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Comment: "I adamantly oppose Idaho Powers proposed 50% cut to on-site generation per Idaho Powers letter of May 1, 2023. The letter stated, "A change in the excess exported energy from kilowatt-hour(kWh) credit, valued around 10 cents for residential customers, to a time differentiated financial bill credit ranging from approximately 5 to 20 cents per kWh, that would be updated annually.". A reduce rate from 10 cents to 5 cents is a 50% cut. I doubt anybody will receive more than 5 cents per kWh. What is meant by approximately 5 to 20 cents per kWh. Does it mean 4 to 19 cents per kWh or less. Did Idaho Powers study include how much the company sells excess residential generated power for? It is reasonable to assume that Idaho Power sells excess power at a price higher than the credits residential solar customers receive. Thus, making money from excess power residential solar customers generate. If this proposal is approved, then it shows that the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC) works for Idaho Power. The IPUC should have never allowed Idaho Power to study themselves. By allowing Idaho Power to study themselves. It appears that the IPUC is working for the power company and not the residents of Idaho. Maybe the IPUC was concerned that the Value of Distributed Energy Resources (VODER) study by an independent company would not show what Idaho Power wanted the study to show. Thus, allowing Idaho Power to do the VODER study on themselves.

This 50% cut in compensation is nothing more than a way to generate more profit for greedy Idaho Power. It is a shame greedy Idaho Power is helping to destroy this country over profits. Remember what President Kennedy said, "Ask what you can do for your country not what your country can do for you."

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May 25, 2023

Re: Changes regarding Net Metering for Idaho Power Solar Installations

I understand that Idaho Power is requesting a change in reimbursement for Net Metering on properties with owner-owned generation. I object to the proposed changes and want to express my concerns. We installed solar roof top panels in the spring of 2021 for two reasons. First, the installation was an investment in our home and secondly, the solar roof panels were environmentally positive. Since that installation, we have managed to offset 30,442.35 lbs of carbon emissions from the national utility grid, roughly the equivalent of 230 trees planted.

My objections are based upon the following issues:

- Idaho Power is a monopoly provider in the city of Meridian; we have no options not to connect to their service. As the sole provider of grid connectivity there is a tangible duty to provide efficient, and dependable service. Importantly, those services need to be cost effective. Idaho Power hired a study of cost effective service that differs greatly from another study by using outdated data and questionable assumptions. A separate study, done independently, and available through the Sierra Club of Idaho arrived at different conclusions.
- Idaho Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) has a duty to review and balance the relationship between public service and private profit. The private study generated a different export rate than that of Idaho Power. It reflected a value to Idaho Power and their customers, like me, of 3.8 cents/kwh and 18.3/kwh cents in the customer's favor. (The rate of re-imbusement is currently between 8 and 10 cents/kwh.)
- The Idaho Power case advocates for improvements to the power grid. That is a true need; I would argue that solar roof top systems are improvements to the grid and off-set power generation from carbon-producing plants, and aging water generation (dams) on the western rivers. In fact, Idaho Power is partner to a large solar installation in Idaho.

- The Idaho Power request is arbitrary. The date of change in net metering is not set for a particular reason and imposes on me and other customers a rather extreme change in net metering rates. There is a “grandfather” date which is arbitrary and without explanation. There might be some logic to using a date following consideration by the Commission of one year, or something less impactful on customers who are using solar roof top generation.
- I would estimate that the proposed changes will slow the consumer demand for owner-owned solar power in the market. That decline in demand for solar would be exaggerated if the federal government or the state government chose to eliminate tax incentives for installations.

Please consider these and other objections in a public setting with time for the public to provide input to the Commission and for the press to report on the issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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