-----Original Message-----From: PUCWeb Notification <<u>Do.Not.Reply@puc.idaho.gov</u>> Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 1:00 PM To: Jan Noriyuki <<u>jan.noriyuki@puc.idaho.gov</u>> Subject: Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Christina Smerick Submission Time: May 10 2023 12:09PM Email: <u>cmsmerick@gmail.com</u> Telephone: 208-562-3153 Address: 5688 N Kercliffe Court Boise, ID 83704

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "This proposal is a cash-grab by Idaho Power to utilize power generated by our solar systems without fair compensation. Indicating that non-solar customers are "subsidizing" systems that generate power is absurd. I am firmly opposed to Idaho Power increasing my power bill because, ironically, I'm using less of their energy. "

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The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Melissa Hamblin Submission Time: May 10 2023 1:05PM Email: <u>missyhamblin@hotmail.com</u> Telephone: 208-539-4370 Address: 224 Big View Rd N Jerome, ID 83338

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

## Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

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Comment: "I received a letter today stating the newest proposal from Idaho Power to increase my bill, as I am now generating power for them rather than pulling from them. I believe a 30% increase (as stated in the letter) in anything at this time is outrageous and should not be considered. Furthermore, why do I feel that I am being penalized for generating my own electricity? My surplus is at the mercy of Idaho Power. They do not store my surplus in safety deposit box, waiting for me to use it, they sell that power to other customers in and out of state and give me a credit for that amount. I would like to see how much my overage is being sold to other customers for. While they are making money or rather having less of the burden of generating that much more power from my solar panels, why am I being asked to pay more? I understand the fee of \$5.16 per month to stay on the "grid", however a change from \$5 to \$12 is a 58% increase to my power bill (not the 30% stated in the letter) and not acceptable. How are my solar panels costing them more money that would justify them requiring more money from me? This feels like a ploy to line pockets from those who have deliberately done what they can to lower their bills. The panels were not cheap to install and even with tax credits it was a large sum of money. Idaho Power has no maintenance, no depreciation, and no labor to expense back to me regarding my solar panels so how can they explain a 58% increase?"

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