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From: PUCWeb Notification <Do.Not.Reply@puc.idaho.gov>

Sent: Friday, May 12, 2023 7:00 AM

To: Jan Noriyuki <jan.noriyuki@puc.idaho.gov>

Subject: Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb

The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Hello,

I oppose the proposed changes to the on-site generation offering because, by Idaho Power's own admission, they adversely affect my power bill.

I installed solar panels with the understanding I would be properly compensated for my household's contribution to the power grid.

Under some notion of "fairness", it seems Idaho Power wants to declare the kilowatt hour I send to the grid to be worth less than the kilowatt hour I take from the grid, and charge me the difference. This seems a whole lot like a smokescreen of numbers being used to justify ripping people off. A kilowatt hour is a kilowatt hour. Period. And I need to be compensated for it.

It's not ultimately surprising a government entity, or quasi-government one, would renege on gentleman's promises, weaselly fine print notwithstanding, in order to charge me more money. But that is simply the way of the world. My family and I left California to escape this sort of abuse. Unfortunately, government entities and their surrogates know only one course: grow more, charge more, deliver less, wherever they may be.

I urge the IPUC to buck that trend and leave the current reasonable compensation structure in place. My family deserves better than to be swindled like this.

Regards,

Michael Knudsen "

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I understand that as a "non-legacy" solar system owner I am subject to compensation changes. I understood when there was going to be a change from allowing us to have a credit with Idaho Power to the "auto pay out" every month we were last made aware of, that made sense even if it felt like a lazy choice. But the idea of charging solar users in "real time" is downright obscene. We use solar because on the days it is sunny we open windows or cook outside and we store up that energy for the days it is rainy or cloudy. We also have solar because we understand it is our duty to help provide for others, not just ourselves and this change forces us to be more selfish. Why wouldn't we use more power then on days when it is sunny and nice? The message you are sending by shifting to this "continuous pay" model without allowing a credit is too many strikes against those of us who made choices to try and help our community.

How is this program supposed to move towards Mayor McLean's net-zero program that was adopted by the city as a whole? How will this encourage industries to move to Idaho that want to use solar to power their production facilities if they are penalized for choosing green.

Who does this actually benefit? Who is being treated "unfairly" when honestly the government pays so much for people to get solar that really those who are choosing not to get it should be penalized, not us.

Please pass along my disapproval for these changes."

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly urge the IPUC to reject Idaho Power's request to transition from net metering to real time net billing.

Idaho is fortunate to have some of the lowest energy costs in the nation. Idaho Power's abundant hydroelectric resources have benefited local agriculture, industry, and residents.

Low energy costs, however, provide little incentive for investment in additional renewable infrastructure. Thanks to Idaho Power's net energy metering, it has made sense for certain residential customers to invest in solar generation on their properties--even though this came at considerable costs to the homeowners.

If the IPUC approves Idaho Power's request to transition to real-time metering, solar investing will no longer make financial sense. If approved, Idaho Power will continue to benefit from the tremendous investment that residential consumers have made, but homeowners will no longer be fairly compensated for the energy generated on their property.

I strongly urge the IPUC to reject Idaho Power's request to abandon net metering. Power consumers in my area do not have a choice when selecting a power company. We have to use Idaho Power. The IPUC need to act to protect Idaho residents from the utility company acting so obviously in its own interest and not in the interest of Idahoans.

Additionally, Idaho Power generates some of its power from non-renewable sources, including natural gas, coal, and diesel. De-incentivizing investment in renewable energy, including residential solar, is bad for Idaho's future as well. "

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I disapprove of the proposed change to move from net monthly to real-time net billing compensation structure for non-legacy "solar" or other systems.
Our family took on the extra burden to create green energy faster for the energy grid before Idaho Power and took on the extra costs related to that. We continue to pay a upkeep fee and connection fee to Idaho power which contributes to their needs to keep the grid on.
It is unfair to increase our bills by 30%.
We do not have the option for differentiated financial billing for purchasing our energy from Idaho Power. For example, electricity is cheaper at night but more expensive during high power usage on the grid. We expect to be treated the same way as Idaho Power bills their customers. A straight credit and to continue the kilowatt-hour credit system.

