The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Andrew Bagley Submission Time: May 23 2023 5:54PM Email: <u>irbagley64@gmail.com</u> Telephone: 208-412-5098 Address: 2511 N Grandee St Boise, ID 83704

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "ID

Please don't let Idaho Power take money from the people who have installed solar. They will make plenty off of their rare increases, they don't need to punish those of us who have installed solar. At least consider a grandfather situation.

Thank you "

Name: Wesley Matson Submission Time: May 23 2023 6:35PM Email: <u>wmatson@live.com</u> Telephone: 970-769-7178 Address: 3312 N 36th St Boise, ID 83703

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Company

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I have commented before, but have given the issue some more thought. I would like to provide further insights into the potential impacts of the proposed changes to the net metering structure by Idaho Power Company.

In proposing that the export credit rate should closely mirror the retail rate per kWh, I'm providing an example alternative process. Regardless, the process for setting this rate should be transparent, fair, and reflective of the true value of solar power to the grid.

The retroactive application of the net metering changes undermines customer trust, potentially dissuades future adoption of renewable technologies, and unduly penalizes those of us who made financial commitments based on the existing policy framework. For the solar industry to grow and thrive, potential customers and investors need to have confidence that the rules will not change unexpectedly. This proposal could undermine that confidence, and contradicts principles of good faith and fair dealing.

It is important to note that during peak hours, solar panels help reduce the load on the grid. This distributed energy production contributes to a more stable and resilient energy system. Under the proposed changes, the value of this contribution does not seem to be adequately recognized.

Instead of proposing changes that discourage the use of clean energy, we should be working towards making it more accessible and economically viable. I urge Idaho Power Company to reconsider these changes and explore alternative approaches that support renewable energy, respect consumers' investments, and contribute to a sustainable and resilient energy system.

Thank you for your attention to these matters."

Name: Thomas McMahon Submission Time: May 23 2023 8:16PM Email: <u>tmcmahon.personal@gmail.com</u> Telephone: 208-946-7573 Address: 10010 W Calico St Boise, ID 83709

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "In a time when Idaho is growing at a rate difficult to keep up with, why would we entertain a case that would put more pressure and stress on the energy demands?

Pulling the rug on existing customers and dissuading future solar installations is a short sighted play.

With hydro, wind, and solar plentiful - Idaho has a rare chance to lead the nation in something that's honorable. Let's not make it harder than it already is. "

Name: Hilary Johnson Submission Time: May 23 2023 10:12PM Email: <u>zhilbug@msn.com</u> Telephone: 208-869-7275 Address: 9647 W Macaw St Boise, ID 83704

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "• 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."

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: James Marconi Submission Time: May 24 2023 8:04AM Email: jim.marconi@gmail.com Telephone: 208-891-8658 Address: 2841 S Brookridge Way Boise, ID 83716

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Our current metering plan allows us to accumulate kwh to offset power drawn from the grid and netted against power used during the billing period. The proposal to reduce the value of generated electricity means that the power we generate will be worth much less than the amount to be billed for power we consume.

I would like to propose that the value of the kwh credits that we have at the time of a new rate structure is put in place ((1/1/2024)) be valued at the then current cost per kwh, e.g. 10 cents/kwh. This calculated "cash credit" would then be applied towards any future net metering charges for power used without any time limit.

Granting a cash credit based on the old rule would be consistent with the Commission's policy of "grandfathering" customers. It would also offset the dramatic change in billing we anticipate under the new system. Future kwh credit at the "wholesale cost" value should also be able to be kept by the home generators without limit. It seems that Idaho Power wants to "cash out' customers simply to facilitate its bookkeeping.

It seems that Idaho Power benefits greatly from home solar generators by adding capacity to the grid without any up front cost to them. This proposal seems to penalize home generators."

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Leslie Eberle Submission Time: May 24 2023 12:31PM Email: <u>les.eberle@gmail.com</u> Telephone: 208-602-3676 Address: 1522 Cherry St Caldwell, ID 83605

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "My comment on this case is that it is not in fact fair. Why did I pay thousands of dollars for solar for everyone else to receive a monetary benefit? I understand the bill would be increasing 30% but I don't understand why that responsibility falls on me when I am the one who paid for solar to receive a benefit as I am helping generate power for the state. Thank you for your consideration. "

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Rob Black Submission Time: May 24 2023 2:07PM Email: rob@egtsolar.com Telephone: 208-936-0358 Address: 3228 S Brookridge Way Boise, ID 83716

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Once again Idaho Power is attempting to Monopolize energy in Idaho. I feel this is an anticompetition play that it not in the best interest of the very people the Public Utilities Commission is trying to protect. You claim you are put into place to protect the consumer but you continue to allow Idaho Power to make any change they want to energy prices in Idaho. How does this rate change to excess energy make any sense? Idaho Power sells energy to consumers at a retail price. Why on earth should they be able to buy our energy back at half of the value? The next topic of conversation is this. Monetizing excess energy is going to allow Idaho Power to increase costs substantially over the course of the next 10 years thus reducing the value of the excess energy we sell back. 4.9 cents is currently half and in 5 years it will be 1/3 and so on. You simply can't allow them to diminish our ability to offset rising energy costs so they can continue to make record net profits. The last point I want to make is in the VODER STUDY. The Biased Study was done by Idaho Power. They claim that residential solar systems do not help subsidize the grid during peak demand times. Then why on earth would they be willing to pay .20 cents a kilowatt during peak demand time every Summer? If this so-called study was an accurate representation of our grid here in Idaho then why would they be contradicting themselves now when the rate case to change rates is on the table? The PUC needs to see through this crap and do the right thing. YOU (PUC) need to be better and do your job. And your job is to protect the public. You have a chance here to protect renewable energy in Idaho and help save our planet. The question is will you help be a part of the solution or a part of the problem? I hope that some younger blood is now on the commission that is willing to protect our planet for future generations."
