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To: [Jan Noriyuki](#)
Subject: IPC-E-22-22 Public Comment
Date: Monday, October 31, 2022 3:36:14 PM

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Dear Idaho Public Utilities Commission,

We moved to Solar recently for a variety of reasons, but most importantly to do our part for the environment. What Idaho Power wants to do is for greed and goes against their mission of providing clean energy to customers. Solar customers pay a lot for the benefit of helping the environment. This is unfair to current and future Solar consumers and will only deter more people from transitioning to Solar. Idaho Power needs to look in the mirror and put profit aside for one second to do what's right for this community.

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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: [Douglas Hunt \(doughuntinc@gmail.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](#)
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Dear Idaho Public Utilities Commission,

I am not personally financially compensated for the solar system on our house. Idaho power does provide accountability to me for the power we produce. I have received no rebate or compensation for the power or the system and they eliminate my credits annually. I would like to see a compensation for the power or an option to donate it to an organization that provides assistance to people that really have a need

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Dear Idaho Public Utilities Commission,

People who payed a premium to do their part to go net-zero should not subsidize cheap, dirty energy that is partly generated with oil and gas. We expect fair compensation for the clean energy we contribute to the grid. Our energy should be valued at or higher than the market rate of energy sources that pollute the environment, harm biodiversity, displace people from their homes, and contribute to catastrophic climate related disasters.

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Dear Idaho Public Utilities Commission,

Do not mess with my solo credits this is something it was given to us and do not take it away from us

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From: [Kelly Helt \(robiecreek2002@yahoo.com\) Sent You a Personal Message](#)
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Dear Idaho Public Utilities Commission,

I will have to pay \$259.00 per month for 20 yrs on my solar panels. By undercutting my solar generation, Idaho Power is stealing power from me and selling it to others. If I did that I would be in prison. I pray that the Utilities Commission will act fairly and justly to honor Idahoans. With the rising costs of living, having to supplement a corporations revenue is absurd.

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Dear Idaho Public Utilities Commission,

Have Idaho Power make a fair assessment. By my generating power with solar energy, homeowners are saving Idaho Power money on generation. Why punish those who are helping them save money . There's no other reason for this than greed. I'm retired and this is helping me save on my monthly expenses.

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Dear Idaho Public Utilities Commission,

Please maintain the current program. We put up solar panels so we could keep costs lower. Putting in solar was expensive but we wanted to help so others would be able to have electricity. Using alternative energy helps everyone. Kent and Helen Tjemsland.

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Dear Idaho Public Utilities Commission,

We moved to solar to completely take care of our usage due to power costs being so high, even though the solar installation was not cheap. We saw the benefits of clean energy using Mother Nature as a perfect source for our energy. Afterwards I installed my own solar projects that are not connected to the grid and they're still fantastic. Please don't allow them to hike rates just because of big corporation politics and greed!!!

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From: [Denise Adkins](#)
To: [Jan Noriyuki](#)
Subject: Reference: Case #IPC-E-22-22
Date: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 11:45:04 AM

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Hello,

As an Idaho Power customer with solar I would like others to be able to take advantage of the benefits of renewable energy that I currently experience. My electricity costs will be predictable and affordable in the long run and I am helping Idaho Power reach their stated goal of supplying 100% renewable energy by 2045. A cost/benefit analysis that does not accurately value distributed generation will unfairly impact future rates for customers with solar and will slow the adoption of renewable energy. Please ensure that the results of this study are not guided only by the utility company's interests, but instead by taking into account up to date information and methodologies that fairly value the benefits of distributed renewable generation to neighboring customers and the grid in general. I hope you will take my comments into consideration when you make your decision. Thank you. Denise Adkins

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From: [PUCWeb Notification](#)
To: [Jan Noriyuki](#)
Subject: Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb
Date: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 12:00:08 PM

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 have significant concerns with the changes proposed to home based solar generation credits and cost. As a person who is grandfathered in to a net metering approach, I write from the perspective of what I think is best for our community. Based on the structure proposed, it seems difficult to believe that three quarters of Idaho Power's costs are from grid maintenance alone. Furthermore, I could not find the financial benefit of consumer solar generation added to the cost structure's rationale: the avoidance of creating and maintaining substations, Idaho Power's avoidance of purchasing electricity at peak demand because it is offset by peak home solar production ie hot sunny days in the afternoon. This comes across as a one sided proposal written by a monopoly top maintain its monopolistic power to the detriment of its customers and community. "

From: [PUCWeb Notification](#)
To: [Jan Noriyuki](#)
Subject: Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb
Date: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 2:00:05 PM

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-22-22

Comment: "This incessant and inconvenient matter with Idaho Power is quite annoying and IP needs to encourage solar and alternative power. I support an independent study to determine the cost to the 'good citizen' consumer who is supplying power to the grid. "

From: [Taner Oz](#)
To: [Jan Noriyuki](#)
Subject: Comments on #IPC-E-22-22
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Taner Oz
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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.