We propose if Idaho power wants to decrease the benefits provided by our onsite power, they take on the extra costs related to the systems installed - there is an expectation that individuals do not get saddled with extra costs years later.

As Idaho Power continues to purchase energy from out of state, they should encourage local generation of Idaho residents and not burden us with extra fees as we benefit the grid.

We do have a question: What are the exact prices of the differentiated financial bill credit for the 5 to 20 cents per kWh per each hour or minute - depending on the granularity that Idaho Power plans to charge us? Is this consistent day to day, or does it fluxuate depending on their output?"

Name: Kathy Kirkham
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I strongly urge the IPUC to reject Idaho Power's request in case no. IPC-E-23-14. If approved, Idaho Power will continue to benefit from the tremendous investment that residential consumers have made, but homeowners will no longer be fairly compensated for the energy generated on their property.

I strongly urge the IPUC to reject Idaho Power's request to abandon net metering. Power consumers in my area do not have a choice when selecting a power company. We have to use Idaho Power. The IPUC needs to act to protect Idaho residents from the utility company acting so obviously in its own interest and not in the interest of Idahoans."

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "The fact is Idaho Power DOES NOT care about Idaho or its customers. It is a publicly traded company on the NYSE, look up IDA (Idacorp, Inc.), and its only focus is Profit for shareholders.

Idaho Power is following PG&E (California) and using the same playbook that they are, but are doing a worse job of it.

Idaho Power does not want anyone to have energy Independence, they want to keep their Monopoly.

Idaho Power is Anti-Solar and their limitation on commercial solar projects is costing the state 10's of millions of dollars from companies that want to invest in Idaho but can't due to the limited size. A big box store can't even put 300 panels on a roof (100KW max) so they don't even bother and invest out of state. For reference The Tesla Gigafactory in Texas has 30,000 panels and when finished will have 70,000. This is also costing Idaho good paying Jobs!

Idaho Power does not care about the environment yet they have a marketing department and run commercials trying to sway the public opinion. If they did care about the environment they wouldn't stifle solar or any other renewable energy like they have in the past and are currently trying to restrict even more.

Keep Idaho Independence and Don't let Idaho Power turn OUR public utility into California!
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly urge the IPUC to reject Idaho Power's request to transition from net metering to real time net billing."

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: "I respectfully request that the IPUC thoroughly balance the interests of the power companies, residential solar generators, and the public. I understand that the power companies face challenges with energy costs continually going up and a desire to keep rates fair for all customers, however, we should be reminded that the power companies are businesses with their own interests, not always in the public's interest. Idaho Power's proposal to adjust residential solar generation credit policy should be at least viewed from the lens that their recommendation is mostly in Idaho Power's favor first and foremost, the public's next, and the residential solar generator last. The proposal fails to balance all interests equally, and the IPUC should consider if it is truly fair to all parties and interests to let the power companies do the majority of the research and studies on these policy proposals without the direct input of residential solar generators?"

This is a matter of fairness and honor. Any proposals for changes in residential solar generation policy should be balanced, fair to all parties, and the greater good of the public. As presented this proposal is neither. It purports to be a more fair solar credit strategy but ultimately it penalizes residential solar generators and favors the power company. Residential solar generators INCREASE the supply of electricity to the grid. Idaho Power has made it crystal clear over several years that it resents having to buy back energy from residential solar customers at the same retail rate that they sell it to others. This is a half-truth. It is true that the solar credit system is essentially a retail buy-back rate, but that lacks perspective since the power company is not the consumer of the electricity in the grid, it's the public. Any excess generation supplied to the grid by a residential solar generator is made available directly to Idaho Power's customers first. The customer is the one paying the retail rate, not the power company. Secondly, and what does Idaho Power do with excess electrical energy? They sell it. They sell it to those on the grid, or they export it out of state at even higher rates, for profit. Is it fair to the residential solar generator that Idaho Power is able re-sell some of the excess energy that a residential solar system generates out of state at even higher rates and not pass any of those benefits back to the residential solar generator? Instead, they propose policy that penalizes the residential solar generator because, after all, more kilowatts into the grid INCREASES supply, which is not in their business interests. Think about that.

