

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER</b>	)	<b>CASE NO. IPC-E-23-14</b>
<b>COMPANY’S APPLICATION FOR</b>	)	
<b>AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT CHANGES</b>	)	
<b>TO THE COMPENSATION STRUCTURE</b>	)	<b>ORDER NO. 36082</b>
<b>APPLICABLE TO CUSTOMER ON-SITE</b>	)	
<b>GENERATION UNDER SCHEDULES 6, 8,</b>	)	
<b>AND 84 AND TO ESTABLISH AN EXPORT</b>	)	
<b>CREDIT RATE</b>	)	
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On May 1, 2023, Idaho Power Company (“Company”), filed an application (“Application”) with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) proposing changes to the Company’s on-site and self-generation tariffs. On December 29, 2023, the Commission issued Final Order No. 36048 approving the Company’s Application as modified by the Company’s revised proposal and the provisions of the Order.

On January 9, 2024, the Commission received two public comment letters (“Petitions”). Attachments A and B. The first letter, from Jacob Klimes, stated in part: “I beg you to please reconsider the case and take into consideration that every person who spoke up about it was against it.” Klimes Letter at 2. The second letter, from Tony Klein, stated in part: “If there is a way to reconsider, rescind and modify your ruling and ORDER to amend it to affect new applications, starting on a date in the future to determined bu [sic] you, to clarify to everyone the rules.”

**COMMISSION FINDINGS AND DECISION**

The Commission has jurisdiction over the Company’s Application and the issues in this case under Title 61 of the Idaho Code including *Idaho Code* §§ 61-301 through 303. The Commission is empowered to investigate rates, charges, rules, regulations, practices, and contracts of all public utilities and to determine whether they are just, reasonable, preferential, discriminatory, or in violation of any provisions of law, and to fix the same by order. *Idaho Code* §§ 61-501 through 503.

Reconsideration affords parties an opportunity to bring to the Commission’s attention any matter previously determined and provides the Commission an opportunity to rectify any mistake before the matter is appealed to the Supreme Court. *Washington Water Power Co. v. Idaho Public Utilities Comm’n*, 1980, 101 Idaho 567, 617 P.2d 1242. Any person or public utility has the right to petition for reconsideration in respect to any matter determined in a Commission order. *Idaho*

*Code* § 61-626(1). “Within twenty-eight (28) days after the filing of a petition for reconsideration the commission shall determine whether or not it will grant such reconsideration, and make and enter its order accordingly.” *Idaho Code* § 61-626(2).

Commission Rule of Procedure 332 provides that the “Commission may grant reconsideration upon petition of any interested person or upon its own motion.” IDAPA 31.01.01.332. “Petitions for reconsideration must specify (a) why the order or any issue decided in it is unreasonable, unlawful, erroneous or not in conformity with the law, and (b) the nature and quantity of evidence or argument the petitioner will offer if reconsideration is granted.” IDAPA 31.01.01.331.01. “Grounds for, or issues on reconsideration not supported by specific explanation may be dismissed.” IDAPA 31.01.01.332.

Having reviewed the Petitions and the arguments therein, the Commission cannot find that the Petitions comply with the requirements of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission Rules of Procedure for Petitions for Reconsideration. The Petitions do not clearly explain why Order No. 36048, or any issue decided therein, is unreasonable, unlawful, erroneous or not in conformity with the law. Similarly, the Petitions do not explain why or how Order No. 36048 should be reconsidered, nor do the Petitions specify the nature and quantity of evidence or argument that will be offered if reconsideration is granted. Thus, the Commission finds that the Petitions should be dismissed.

### **ORDER**

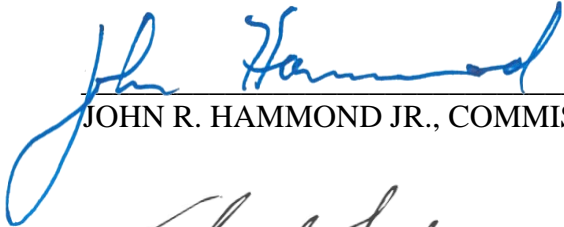
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Petitions are dismissed.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER DENYING RECONSIDERATION. Any party aggrieved by this Order may appeal to the Supreme Court of Idaho within forty-two (42) days pursuant to the Public Utilities Law and the Idaho Appellate Rules. *Idaho Code* § 61-627; I.A.R. 14.

