

**From:** [PUCWeb Notification](#)  
**To:** [Jan Noriyuki](#)  
**Subject:** Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 2022 5:00:05 PM

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The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: GARY RICHARDSON  
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-22-22

Comment: "In 2020, my wife, Diane Ronayne, and I invested \$24,000 in a 24-panel, 10kW solar array. It began providing our electrical power in June 2020, so our net-metered exchange rate is not grandfathered. So far, our system has provided more power to Idaho Power's distribution system than IPCo has supplied us when the sun goes down; i.e., we have a net positive balance. In the present arrangement, IPCo acts as our "battery" from which we draw when our system is not producing power. We are willing to pay for that service. We, of course, experience a downside from that arrangement that should be taken into account; when IPCo goes down, our solar production is interrupted, which can be costly. Our computers and other electronic equipment are useless. Our refrigeration, lighting, and heating/AC systems are inoperative. We support the Crossborder VODER study's methodology as more accurately determining the cost/benefits of customer solar power. The outcome of these VODER decisions will determine whether we invest in our own batteries and whether we go all-electric with a heat pump to replace our aging natural gas furnace. I hope the commission and its staff pay close attention to the wide ripple effects of the proper calculation of the VoDER, especially for those of limited means who have invested large percentages of their saving in clean energy to lighten their carbon footprints and "do the right thing."

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**From:** [Kerry Canfield \(keriz.cornfield@gmail.com\)](mailto:keriz.cornfield@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message  
**To:** [Jan Noriyuki](#)  
**Subject:** IPC-E-22-22 Public Comment  
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Dear Idaho Public Utilities Commission,

Please look carefully at the independent study conducted by Crossborder Energy, which points out several shortcomings in Idaho Power's own study on the costs and benefits of customer-owned rooftop solar. Idaho Power will use this study to justify trying to reduce compensation rates to solar owners. To arrive at fair rates, we first need a fair study.

Crossborder's study states, "We conclude that Idaho Power's choice of assumptions and calculation methods significantly undervalue the five components that the utility quantified. We present our own calculations of an ECR with these five elements. In addition, the VODER Study fails to quantify important benefits of distributed solar that the Commission directed the utility to analyze in Order No. 35284 -- benefits that are known and measurable, will impact rates, and will benefit Idaho ratepayers and citizens.?"

Idahoans deserve solar rates based on a more fair and complete analysis. I urge you to reject Idaho Power's study and look to Crossborder's study as a more accurate measure of the value (to ALL ratepayers) of customer-owned solar power.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Keith Reinhardt \(reinhaks@gmail.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:reinhaks@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Jan Noriyuki](#)  
**Subject:** IPC-E-22-22 Public Comment  
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Dear Idaho Public Utilities Commission,

Please reject Idaho Power's Solar Study. It is flawed because it does not quantify societal benefits--their study focused primarily on benefits associated with electricity rates, not other benefits such as public health, local economies, and (and this is a BIG one)... mitigating climate change.

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [Curtis Thaden](#)  
**To:** [Jan Noriyuki](#)  
**Subject:** PUCWeb Notification - Comment for Case No. IPC-E-22-22 - Jentry Hull  
**Date:** Thursday, October 13, 2022 7:41:33 AM

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From: PUCWeb Notification  
To: Jan Norivuki  
Subject: Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb  
Date: Friday, September 30, 2022 9:00:14 AM

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Jentry Hull  
Submission Time: Sep 30 2022 8:44AM  
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Case ID: IPC-E-22-22

Comment: "I invested heavily into solar in my home to offset the constantly increasing costs of electricity. For instance, from Idaho Power's bills, I used 2,004 kWh from 4/29/22 - 8/30/22. My solar panels for that exact same time period generated 4,768 kWh. Yet, I PAID \$236.26 to Idaho Power for that same period. How is it that I generated more than twice what I consumed and still had to pay? This baffles me.

At this point, either Idaho Power needs to compensate accurately, or legislation needs to be brought against solar companies to STOP installing these systems that are costing upwards of \$30,000. On top of the Idaho Power bill, I have an embedded cost of \$170/month for the panels. So as you can see, the offset isn't there and I feel blindsided by the solar company and Idaho Power's disregard for my give-back to them. Thank you, Jentry Hull"

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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: "The ability to sell excess power back to Idaho Power (during daytime peak demand) is what makes solar panels pay off financially. If the PUC okays the buyback rate change, there will be no incentive for homeowners to install solar panels. Without new solar power generation, Idaho Power will rely on natural gas for power generation. The existing buyback rate has Idaho Power buying power at the same price it sells power, i.e. breaking even on the tiny fraction of overall power that solar accounts for. Idaho Power simply wants to take money that is currently going to homeowners and turn it into profit for themselves. Our climate is more important than Idaho Power's increased profits. "

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**From:** [Zoe Roberts \(zoenroberts98@gmail.com\)](mailto:zoenroberts98@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message  
**To:** [Jan Noriyuki](#)  
**Subject:** IPC-E-22-22 Public Comment  
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Dear Idaho Public Utilities Commission,

Solar and renewable energy sources should be an option for everyone. Showing the communities of the Treasure Valley, regardless of income status, that clean, reliable, and affordable energy is a priority is a powerful and positive message.

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [Mary K Deane \(doodlebug.mkd@gmail.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](mailto:Mary_K_Deane@doodlebug.mkd@gmail.com)  
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Dear Idaho Public Utilities Commission,

It's absolutely UNCONSCIONABLE that you are making solar energy more expensive and less available to Idahoans. It's truly shameful. We're in the midst of a climate CRISIS and you SHOULD be doing EVERYTHING possible to allow Idahoans to transition to CLEAN and RENEWABLE ENERGY.

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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: "While Idaho Power is working to reduce the credit to residential solar generators from the current 1 kw-hr credit for 1 kw-hr generated, I feel they are missing the mark on the benefits of residential solar in reducing their need to expand infrastructure and reducing their carbon footprint at the same time. Idaho Power complains how residential solar producers piggyback on their transmission lines costs. Those are sunk costs that should be assessed to each ratepayer as a fixed monthly fee and can render Idaho Power's thoughts on that particular topic moot. The next argument is the variability of solar production. While Boise is a relatively reliable location for solar production, there will be some variability. To focus on that misses the clear and overwhelming benefit residential solar provides in reducing or slowing the need for growing Idaho Power's infrastructure in serving one of the fastest growing regions of the country. The elephant in the room is Idaho Power's indifference to residential solar, which represents one of the few meaningful actions we as individuals can take that have a clear impact on our carbon footprint, and the footprint of the community. Rather than indifference, Idaho Power should set residential solar as a strategic priority that has a benefit beyond what can be measured in dollars and cents. I ask that the PUC hold Idaho Power to the current exchange of 1 kw-hr credit for 1 kw-hr generated. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Richard Sevier"

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-22-22

Comment: "case number IPC-E-22-22. The ability to sell excess power back to Idaho Power

(during daytime peak demand) is what makes solar panels pay off financially. If the PUC okays the buyback rate change, there will be no incentive for homeowners to install solar panels. Without new solar power generation, Idaho Power will rely on natural gas for power generation. The existing buyback rate has Idaho Power buying power at the same price it sells power, i.e. breaking even on the tiny fraction of overall power that solar accounts for. Idaho Power simply wants to take money that is currently going to homeowners and turn it into profit for themselves. Our climate is more important than Idaho Powers increased profits. "

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