Idaho Power's agenda is clear - they want to DISCOURAGE residential solar investment. Their interest is not purely to benefit the public with more abundant, renewable energy, instead they want to be the primary broker of the energy and prefer to reduce competitors to the power grid even if it means discouraging private renewable energy investments. Any cost in expanding the energy or power generation grid by Idaho Power is passed directly to the consumer. The more that it costs Idaho Power to generate energy the more the cost of power goes up. Any infrastructure investment results in higher costs to the consumer. It's inevitable, especially as the demand for power outpaces hydro-electric sources. However, residential solar generators DO NOT INCREASE the cost of power in the grid to the public customer PRIMARILY because every residential solar generator is privately funded by a homeowner who incurs 100% of the solar investment on their own shoulders. Their cost DOES NOT get passed to the public. However, the singular incentive to attract residential consumers into investing into solar generation at their own expense is to allow them to benefit from a 1-to-1 credit in power generated/used. This is in the public's interest and the greater good because it allows the power grid to expand to meet increasing power consumption demands without increased cost to consumers. However, it has one major downside - it creates a competitor to the power company because now someone other than Idaho Power is putting power in to the grid.

I respectfully urge the IPUC to be sensitive to the interests of all parties and fully grasp the obvious agenda of the power companies. Balance that with what is ultimately in the greater good of the public - that is the most sensible pathway for encouraging private investment into expansion of the power grid that provides more power to the public with the cheapest infrastructure expansion via residential solar generation. Protect the solar credit system that thousands of people incurred great expense to invest in. It's the honorable thing to do and ultimately benefits the public. Would the IPUC expect Idaho Power to make an infrastructure investment with no way to recoup the cost? We should be INCENTIVIZING private solar investment not penalizing it."

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Question: Will customers be provided a cash credit in months where they generate more export credit rate money than they use retail rate energy?"

Comment: We filed the paperwork to install our system in January 2023, under the understanding of net metering allowing us to carry credits across months. This is fine if it's in the form of cash in our accounts, but we wouldn't have made this financial decision if we expected the power company to abandon our investment into their renewable rollout. In addition, it would be greatly preferable for the export credit rate to be tied closely to the retail kWh rate and fluctuate with it.

If this rate structure change is to go through, it should start affecting customers that got into the deal on a date *after* its proposal, as happens for basically all laws, regulations, and general customer service announcements. "

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Today I received a letter from Idaho Power regarding my solar panels and how I will soon be charged higher bills through Net Billing versus the current NEM billing. As a consumer, approving this plan feels like you as the PUC are putting the best interest of the power company over the best interest of the consumer and the environment. People investing in solar panels made that investment in good faith that we were both doing good for the Earth and would eventually be saving money on our utility bills. Making this change in favor of the power company takes the financial incentive away from consumers and basically punishes people for wanting to do good for the planet. This is not logical.

Please deny Idaho Power's request to switch to Net Billing customers."

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Subject: Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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BOISE, ID 83703

Name of Utility Company: 83605

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Typical money grab from a short-sighted quasi-public entity with no strategic vision.

If they were smart they'd figure out ways to give customers incentive to add solar panels and then they'd really make money. How? They own the grid the power travels over and the consumers pay for the panels that generate the power. Power plants and power generation (and those employees) are large costs in the business model and customers with solar panels + distributed storage (also owned by consumers, batteries/ev cars) would eliminate those costs. Yes, it's more complex than this but it's easy to see for anyone who's has managed P&L responsibility for a large company.

The policy as proposed was created by luddites."

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Hailey, ID 83333

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I adamantly disagree with the proposed changes to the compensation structure for on-site generation. As a farmer I receive incentives and letters every year from Idaho power about reducing power consumption from my irrigation pumps. So I installed a solar system on my house to reduce my power consumption and now Idaho Power wants to pay me less for the power I generate. This is crazy logic. The grid is the same grid whether I put in a net-meter solar system or not. Do not be fooled by the Value of Distributed Resources study. As usual, I expect the IPUC to not listen to citizens and just rubber stamp what Idaho Power is asking for on the change to the compensation structure. Stand up for the citizens of your state! Vote NO to this change from Idaho Power!"

