



Idaho Public Utilities Commission

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March 8, 2023

Via Certified Mail

Idaho Power Company
1221 West Idaho Street (83702)
P.O. Box 70
Boise, Idaho 83707

Re: IPUC Case No. IPC-E-23-06
Thain Cashmore vs. Gino Endo County Electrical Inspector and Idaho Power
Company

To Whom It May Concern,

Enclosed please find a Summons and Formal Complaint issued against Idaho Power Company in the above-mentioned case. As directed in the Summons, you are to file a written answer or motion in defense of said Complaint with this Commission within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of the Summons.

Sincerely,

Jan Noriyuki
Commission Secretary

Enclosure(s)

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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

THAIN CASHMORE,
COMPLAINANTS,
vs.
IDAHO POWER COMPANY,
RESPONDENT.

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THE STATE OF IDAHO SENDS GREETINGS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Complaint has been filed with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission by the above-named Complainant; and

YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED to file a written answer or written motion in defense of the Complaint within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Summons; and

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that unless you do so within the time herein specified, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission may take such action against you as is prayed for in the Complaint or as it deems appropriate under Title 61 of the *Idaho Code*.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission this 8th day of March 2023.





Jan Noriyuki
Commission Secretary

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IDAHO PUBLIC

UTILITIES COMMISSION

To the Review Board,

My complaint is against Gino Endo County Electrical inspector & Idaho Power,

The complaint is that the State/county inspection to verify the Solar Array System in the time frame given by Idaho Power, was not accomplished in that period. The State/County electrical inspector couldn't complete and accomplish the inspection of the solar array addition that was installed in June of 2019. Final inspection was to be done and paperwork turned into Idaho Power by 12/20/2020. Final inspections was accomplished on 12/29/20 by the County inspector for the state and all paperwork was submitted to Idaho Power on 12/30/20. This made our paperwork late, excluding it for grandfathered status.

Why did this happen? 2020 was the time given to have Grandfather status of Solar array systems to be established according to the Public Utility Commission and the outcome of case IPC-E-18-15. This created a scramble for people to install and have their systems verified. To compound this, covid was just presenting itself, presenting many uncertainties on what could and couldn't be worked on throughout the entire year of 2020 and later. The request for an inspection was initially made in April/May of 2020. The inspector requested to move the inspection date to October/November due to the abnormally large work load at that time. We agreed, since we had until 12/20/20. When the October/November time came, the inspector wasn't feeling well and postponed our inspection until December. He wasn't able to make it to our site until December 29th, 2020. This pushed our paperwork past the 12/20/20 deadline. Idaho power will not recognize the grandfather status even though they had proof that the system was installed and paid for prior to 2020, meeting the requirement for grandfather status. The only missing piece was the state inspection of the system and having Idaho Power finish their end. Idaho power is bound by the letter of the statutes and since they do not have any discretionary power in these situations, they pushed our addition to the non-grandfathered status. We lost our grandfather status because of situations that are beyond our control, the state inspector was overworked at the time and hampered by covid restrictions and sickness. Idaho codes allow for extensions in events of such as those that were observed in 2020-21 (see SECTION 63-113, IDAHO CODE). Even though this section is for tax purposes, it addresses the fact that extensions can be given under strenuous times. The state inspection was late, yet we are the ones having to pay for this situation with more fees, work and costs to join the new array as Idaho Power requires.

What would we like done. The Public Utility Commission has the power to right wrongs or give extensions. Even though everyone did their best at the time, in good faith, yet we as home owners have been wronged. Informal petitioning has had no effect. Everyone follows the letter of the law so they are seen as impartial. In this formal complaint we ask the deciding committee to grant our request to have the array in question given grandfather status. Allow Idaho Power to finish their end of the connection process giving our whole system the proper green light and the grandfather status it should have.

Respectfully submitted

Thain Cashmore