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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "The government has been encouraging us for years to switch to green energy as have the utility companies like Idaho Power. Now that more and more people are doing so the power companies have found they are losing revenue and want to punish us for doing what is asked. These proposed increases could potentially negate any cost savings those of us have due to switching and discourage future customers from installing solar. These proposed changes are unfair and punitive to those who simply did as asked in order to help the environment and relive pressure on power grids.

Respectfully submitted,
David West "

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I am writing in response to Idaho Powers request to modify the net metering billing for Residential Solar Generation, and to hike the admin fee by 140% to \$12. The following comments pertain:

a. Does the Idaho State Government and Idaho Power support residential renewable energy installation?? Public comments have been supportive, to date; however, the proposed price structure introduces a retro active, punitive, dis-incentive rate structure on current and future residents who choose to install home solar systems.

- b. Is Idaho Power proposing to also increase the "service charge" assessed to residential energy customers who do NOT have solar installations by 140%? IF not, the move to raise the admin fee on customers with solar installations is discriminatory, and further evidence of disincentive to install home solar systems.
- c. the fact that fees have not been raised in over 20 years, as stated in Idaho Power's letter to customers with solar installations, is interesting, but irrelevant. Fees are set as part of annual budgeting and business decisions. IF management chose not to raise those fees early, those were justified business decisions for which management is accountable. To suddenly raise fees 140% in the midst of our current inflationary economy when our incomes are stagnant and purchasing power decreasing, is further evidence of a punitive/dis-incentive motive.
- d. IF this rate increase goes into effect, regulatory language should accompany it requiring ALL companies that do residential solar installations in Idaho, cite the new fee structure in the business cases they propose to their customers.
- e. Within one year of a residential solar installation, Idaho power should have enough data on the energy use and generation capacity of that customer to predict when peak power will be delivered to the grid by these customers, which should enable Idaho Power to cut back on its non-renewable generation capacity, or preserve hydro capacity, for non daylight/solar generating times. This in turn should enable Idaho Power to operate more efficiently and benefit from residential solar installations on an even exchange of power delivered to the grid for use by other retail customers - as supported by the current net metering provisions.
- f. IF Idaho State Government and Idaho Power no longer support residential renewable energy generation, as this proposal implies; than an explicit, unambiguous statement to that effect should be made public by both the state and Idaho Power, so that residential customers considering future investment in solar power installations know up front that their decision is NOT supported by these two entities.

Regards and respectfully submitted, Christopher D Slack"

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Comment: "I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed changes to the compensation structure for residential solar power generation. As invested members of our community, I feel compelled to address this issue, as it is a step in the wrong direction for sustainable living in Idaho.

By reducing and complicating the compensation rates for surplus solar energy fed back into the grid, the proposed changes undermine the economic viability of residential solar systems. A substantial part of the incentive for homeowners to invest in solar panels lies in the ability to offset costs through net metering.

The suggested changes will shift the balance unfavorably, making solar systems less attractive, thus discouraging further adoption. At a time when we should be promoting clean, renewable energy sources, this shift discourages homeowners from making a change that benefits not only them, but also our community and environment at large.

I urge the commission to reconsider these changes. We should move in a direction that includes fair pricing for all involved and does not deter home owners from investing in clean energy. Let's keep our sights on the future and work towards such a solution."

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Comment: "I think the penalty for those users of solar energy is a complete disregard of the looming climate crisis and an insult to those individuals who have invested in a more green, and better future. This proposed change will decrease the number of people willing to engage in clean energy which at this time in our history is necessary for our climate future. Decreasing incentives for solar power, especially at a time when the national government is trying to encourage such action, seems to indicate that money for the company is more of a priority than the future of our earth for our children.

At the very least, those individuals who have installed systems prior to the beginning of this proposed change (January 2024) should be unaffected. Further, any action that decreases the willingness of Idaho residents from utilizing clean energy, especially when Idaho Power has asked for users to use less during high usage time like the summer months (indirectly indicating a shortage of current resources) seems counterintuitive to a green and sustainable future. "
