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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I know that Idaho power is trying to change the net metering program. I work for a solar company, and if these changes get approved, I will probably be leaving the industry. I and many of my solar customers love having solar and producing our own energy. These changes will make it less worth it for many people and not worth it at all for some people to get solar in the future. These changes will cost people money and put people out of jobs. Please do not approve the requested changes. At the very least, grandfather the people who already have solar. Thank you for taking time to read this."

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Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "My daughter and I moved here from alaska less than two years ago and have been excited about solar energy since we arrived. Today, our solar panels were installed and as soon as the inspection is completed by Idaho Power, we will be using power generated by the solar panels. Today I also received a letter regarding proposed changes to the compensation structure for on site generation. please do not allow changes to on-site generation regarding fair prices for all customers. We have opted to try solar panels for a reason, trying to use alternative energy, and it would be unfair to those of us opting for solar energy to be punished. Idaho Power should be giving more incentives to those of us who have chosen to help our planet. "

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Comment: "I don't know how to not feel like this is a response to Idaho power losing money. My solar panels currently cover my power bill 100% and it all evens out over the year with my level pay that I don't have a power bill. I can't help but see this as Idaho power saying, oh well that doesn't work for us so we're going to make it so you still have to pay us even though your panels cover your bill and it's a wash. I work in real estate and most systems don't even begin to cover everyone's power bills so I can't fathom how Idaho power thinks non solar customers are somehow being unfairly billed because of our investments. It feels icky and shady and makes me lose respect for Idaho power. "

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I received the recent letter from Idaho Power "RE: Proposed changes to the compensation structure for on-site generation." The letter states that the average bill will increase by \$12, but does not clearly describe the proposed method or algorithm for computing a customer's bill.

Prior to moving forward with this proposal, I request that a letter be sent out to those with on-site generation, which describes in great detail the method or algorithm for determining the customer's new bill.

The vagueness by which Idaho Power has glossed over the increase, and has simply stated the approximate average without providing details, is a cause for concern, as the lack of clarity indicates that Idaho Power is hiding something from the public which Idaho Power knows is repugnant.

Please either (a) reject the proposed changes completely, or (b) require that Idaho Power issue a letter detailing in depth the method for calculating the new bills, and allow the public ample time to review the information, conduct research, and respond. "

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Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I feel that those of us that have bought solar equipment and have been customers before the proposed changes in how we are receiving our credits should not change and we should be grandfathered in as we are now receiving our credits.  
Thank you"

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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: "Good day.  
There will be a lot of heated voices on this topic, but I hope this is one of a balanced perspective. My main points in reviewing this proposal have a foundation in the IPUC mission statement. A statement that I believe to be fair, and important.

This response highlights concerns about the credibility of the report, the unfair treatment of solar generators, the lack of consideration for specific residential solar dynamics, and the failure to account for the broader benefits of residential solar generation.

The first item I wanted to address is the fostering of a fair and competitive marketplace. How are we expected to take a 166-page document, which has 6 pages for a glossary to define unknown terms, and uses Terms like "VER integration costs" and PURPA QFs and 'normalized or "base level" of NPSE'. It took me hours to breeze through parts of it and formulate an educated response. I understand

that this is the purpose of the IPUC; to allow industry experts, to maintain the public good, but the report appears to obfuscate information and dismiss other info while ignoring the set objectives of regulators.

This study does not appear to be understandable to an average customer.

How are solar generators to accept rates based on a report from the company with the most incentive to reduce these rates (as they make more profit from doing so)?

In continuation of a fair and competitive marketplace, this proposal does not treat residential generators as part of the marketplace. Industry-scale generators of all fuel types are provided long-term contracts and guarantees. This proposal seeks to limit the rights, not negotiate them. Multiple attempts have been made to continually change the parameters which residents purchased equipment, and which Idaho Power and the IPUC set.

For example, Idaho Power can take excess generation and produce profitable partnerships for "excess energy" - without modifying any agreement with the generators.

In terms of a fair marketplace, I have a question: How does Idaho Power define peak generation times at different times than they charge their customers?

Consumers: Peak is: 1 p.m. – 9 p.m. - June through Aug – Weekdays.