In its independent analysis, Crossborder Energy identifies a number of costs and benefits that are quantifiable, measurable, and affect rates. After including these important variables and applying sound analysis, they concluded the export credit rate should be much greater than what Idaho Power concluded in its VODER study.

I encourage you to ask Idaho Power Company to redo the VODER study to include all factors that affect the price of customer generated solar power.

From: [Tim Yoder \(timmyoutside@live.com\)](mailto:timmyoutside@live.com) Sent You a Personal Message
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Dear Idaho Public Utilities Commission,

AltEnergy (now Tiger Solar) installed a rooftop solar system in February this year on the roof of my garage. I bought the system based on the net metering currently in place. To undermine this net metering is extremely unfair to rooftop solar owners and completely discourages future small generation facilities. Idaho Power says it wants to generate green energy, yet by their biased study, demonstrate their willingness to be subject to volatile natural gas prices and the environmental impact of burning fossil fuels. Our rooftop solar generated power is much more valuable to Idaho Power than they are willing to admit, as evidenced by the Crossborder Energy study.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-22-22

Comment: "I am writing to the Public Utilities Commission to urge them to reject the Idaho Power VODER study regarding the net metering of solar power in Idaho. Idaho Power has already once attempted to cut benefits to private Idaho solar producers and they were asked to conduct an independent investigation into the value of home solar production in our state. In response, they conducted an internal investigation that was deeply methodologically flawed and relied on outdated assumptions and biased data to attempt to further their objective of reducing compensation for private solar production. When compared to the independent 3rd party review of Idaho solar, the Idaho Power estimate on the per-wattage value (3.8 cents/kWh) is nearly 4-fold less than the Crossborder Energy assessment (14 cents/kWh). Local solar owners and future Idaho solar owners deserve to be appropriately compensated for their contributions, and it is the duty of the PUC to make data-based decisions for the benefit of its constituents. As a physician and scientist, the closest comparison of this situation in my world would be for a drug company to use biased data from a study they funded to promote/sell a drug that doesn't benefit the patient. When subjected to scientific peer review, clearly biased data would be given less weight than an independent 3rd party review. Promoting solar energy will be increasingly important as the country shifts towards renewable energy sources which will both boost our national security interests of energy independence and benefit the ongoing climate crisis. Furthermore, home solar is in the spirit of Idaho as being a decentralized, self-sufficient, and independent way of living. Home solar owners simply ask that we are appropriately compensated for our contributions. Please don't let us down. Eric Bluemn, MD, PhD "

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-22-22

Comment: "This net metering issue started years ago with ID Power "claiming" a \$145k annual shortfall from the net metering rate class at that time. I will preface my below comments with the fact that today this rate class still today makes up less than 1.5% of the total rate payer population that ID Power serves. This felt from the start back in the first net metering rate case like a clear attempt to limit future competition and future growth of solar here in ID just as it still does today. First, this study was ordered by the IPUC in such a manner that a general consumer without solar or utility industry knowledge could read and understand. They were also tasked with using as current and accurate data as available and in this case the data represented for cost/kwh is grossly understated as rate/fees have jumped substantially along with everything else economically since this study was first started and should have been updated prior to its release to ensure on the surface any sort of fairness or accuracy. For these reasons I feel from the start this is simply an invalid and outdated study and should be recognized as such by the IPUC in this matter. RE: Hourly Netting Request- This is a huge issue as the only party that benefits from this is of course ID Power. A solar customer under the current monthly netting structure has clear checks and balances against accurate credit accumulation and reporting and against what was proposed from their solar provider in their initial estimates. Hourly netting strips a consumer checks and balances away from them which simply cannot be allowed to happen. The other major issue here is that ID Power pushed into law the Idaho Solar Consumer Protection Act as a way to hold solar providers accountable for misrepresentation and misleading sales tactics and allow for the ID Att General to step in and be able to have a clear legal route for consumers against solar providers. Yes, we have bad apples in the solar industry and yes, they should be held accountable however this is true of any industry but because solar is a direct competitor to Idaho's monopolistic utility this is a constant driver/platform that ID Power has pushed as means to make these detrimental changes to net metering. The more critical issue here is having this consumer protection act in place. We are required to have many disclosure statements in order to even provide a solar estimate to any consumer. If hourly netting is allowed it leaves solar providers wide open to lawsuits as providing an accurate estimate of a solar system payback becomes virtually impossible as every ID Power rate payer uses power differently every hour seasonally here in ID. Stripping back the layers this request by ID Power is a clear attempt to make solar providers jobs nearly impossible and have to staff engineers to work through a customer's 8760 hourly power intervals from the previous 12

