

The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I wanted to submit my thoughts about the new potential structure to solar reimbursement, if its not too late.

I received the notification from Idaho Power earlier last month that they were submitting to the power commission a request to change the structure of reimbursement for solar panel homeowners.

A few things I have concerns about:

I consider myself a highly educated person and I still don't fully believe I understand the statement that was provided by Idaho Power. The only thing that stands out is that our bill is potentially going up and that is concerning to me. We had our solar installed last year under the calculations of how Idaho Power currently rates solar, and if we had known that there was a potential for this change to occur, we would have had the system evaluated at that point to make sure it would make financial sense for us to even install the system. This notification is also concerning to me because I feel like most consumers (unless they are electrical engineers themselves) may not understand or be able to submit a statement because the provided explanation is confusing and potentially misleading. In regard to this you may be getting less feedback from consumers as they may not feel comfortable responding to the information provided by Idaho Power.

We installed our system to achieve several objectives. First, was to reduce or eliminate our power bills and set us up for any future expansions with electric vehicles or other household additions. If we will need to have an additional power bill along with our solar panel bill it is fiscally irresponsible and makes our choice to purchase solar panels potentially a mistake, since we will then have two bills for electric a month; one from Idaho Power and one from the solar panel financier. Second, we installed solar to be more responsible power users/maker (as I know Idaho likes to prioritize solar/wind/water energy since we have that in abundance) and not feel like we are being penalized. We installed solar to be more environmentally responsible and as a measure for cost savings over time as it seems like everything, except paychecks, is steadily going up in cost with no end in sight.

In addition, it seems like the “research” that Idaho Power has done to determine these new rates is based off extremely biased information that will have the solar consumers subsidizing some of their future projects and will be some of the lowest reimbursement rates in the country. This is not incentivizing new consumers to sign up and provide more of their own green energy in a state that supposedly prides itself on green energy.

Furthermore, from what little I can glean from the Idaho Power letter, it appears that the reimbursement/calculation rate for solar customers has been incorrect for some time and it seems unfair that current solar customers are going to be penalized for something that was a mistake on Idaho Power's part. Furthermore, because their informational statement is so confusing, I still cannot figure out how they have determined that non-solar consumers are subsidizing solar consumers. To me this does not make sense since, except for the dead of winter, solar consumers are consistently sending much more power into the grid over what they are using. Since the current consumers have all had their systems installed and calculated based off the current calculations it is wrong to penalize consumers that installed after 2019 and only grandfather those in before that point. The most fair and reasonable action, in my opinion would be to grandfather in all current consumers and have this change start from the current point forward.

With the current rate of inflation and cost for everything else going up, I am very concerned about what could possibly happen with our Idaho Power bill going forward. I wish that the notice sent by Idaho Power provided a better explanation of the situation so that I could make a more informed assessment, but for me it does not provide clear answers.

Please reach out to me with any questions,

I'm more than happy to elaborate on our situation further.

Thank you ,

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Comment: "I do not agree with the proposed changes of going from net monthly billing to real-time billing. As a solar customer I do not see why I should not get a one to one credit for the solar power I am generating. I am not looking to make money with any extra credits, but for each kWh my solar panels generate it seems only fair that I get to keep that credit and it be used to power my house and be banked for future use during months that my solar panels do not generate as much solar power."

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I purchased a solar system for customer generation as a net loss of \$35/month to create ENV sustainability, Idaho Power benefits extensively since my solar system produces energy at the peak power consumption period in the summer day time hours when the need is greatest due to AC. Idaho Power gets that premium energy and makes a fortune reselling it, then credits me with net-metering for mostly off-peak off-season energy. charging me for contributing to their profits is wrong."

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Comment: "After reading the proposed changes to on site generation compensation. I have to say I'm not a fan and I also question the legality of the proposed new method. You are going to buy the excess power we generate at a lower price and then turn around and sell it back to us at a higher price. All under the guise of address the duck curve. According to you it would be possible to generate more energy than my house uses but I would still in the end owe you because I drew 10 kW of power in that day, even though I have produced a total of 15 kW. It is price gouging plain and simple."

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Comment: "IDAHO

I strongly urge the IPUC to reject Idaho Power's request to transition from net metering to real time net billing.

Low energy costs, however, provide little incentive for investment in additional renewable infrastructure. Thanks to Idaho Power's net energy metering, it has made sense for certain residential customers to invest in solar generation on their properties--even though this came at considerable costs to the homeowners.

If the IPUC approves Idaho Power's request to transition to real-time metering, solar investing will no longer make financial sense. If approved, Idaho Power will continue to benefit from the tremendous investment that residential consumers have made, but homeowners will no longer be fairly compensated for the energy generated on their property.

I strongly urge the IPUC to reject Idaho Power's request to abandon net metering. Power consumers in my area do not have a choice when selecting a power company. We have to use Idaho Power. The IPUC needs to act to protect Idaho residents from the utility company acting so obviously in its own interest and not in the interest of Idahoans.