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The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Marina Autina
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I feel like this is a bad proposal. Idaho already provides worse benefits to people who use solar than other states. This will be a further obstacle to increasing solar panel use in this state. This is a penny pinching move and punishes people who are helping you provide energy for the grid. "

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Subject: Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Lisa Parrillo

Submission Time: May 12 2023 1:50PM

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Boise, ID 83703

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I made a significant investment into solar panels with the goal of assisting the community and planet by generating my own energy and then returning the excess energy to the grid. The proposed change by Idaho Power increases my costs significantly. Net-metering is the standard in 38 other states. By taking this away, Idaho power means to take advantage of the energy I generate without appropriately compensation. In fact, based on the proposed changes, they would penalize me by increasing my costs by more than 100%. The valley is growing. Our energy needs will be increasing significantly. How is it productive to create such a system that does not incentivize individuals to install solar power? This proposal does not seem to support the community at all, but only help Idaho power generate more money from the individuals that wanted to help contribute to them. Thank you for your time."

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The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Thomas Dickson

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Parma, ID 83660

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "ID I received Idaho Powers proposed change to rate structure for non-legacy on site power generation systems. what I believe I read was they want to increase my rate by 30%. Now why would I want to pay more for electricity when I installed solar to reduce my electric bill. There was also a comment by Idaho Power that non solar customers are subsidizing solar customers. That is not true. A kilowatt of power is a Killowatt of power. If I pay for one kilowatt of consumed power then Idaho Power should pay me for one kilowatt of delivered power. I oppose any rate increase! The PUC should be supporting rate decreases for those that reduce consumed grid power."

Name: Michael O'Brien
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Boise, ID 83704

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Company

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Idaho Power Company sent a letter on May 1 to on-site generators to say that they proposed a change from net monthly to real time electrical billing. The letter is so vaguely worded that I have little idea what they are actually proposing.

Questions:

- 1) The exported energy credit change requested is "5 to 20 cents per kWh." This is a big range.
- 2) What does "time differentiated" mean? Does the credit change monthly, hourly, or as demand on the grid fluctuates? How would a generator know?
- 3) Can Idaho Power send a second letter that explains their proposal in more detail?"

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "So basically Idaho Power wants to set the rate for which the buy electricity from me. That is completely backwards. They don't do that when purchasing electricity from other electrical power companies. Furthermore my power generation helps to extend the life of their power generating equipment because it does not have to be run as "hard" to generate the required power. Idaho power should not be able to set rates in this manner. Furthermore if there are any changes anyone who is already online prior to the change should be grandfathered. Not penalized down the road. "

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "The proposed changes by Idaho Power to on-site generation net metering do not fairly compensate on-site power generation when compared to the current net metering practice. During the hot days of the summer air conditioning puts a heavy load on our power grid and creates high demand for electricity. During the daytime in the summer is when my solar panels are generating the most electricity. More electricity that I can use in my home even when my air conditioner is running. That excess energy from my solar panels creates more available energy on the power grid relieving strain and reducing need for additional "leaker" power plants. In the proposed changes the value of solar panels decreases and will result in fewer existing homes, retrofitting solar panels and fewer new construction adding solar panels. As Idaho continues to be the fastest growing state in America, our electricity needs are only increasing. Residential rooftop solar should be highly valued in its ability to reduce strain on the grid. Any changes proposed should not reduce the value of residential on site power generation but should only be made to increase that value.

After reading the information sent to me by Idaho Power regarding these changes, the only benefit I can see is an increase in their revenue which is not an appropriate reason to change our long standing, very simple, net metering policy that has worked well and will continue to work well for the people of Idaho. Thank you. "

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Name: Terry Ford

Submission Time: May 13 2023 7:21PM

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Company

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I am an Idaho Power Company (IPC) customer. I have recently installed a modest solar panel system on my residence, and am a non-legacy on-site generator. IPC's proposal (the subject of case IPC-E-23-14), in its development of a proposed excess energy export credit rate (EEECR) to be paid on-site generators, defines "on-peak" hours as being 3-11 p.m. Mon-Sat (excluding holidays) for the period of only June 15 - September 15 (for a total of around 638 peak hours annually).