months which is a hugely expensive and time consuming exercise and sure to be wrong with so many other weather factors year to year here in ID. I urge the IPUC to heavily question the true motives behind this request and maintain the current monthly netting structure that has worked very well for many years. RE: Lack of Environmental Valuation-This study for many reasons is a clearly biased study for anyone who has any knowledge of the local solar industry. For ID Power to not provide a value for environmental impact that distributed solar does indeed provide is very short sided. Solar provides an immense carbon reduction which yes is hard to truly measure but to just simply skim over this section as they did should leave many questions for the IPUC in this discussion. RE: Peak Demand Reduction-I and many others close to this industry find this attempt to gut the solar industry at a time where the population is outracing what ID Power can provide at peak demand times is laughable. The amount of continued added infrastructure needed to keep providing reliable power and maintain an already outdated electrical grid to an ever-growing population should involve solar heavily in a commonsense world. The values presented in the study are not in line whatsoever with other comparable studies done in recent years. When a solar system overproduces every day during daylight hours that power is put to use at the nearest draw which is always a neighboring property. To say that does not provide an immense value to any utility is simply wrong. Less transmission/distribution/line loss/and cleaner power delivery to these neighboring properties with solar. Fighting climate change is the number one challenge this century. IPC will always make money for us shareholders. What is in question will they do everything possible to be good corporate citizens by KEEPING RATES THE SAME IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THIS GOAL FOR ALL NET METERING CUSTOMERS, PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE. "

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-22-22

Comment: "It is regretful that Idaho Power is still seeking to reduce the incentive for net metering through distributive solar power. We invested our own money. As a teacher from Idaho we rank in the bottom ranking of educators pay in the USA. My family sacrificed other expenditures so we could invest in clean solar energy in order to do our part of reducing the use of fossil fuels that our power company uses. We started buying solar 2013, long before there was a public commitment by Idaho Power to reduce and eventually eliminate its worst fuel source, COAL. We accepted solar expenses and benefits to meet the challenge for a sustainable world for our children. In my family's case, it includes our 2 children, their spouses, 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. IPC must do the same (retail rate) for any IPC customers who are willing to make similar financial sacrifices and expect the same financial rewards. KEEP THE RATES THE SAME! We do not want any changes in the rate schedule for solar net metering customers past, present or future. It should be offered to any and all willing to take the same financial risks as we did and not be penalized for toing our civic duty for a sustainable grid and environment. The costs to Idaho Power are negligible

because: 1. My family absorbed the initial costs of the parts and labor to install our net metering solar panels, electrical upgrades and wiring, not IPC. 2. During most of the year, our family's solar panels are adding electricity to neighboring homes. Since electricity flows like water to the nearest down grid demand from the source, we do not use any of the high voltage power lines, substations and IPC resources to maintain those when adding to the system. However my family does pay for all of these in fixed rate expenses and an additional monthly hookup for all the months that we send more electricity out than we consume. So we are paying for services for High Voltage, lines, substations and labor that we do not even use when we have a surplus which is more than half of the months of connection. 3. As a shareholder I am well aware of IPC's SEC reports of continually increasing sales and profit margins in spite of increasing solar net metering. Net metering has not cost anything that has harmed our (I'm a shareholder) bottom line or shows any sign of affecting it. Benefits to keeping the rates as they are for grandfathered home solar net metering for all past, present and future solar net metering customers vastly outweigh the small costs to a PUBLIC utility.

1. The only way to achieve the IPC's corporate goal of NET-ZERO carbon is through alternative energy. Net metering customers are instrumental in helping IPC meet that goal but only if rates stay the same as those grandfathered homes. If the incentives of the current rates get diminished so will the benefits of distributive solar power. 2. Solar is uniquely adaptable to the Climate Changes increasing higher electrical demands every summer. As solar usage grows it helps with the higher demands and reduces the chances for the spot market expenses of buying electricity when demand exceeds capacity or rolling blackouts. 3. IPC is privately owned and publicly controlled because we are a monopoly. There are two purposes to our (we are IPC shareholders) existence. One purpose is to continue to return an investment profit. As solar energy decreases in cost, IPC is best suited to add its own solar generation and reduce its expenses with its growing net metering base. Second, IPC is a public utility that is mandated to work on behalf of the public by being a responsible corporate citizen. Fighting climate change is the number one challenge this century. We have to do everything possible and KEEPING RATES THE SAME IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THIS GOAL. "
