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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "In a review of this proposed change to compensation, my concern is that the declared estimate of "30%" increase will be more than that once the plan is implemented. The concerning language in the proposal was that the compensation would fluctuate based on variables determined by Idaho Power, and could shift from year to year.

Many of us switched to solar to create stability in our utility costs. Plus, we are generating power that Idaho Power gets to sell to other customers. If they plan to charge us the retail rate for the power, can we receive the retail rate when they take our excess power?

Secondly, as mentioned above, many solar users switched to solar to create stability. It's egregious to drastically change the compensation plans on the current solar users. This commission has protected other solar users in the past, aka the "grandfathered" group in a ruling that protected any solar producer that had their system installed by 2019. If the commission plans to approve this new plan by Idaho Power, they at minimum must grandfather the current solar owners from this change. We have invested 10's of thousands of dollars in our systems. Part of that investment came from looking at Idaho Power's compensation program. If they change the program, it's not like we can readily return or system or get a refund on our investment. We are stuck with the system, and it's up to the IPUC to protect the residents from this erroneous disingenuous proposal. Or if they are interested in considering this change, the IPUC should at least order Idaho Power to pay for an independent study to analyze solar in Idaho before considering this matter further. From my understanding, Idaho Power paid for the current study that led to this rate change proposal. "

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Name of Utility Company: idaho power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I am writing in reference to the on-sight generation price increase. I no matter what have to pay \$5.16 fee every month I would think this fee is for the maintenance of the grid is it not? If not then what is it for? I too keep hearing how Idaho Power wants to or has to go to renewable sources and rooftop solar is one way of getting to that goal. And if Idaho Power and or the IPUC think rooftop solar is a money losing venture then maybe Idaho Power should not allow grid tie systems. I too do not believe it is right to be able to go back multiple years and change the rules.  
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Dear Idaho Public Utilities Commission,

I am writing to express my deep concerns and disappointment regarding the recent rejection of the third-party study and the devaluation of the collaboration with "affiliate parties" to assess the value of solar energy in Idaho. As a homeowner who made the conscious decision to invest in solar power in order to be more energy independent, I believe it is crucial to address the following points:

No checks and balances for how Idaho Power handles the accounting of credits: It is alarming to learn that there are no established mechanisms in place to ensure transparency and fairness in how Idaho Power handles the accounting of credits associated with solar energy generation. This lack of oversight raises questions about the accuracy and reliability of the billing system and undermines the confidence of solar energy producers like myself.

Current IPUC members were not on the board when the Voder study was accepted: Given the significant changes in the composition of the IPUC board since the acceptance of the Voder study, it is imperative that a new study be presented to reflect the perspectives and expertise of the current members. A comprehensive assessment conducted by the present board would provide a more accurate representation of the value of solar energy in Idaho.

Unfair treatment of maintenance costs: It is unjustifiable that Idaho Power expects customers to bear the burden of maintenance costs associated with solar power, while failing to compensate customers for their own maintenance costs related to energy production and distribution. This inconsistency in cost allocation needs to be rectified to ensure equitable treatment of all parties involved.

Omission of the monetary value of environmental benefits of solar: Idaho Power claims that the Voder study was comprehensive, yet it conveniently omitted any consideration of the monetary value of the environmental benefits associated with solar energy. Failing to account for the positive environmental impact of solar power undermines the true value it provides to the community and disregards the urgent need to transition towards cleaner energy sources.

Inconsistency in compensation method: It is puzzling that Idaho Power originally requested a kilowatt-hour (kWh) compensation method for ease of accounting, only to change their stance now. This sudden shift raises suspicions about the motivations behind the decision and calls into question the credibility of the company's claims.

Lack of genuine collaboration with affiliated parties and the public: Idaho Power asserts that the Voder study was designed in coordination with affiliated parties and the public, but evidence suggests otherwise. The absence of meaningful engagement with stakeholders casts doubt on the legitimacy of the study's findings and the extent to which the concerns and perspectives of various stakeholders were genuinely considered.

Misleading claim of customer understanding: Idaho Power maintains that the study and proposal are easily understandable to the average customer. However, this claim does not align with the reality of the complex and technical nature of the subject matter. It is essential to ensure that information provided to customers is accurate, accessible, and transparent to enable informed decision-making.

Verification of appraisal accuracy and completeness: Idaho Power's commitment to providing an annual appraisal and impact of reliability to assess the new Energy Cost Recovery (ECR) raises the question of who verifies the accuracy and completeness of this appraisal. Without an independent verification process, there is a risk of potential bias or error, which could further undermine the integrity of the valuation process.