However, in addressing the pricing of energy provided to customers under IPC's "Idaho Time of Day Plan", IPC defines "peak" hours differently, as being from 1-9 p.m. (on weekdays only) for the period of June - August, and 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. (on weekdays only) for the period of September - May, which comes to a total of around 2,730 hours annually. That's quite a discrepancy in the periods of peak energy usage: 638 vs 2,730.

For on-site generators, IPC proposes to reimburse them for excess energy generation during peak hours at a rate of 20.42 cents. For those customers who choose to participate in its "Time of Day Plan", IPC proposes to charge either 12.8910 cents per kWh (summer) or 9.5159 cents per kWh (non-summer) during the much longer (over four times longer) peak energy usage period. It seems only equitable that the peak energy usage periods should be the same for both scenarios. "

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I believe that those that made the investment in going solar prior to Idaho Powers suggested net metering changes should be grandfathered to protect the consumers return on investment. customers that choose to install solar panels after the January 1st 2024 proposed changes should be subject to the new net metering proposal, since the consumer has the opportunity to calculate the cost of the system and if it had any benefit to go solar. "

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Greetings,

I had a solar panel installed on my property, shortly after I moved to my current location, with the intention to trade one cost for another: The loose, variable, and often expensive cost of power (especially through the summer) for a more fixed, routine loan payment, paying for the cost of the solar panel install. While my power bill does climb and vary during the non-summer months, it remains affordable, and in fact becomes essentially free during the summer (just \$5/month for the admin cost essentially).

Whatever changes you are proposing to do, please do not dilute my cost benefit from the solar panels. It would be unacceptable to be paying both substantially higher costs for my power usage than before (out of "fairness") on top of the loan payment I'm already still having to pay, and could completely render pointless my reason (and likely everyone else's reason) for even having installed solar in the first place. (Note I wasn't ever offered "free" solar panels, whatever that all was that I heard about).

If my solar panel benefit is to effectively be erased or lessened because it's not fair that others don't have solar panels themselves, then either reduce my solar panel loan payment, or pay it off for me completely. (I'm paying \$269.11 per month still until about 2040.)

In the end, we ultimately judge things by the bottom line we have to pay individually (as is within our interests), and I will certainly vote accordingly, should the change in cost structure be wholly unacceptable. If the changes cannot be shown to at least be neutral in my situation, then I'd prefer that the current cost structure be left alone.

Thank you,
- Patrick."

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Re. Idaho Power's proposed changes to the compensation structure for on-site generation.

As an owner of a non-legacy on-site solar generation system, I knew when I contemplated and then installed a system in the spring of 2021 that a change in the compensation structure was inevitable. In addition to the final compensation structure, however, what was also unknown at the time was how those that installed their systems in the compensation transition period--now established in Idaho as December 21, 2019 through 31 December 2023 for residential systems--might be impacted, in particular regarding any kWh credits that were accrued through December 31, 2023.

Idaho Power's May 1, 2023 letter to customer's with on-site generation, as well as their associated website FAQs, is silent regarding the disposition of accrued credits starting January 1, 2024 for customers that installed solar systems during the transition period. This is an oversight that the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC) should address. Two options are possible that I request IPUC to consider: (1) accrued credits should be reimbursed at the retail rate as a lump sum or (2) (preferred) transition-period customers should be allowed to draw down those accrued credits on a monthly basis, when their power consumption exceeds production, until they are exhausted.

I am not an economist, so I made no attempt to analyze Idaho Power's real-time net billing methodology; however, I offer two observations for IPUC consideration: (1) the impact seems disproportionate on the low net energy users and (2) such a compensation structure may have the unintended consequence of causing a disincentive to install future residential solar systems. This would appear to be at odds with current federal and state (here Idaho) renewable energy tax incentive programs. As a result, IPUC should carefully balance competing interests and consider the incentive structures that may result. Of particular note is the more than 100% increase in estimated proposed pricing (i.e., \$5 to \$12) for those customers whose net production exceeds their consumption. The currently proposed pricing structure would seem to lead to poor system sizing (i.e., oversizing is penalized) if the goal is to increase the use of renewable energy."

