cost of 8 to 10 cents down to 2 to 3 cents . I would assume I could have batteries installed and then totally pull off of Idaho powers grid. I'm not a lawyer or even that smart of a guy but how are we not dabbling in a monopile if this can not be done."