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DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

  
ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

  
JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER

  
EDWARD LODGE, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

  
Monica Barios-Sanchez  
Commission Secretary

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EXHIBIT A  
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24 cents per kw back to myself and to my neighbors. That means I will have to produce over 10 hours to use one hour. There aren't enough solar hours in a day to compete with that! That means during the day, while I am at work, my solar panels will be producing power that my home won't immediately need. That power will then be sold to my neighbors and their hard-earned money will go to Idaho Power, even though they aren't producing that power. It doesn't matter to my neighbors where the power comes from, so it isn't costing them any extra. In fact, Idaho power charges one cent more for their "Clean energy" so that means they are making even more money off the power I produce. That money should go to me in the form of kwh's that I can use when I need them. I understand and agree a service charge of \$5 as Idaho power is supplying the infrastructure to make this transaction happen, but I don't understand what gives them any right or ability to sell the power I produce, and only give me an ounce of that profit. I'm not even looking for a profit, I just want to break even! This means Idaho power will make a profit off me, and I will have a power bill again, even though I am producing more power than I am using. Please explain to me and the rest of the country how that adds up. I say country because other states are looking at your handy work and taking note.

Next, let's look at Depression and suicidal rates in Idaho. Idaho has some of the highest depression and suicide rates in the country. I'm going to copy a report from east Idaho news. They say the average Idahoan makes \$56,368 per year, but it takes \$58,634 to live in Idaho. It's no wonder so many Idahoans are killing themselves. Prices go up every day, yet incomes are not. Credit card balances and interest rates continue to increase with no hope in sight. One way to help was to install solar panels. My monthly solar panel bill was less than my monthly power bill was. That really helps considering the current state of our economy. Now that you have agreed to Idaho Powers' changes, there is a high likelihood that not only will I have that power bill again, but now they can even charge me more for just being hooked up to the grid. I can't disconnect from the grid because I have minors in the house. That means my \$30,000 investment has become obsolete, and it's your fault. I will now have a solar bill, power bill, and an increased connectivity bill. I wonder how many millions of dollars Idahoans have invested to just be disregarded by you three. This disservice to Idaho is not going unnoticed. If you look, you will see that you have made both state and national news. So, congrats on that publicity.

I beg you to please reconsider the case and take into consideration that every person who spoke up about it was against it. Look at how much bad and harm will and has come from it. Please look at the financial strain this will put on Idahoans. Please look at Australia and how 1/3 of their population has solar, and how well it is working for both their economy and their environment. Please look at California and Tennessee and how badly it's affecting everyone. Please look at Oregon and how they denied Idaho Power's requests. How humiliating it is that Oregon, a state that people are trying to leave and come to ours, makes better decisions regarding their utilities. Please try to remember what it's like to be of the working class, going paycheck to paycheck just trying to pay for health insurance and groceries. And lastly, please remember that it's the Idaho People that you serve, not Idaho Power.

  
Jacob Klimes.

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January 6, 2024

I would not object to Idaho Power, a publicly traded Utility, wanted to change the billing method and approved by you, to affect NEW applications for solar generation. That's not what happened. In my opinion, about 8000 solar producers are affected by the method of billing us. That is not a rate change or increase but rather a material change in the billing calculations. This is a huge difference.

If someone installs a solar generation system under one set of rules and told my bill would be about \$5.20 per month.

Now, Idaho power Company, thinks that we should all understand that this is Okay, and that we should share in all of there expenses.

No, It's NOT OKAY!

When one party wants to change their monetary calculations that is BATE AND SWITCH, and you just approved it.

After reading you ORDER NO.36048 a couple of times I felt compelled to write and say I OBJECT. By approving this change in billing mode you are condoning all that it says.

As a solar producer why do I have to share in their LINE LOSS, Avoided Environmental cost, Fuel Cost Risk, and others? I'm a producer and user of my own generation.

About 8000 customers. WOW!

If there is a way to reconsider, recind and modify your ruling and ORDER to ammend it to affect new applications, starting on a date in the future to determined bu you, to clarify to everyone the rules.

By the way did any of you accuallly see their mathmatical time differential fomula? If you have not, why not? I think that is a materal fact in a formula to see how that will affect my monthly bill.

Thank you for reading this and considering us and them.

Sincerly, Tony Klein 1301 North Oregon Ave. Fruitland, Id. 83619

*Tony Klein*

EXHIBIT B  
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