-----Original Message-----

From: PUCWeb Notification <Do.Not.Reply@puc.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2023 7:01 AM
To: Jan Noriyuki <jan.noriyuki@puc.idaho.gov>
Subject: Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb

The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I can understand Idaho Power's desire to change the compensation structure for on site generation of electrical power. However, I do not feel it is appropriate to change the structure for those who have already obtained a solar or other electrical generation system under the existing rules. It feels like a bait-and-switch. Customers who have already made a decision to obtain a self generation system, used the information that was available to them at the time. It is impossible to look into the future and make a decision based on yet undetermined factors. I therefore, recommend that if a change in rate structure is to be made, it should be determined and publicized before taking effect. It is not proper to change the rate structure for customers who already have a self generation system. New self generations customers who are deciding if they want to get a system, would then have accurate facts and could make an informed decision.

As an analogy, it would not be proper to change the rules after a game has already started. This is what Idaho Power appears to be attempting to do. "

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I would like to comment on the proposed changes by Idaho Power to change the reimbursement for power generation of residential solar power and reimbursement. They state they are proposing this for "fair" compensation. Whenever I hear the word "fair" my question is always who is it "fair" to? Placing a solar power generating unit is no small financial endeavor. It is very costly and part of the decision-making process is determining return on investment. I don't understand the arbitrary line of 2019 for the grandfather clause. Did they just pull that number out of a hat? If they really wanted to be "fair" any solar system installed before the proposal should be grandfathered, then it would be fair to anyone considering installing the system to know what the cost vs. return on investment will be and they can make an informed decision. I think if the tables were turned and Idaho Power invested a large amount of money into a power generation plant and then had their reimbursement rates dramatically decreased they would not be using the word "fair". It would be like someone buying a home at 3 percent interest and then having the mortgage company come back a year after the loan and say "We don't think it is fair to the people paying 7 percent on their loan so we're raising your rates." Homeowners who make the difficult decision to invest in clean renewable energy should not be punished by greedy monopolies like Idaho Power in the name of "fairness". If anything, they should grandfather in anyone who installed before the proposal, and then anyone who installs after the proposal will have an informed and transparent decision on whether the decision is right for them."

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Idaho power restructuring the compensation for on-site generation is a disgusting money grab. We are sending power to the grid that they are then selling. We deserve every cent that we are paid for it rightfully. To allow them to gouge customers who have taken the ecologically and fiscally responsible steps of installing solar power generation systems on their homes would be a disgrace. This cannot be allowed to stand. Vote this initiative DOWN. "

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "After reading about IP's 2023 first quarter net income increase over 2022 of 9.8 million dollars, I received in the mail a request for Annual Power Cost Adjustment of 200.23 million dollars. It seems Idaho Power is doing quite well. I then received a letter of proposed changes for compensation structure for on-site generation. Idaho Power wants to increase the average bill by \$12 or 30%. Residential on-site generation of my bill would increase from \$5 to \$12 (0kWh) or 120% compared to \$235 to \$252 (1700kWh+) or 7%. It would seem that the increases need to be leveled such that increases are more fairly distributed. It appears that Idaho Power is using a "let's throw spaghetti against the wall and see what sticks" approach to further increasing revenues. I just don't see the need considering the good revenue stream that is currently present."

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Idaho Power's proposed change to the compensation structure for on-site generation is another example of them monopolizing power in a majority of Idaho on the backs of Idahoan's and Idaho's resources. Earlier this year they sent fliers indicating that the cost of electricity is likely to go up approximately 10%. Now they are proposing that for folks who have attempted to offset these increases by putting in on-site generation at their home, they will change the compensation structure which can increase their average bill by 30%.

First, no discussion of this potential change was ever provided during permitting/application of the on-site generation install process. It is curious that the Federal solar power rebate tax credits expiration is drawing a close very near the same time Idaho Power is proposing to implement the restructuring for reimbursement for power generation.

The mass majority of power created are using Idahoan's natural resources. As such, Idahoan's should reap the benefits. What benefit are we getting for being residents if Idaho Power wants us to bear the costs for them to expand and export energy outside of Idaho.

