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Comment: "Idaho Power is only in it for the profit, especially as a publicly traded company (NYSE: IDA) that's not a question.

The problem they are overlooking, or maybe they are not (they make more profit off of new projects)..., is that reducing residential solar generating customers will be MORE of a strain and demand on the grid during peak times. Reducing credits will change solar customers habits to recoup the loss of credits.

Currently in the heat of the day I export most of my solar back into the grid. I'm either gone or outside working so that 14-18kw an hour during the heat go right to the grid, a time when Idaho Power wants everyone to conserve because their system can't handle it. Currently I irrigate my field and charge my car at night when the grid isn't strained. In this case I am helping them in the afternoon and night and am a net positive.

If this change goes through I will have to change my habits in order to not get the significant reduction in credits (No the slightly higher credit they might give those few hours doesn't make up the deficit the rest of the day). I will no longer be exporting in the afternoon, instead I will be running my irrigation for the field, charging my electric car, doing laundry, and pre cooling the house with the A/C before the sun goes down. I will be doing as much as I can to use all of my solar and I might even have to draw from the grid meaning I am a negative draw at this point. A double negative actually since I am not exporting and am now importing.

Idaho Power will no longer have access to all this solar generation when they need it most and the thousands of customers in Idaho will also change their habits meaning Idaho Power will need to make more power generating plants, which is what they want because that's where they make the most profit.

Just remember that Idaho Power is only in it for the profit, especially as a publicly traded company (NYSE: IDA) if they wanted what's best for Idaho and Idahoans they wouldn't be doing exactly what PG&E does in California."