Generators: Peak is defined as June 15 - September 15, Monday – Saturday, 3 pm - 11 pm. All other hours are defined as Off-Peak.

Utility-scale solar is used on p86 to estimate rates of generation. How is this close to residential-scale solar? Utility-scale solar is usually far away from consumption, meaning utility-scale solar has additional costs for transmission, maintenance, and overhead. Residential is generated in highly populated areas where transmission is in the range of feet, not miles.

Solar generated on rooftops is efficient. Power goes to the nearest voltage potential, which is most often the neighbor. Yet Idaho Power is charging the neighbor for the full rate including transmission from its power plant.

Another example, per the VODER report, is that Idaho does not have a Renewable Portfolio Standard with a distributed generation carve-out, a Solar Renewable Energy Certificate market, or any legislation that establishes specific treatment of on-site generation RECs. (per the VODER study). And I agree with that, but the corporate entity of Idaho Power does market and depend on residential solar generation. Here is a quote from Sven Berg, corporate communications specialist with Idaho Power: "Energy from customer generation has value, and customers with rooftop solar panels will help us reach our 100 percent clean energy goal,"

Idaho Power's use of residential solar generation in their marketing without compensating the residential solar generators is an unfair practice that exploits them for increased profitability.

The second item to address are topics under IPUC's mission to 'serve the public interest'.

The public interest is a large blank spot in the VODER report. Understandably, Idaho Power is focused on profitably maximizing electricity to Idahoans, a valid goal. But there are more interests in the public arena than only power.

As has been likely mentioned in many comments and independent reports, avoided environmental costs are set to 0. Idaho is full of hunters, outdoorsmen, and women. They are proud of public lands, and pay taxes to manage them. To imply that these have 0 costs is contrary to the work and duties of local people. Was Idaho Power disingenuous in agreeing to quantify the environmental, public health, and local economic benefits of individual-owned solar—and then not doing so?

The public interest would be in grid stabilization. Distributed generation, such as residential solar systems, contributes to grid stability. Grid stability is also unquantified in this report.

But a functioning grid is a foundation for all other assumptions herein, and incentivizing (or at least not penalizing) distributed resources is critical to Idaho's future. Forward-thinking about preparedness is critical to IPUC's mission and to remove t"

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Comment: "It is concerning that; the commissioner has allowed a public utility to do their own study and chosen over a non-partisan study. The Commissioner's fiduciary duty is to the residents of Idaho. The Changes that Idaho Power purposed is concerning because home owners counted on these incentives when they choose to install solar panels and the payment off set by the KWH credits to also alleviate their loan payment vs any utility payment. What Idaho Power is doing is to line their pockets by receiving these generated KWH and in turn will be selling it either locally or out of state. Idaho Powers interest are not what their study indicates "Fairness" but its more for profit, they are a corporation not a charity. Thank you for your time"

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

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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 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. We are now being penalized, how is this "fair"? My family deserves better than to be swindled like this.

Regards, "

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Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I am in disbelief about the approximate \$144 annual increase in my power bill! I paid a LOT of money to install a Solar Panel System on my house in 2021. I wanted to help in my small way with the environmental disaster looming over all of us. But, I also had to weigh the high financial costs of doing this with the reduction in cost of paying for electricity. Did the equation balance out enough to where I would foot the costs for something now that may provide a benefit possibly a decade or more later? A benefit I may never experience - that provides benefit to the population as a whole right now. This increase will be a higher barrier for others to add solar to their homes, thus impeding progress of divesting ourselves from fossil fuel products and possibly stopping the earth from being too hot/cold and flooded to live on. This is a really bad move, in my opinion. If you are saying the general population is subsidizing those who can afford solar, you are also saying that the general population shouldn't have to change their behaviors - just allow others to better the environment. Please rethink this. For anyone concerned with the increase in climate disasters, it does not make financial sense in the long run!"

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Comment: "I am very much against Idaho Power changing the compensation structure for generation of solar power that homeowners sell back to Idaho Power. This would have changed many homeowners decision to buy solar in the last 4 years. The fact that the study was not independent, but done by Idaho Power should cause us to pause and consider carefully their recent report. It is also insane to me that the excess power generated is generally being sold out of state for profit and not kept in Idaho. Please don't subsidize California."

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