Some amount of increased costs are inevitable, but 10% for power and restructuring reimbursement where it can increase costs by 30% is awfully large bites to take. Effectively, folks could see and increase of 40% in their power bill. Unacceptable in principle but we are left with no real voice. I hope IPUC can provide more information on this and other changes. What is being done to battle these increases for Idahoans.

Thanks,
Herb "

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Recently I got a letter in the mail from Idaho Power and it is about the proposed changes to the compensation structure for on-site generation. In the letter, Idaho Power said the proposed changes would go into affect January 1st, 2024 and the average increase would be 30%. I feel this is an unfair amount of increase and would put an undue pressure on my family. I understand everything must go up, but this increase seems excessive and unfair. It also appears to be a targeted attack on those who took risk and spent money based on a net metering approach. Now it feels punitive to those who took the risk and chance to improve their energy situation. I strongly encourage you to have Idaho Power keep their rates lower and more fair to the average citizen.

Sincerely,

Lane and Nancy Durtschi

P.S. If you would like to discuss this concern I'd be happy to discuss it with you."

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From: PUCWeb Notification <Do.Not.Reply@puc.idaho.gov>

Sent: Monday, May 15, 2023 9:00 AM

To: Jan Noriyuki <jan.noriyuki@puc.idaho.gov>

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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-23-14

Comment: "To the Idaho Public Utilities Commission:

I am writing to express my concerns over the new Idaho Power proposed changes to how they bill solar customers. I am a solar customer myself, and I am worried that these changes will make it more difficult and expensive for me to save money on my energy bill.

The proposed changes would reduce the amount of credit that solar customers receive for the electricity they generate and sell back to the grid. This would make it more expensive for solar customers to offset

their energy costs, and it would discourage people from going solar in the future. Solar is a clean, renewable energy source that is good for the environment. It is also good for the economy. Solar creates jobs and boosts economic development.

The proposed changes are also unfair to recent solar customers. Not making all current customers grandfathered in is unfair. It feels like we are being punished for taking advantage of government tax rebates to reduce our price of entry to solar. Solar customers are already paying for the cost of maintaining the grid, even though we don't use as much electricity from the grid. The proposed changes would make solar customers pay even more for the grid, even though they are already contributing to its maintenance.

I urge the PUC to reject these proposed changes. Net metering is a fair and equitable system that benefits both solar customers and the utility company. The proposed changes would make it more difficult and expensive for solar customers to save money on their energy bills and deter new solar customers.

Sincerely,

Josh Ely

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To: Jan Noriyuki <jan.noriyuki@puc.idaho.gov>

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I would like to comment the Idaho Power Proposal IPC-E-23-14. While I think I understand the concept my 2 main take aways are as follows...

1. Short version, average 30% bill increase for Onsite-generating customer.
2. Severe Lack of transparency and accountability in billing, with the proposal. Currently very easy to estimate the cost of the power I have used. I have no Idea how to estimate it with the proposed real-time net billing. I have not seen any examples of a real time net bill in the proposals.

expanded comments.

1. I understand the need to fund infrastructure, I am just convinced this is not the way to do it, and a 30% increase is a large increase, which is in addition with the already scheduled annual increase.

2. Currently I can go read my meter any day of the month and reasonably estimate my bill.

To date I have not seen an example of how a real time billing would look, or how I can calculate my power bill from it.

Will it require internet access for me to see my power usage and power rates?

Will my power usage and rates be updated and presented so I can see it Hourly, Daily, Monthly?

I don't want to wait until the end of the month to determine if I can afford my power bill or not?

Even at the end of the month, I am not sure how the data would be presented so that I could verify that my bill was accurate calculated and billed?

If billing is not easily readable and verifiable, expect a lot of customer support calls from customer asking to have their bill explained to them.

Thank You

Brian Case

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To: Jan Noriyuki <jan.noriyuki@puc.idaho.gov>

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Name of Utility Company: IDAHO POWER

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I am interested in solar power so I strongly urge the IPUC to reject Idaho Power's request to abandon net metering. This move would discourage investment in solar energy."