Contradiction in solar production benefits during peak times: Idaho Power contradicts its own conclusion in the Voder study by attributing a value of 20 cents per kilowatt-hour during peak hours, while simultaneously claiming that no benefit exists for solar production during these times. This inconsistency raises doubts about the company's assessment methods and calls into question the validity of their overall findings.

Given these concerns, I urge the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to reconsider its decision and undertake a thorough review of the valuation of solar energy in Idaho. It is crucial to ensure transparency, fairness, and accuracy in assessing the true value of solar power, both in terms of economic and environmental benefits. By doing so, we can foster an environment that supports renewable energy development and empowers homeowners like myself to make informed decisions about sustainable energy choices.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that the Idaho Public Utilities Commission will give due consideration to the points raised in this letter and take appropriate action to rectify the issues at hand.

Yours sincerely,  
Keith Nyeki"

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I am an Idaho resident and residential ratepayer. Idaho Power is my energy provider. I am now retired, but I was an Assistant Secretary and the Under Secretary of Energy at the U.S. Department of Energy during the Bush Administration. Subsequent to that I was Chair of the Electric Power Research Institute's (EPRI) Advisory Council, and I served on several Advisory Boards to Universities, National Labs and the National Academies in roles pertaining to electric power generation, transmission, distribution and use.

I also own grid-connected solar PV energy systems for my homes in Boise and Riggins. Thus, I am personally capitalizing power generation resources that are extremely valuable to other ratepayers (and society as a whole) by virtue of their ability to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, to promote grid resilience and reliability, and to keep electricity more affordable by reducing overall investments in generation and transmission that ratepayers would otherwise have to bear.

The Idaho Public Utility Commission has a difficult task in assessing the TRUE value of solar including ALL the economic and environmental benefits that accrue to ratepayers as a consequence of the solar investments on-site generators have self-financed. I challenge you to avoid being timid in your assessment. We are at the doorstep of a climate crisis, and it is time that we act like it.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,  
David Garman  
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Please consider all of the following points:

- IPUC rejected the third-party study and devalued the “affiliate parties” collaboration to assess value of Solar energy.
- No checks and balances for how Idaho power handles accounting of credits.
- Current IPUC members were not on the board when Voder study was accepted, therefore a new study should be presented.
- Idaho Power wants customers to pay for maintenance costs, however customers are not compensated for their own maintenance costs for producing/distributing energy.
- Idaho Power claims the Voder study was comprehensive yet left out any monetary value of environmental benefit of Solar.
- Idaho Power originally requested a Kwh compensation for ease of accounting, why change now?
- Idaho Power claims to have designed the Voder study in coordination with the affiliated parties and public. FALSE
- The study and proposal are claimed to be understandable to the average customer. FALSE
- Idaho Power will provide an annual appraisal and impact of reliability to assess new ECR. Who verifies the accuracy and completeness of this appraisal?
- Idaho Power claimed in Voder study that no benefit existed for solar production during peak times yet negates their own conclusion by attributing 20 cents per kilowatt during peak hours.

Idaho Power is asking you, the commission appointed to ensure these monopolistic utility organizations, to further allow them to profit off the parties who have taken the risk of purchasing solar.

Please consider the importance of your position, and the fact that Idaho Power continues to record record profits already. They are not facing dire financial issues as a consequence of public parties investing in solar, but they are not happy. Please refuse this request from Idaho Power. They made \$970 million in profits in 2022. \$970 million!!! Do not kill solar energy investment by homeowners in favor of greedy power.

Respectfully,  
Derik Scudder"

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

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Comment: "I do not support Idaho Power's proposed change to Net Billing from a Net Metering model. As a solar generating customer, my \$17,500 new solar panel set up was meant to help Idaho Power during peak load times, and stressed grid days made worse by climate change and I took on the approach of trying to help out the grid with clean, green energy. If I generate a kilowatt hour, I should be compensated for that exact kilowatt hour's price. Not at some reduced price that Idaho Power gets to set. We as solar generating homeowners took a huge financial risk in getting solar installed on our homes, and now Idaho Power wants to knee cap us for more profits. This is completely unacceptable and please do not approve their proposed change to Net Billing. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Stephen Veals"

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

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The following complaint was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Contacted Utility: No

Comment: "I do not support Idaho Power's proposed change to Net Billing from a Net Metering model. As a solar generating customer, my \$17,500 new solar panel set up was meant to help Idaho Power during peak load times, and stressed grid days made worse by climate change and I took on the approach of trying to help out the grid with clean, green energy. If I generate a kilowatt hour, I should be compensated for that exact kilowatt hour. Not at some reduced price that Idaho Power gets to set. We as solar generating homeowners took a huge financial risk in getting solar installed on our homes, and now Idaho Power wants to knee cap us for more profits. This is completely unacceptable and please do not approve their proposed change to Net Billing. Thank you.

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