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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I urge Idaho's PUC to fully support rooftop solar power generation in Idaho. We can phase out the use of coal generated power quickly and utilize a clean power source of abundant sunlight. This will help everyone as we decrease our adverse impacts to the environment and become self-sufficient as a state. Please support a healthy and fair development of solar power as we try to survive our warming planet."

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Comment: "I am a humble residential self-generator and, like others, I feel thoroughly betrayed. It is clear that Idaho Power, although attempting to present their study as objective and fair, is inherently biased with their new ECR rule recommendation. The bottom line, this revised ECR rule, if adopted, is highly prejudicial against self-generators and highly favorable to Idaho Power. It is no secret that Idaho Power resents self-generators' ability to gain retail credit for energy exported back to the grid. Although it is certainly true that most self-generators do not consume energy in the same proportion hour-by-hour as their system generates, Idaho Power's study fails to fully represent the self-generators' interests and costs. The bottom line is that Idaho Power is presenting a new ECR system that allows the "Company" to profit more and to do so on the shoulders of residential self-generators. What's good for the gander is good for the goose. Energy rates have experienced rather steep increases in recent years. These increased utility rates partially compensate Idaho Power for the increased costs of energy as hydroelectric generation must be further supplemented by other generation to meet the public's needs. Residential solar allows the grid to be supplemented with energy at ZERO COST to Idaho Power or their

customers. Residential solar customers pay for their generators completely out of pocket yet we have no leverage to influence the IPUC to adjust ECR rates in order to compensate ourselves for the cost of our energy. Instead, we've had the opportunity to at least benefit for a 1:1 credit at the retail rate. If our system generates more than used, it goes back to the grid for Idaho Power to sell to other customers at a profit. Yet, now the "Company" is proposing that the energy that a self-generator puts back into the grid is not the same value as the energy Idaho Power sells to their other customers, essentially charging/selling different rates for solar-produced energy based on time of consumption. This is dishonest and misleading. It is true that solar only generates with the sun and all customers are consuming at different rates around a 24 hour clock. What is dishonest is to disallow a self-generator to sell their energy at the same rate that Idaho Power sells around the clock while IP supplements their grid with solar (in the desert) at a rate that is the same as their hydroelectric regardless of time generated/used and then penalize a self-generator by placing them under separate ECR rules. Idaho Power ends up winning. Residential self-generator ends up losing. Every residential customer traded significant lifetime savings to purchase into a program that ultimately benefits the public by supplementing a stressed grid at ZERO cost to the public. This is good. And, every residential self-generator did so on the belief that our public leaders would honor a policy of 1:1 energy credits. Would Idaho Power, or any other power company, remain in business if IPUC told them they could not recoup the costs of their infrastructure and charge fair rates for energy to at least meet their expenses? