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Comment: "To Whom It May Concern:

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

Idaho is fortunate to have some of the lowest energy costs in the nation. Idaho Power's abundant hydroelectric resources have benefited local agriculture, industry, and residents.

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.

Additionally, Idaho Power generates some of its power from non-renewable sources, including natural gas, coal, and diesel. De-incentivizing investment in renewable energy, including residential solar, is bad for Idaho's future as well."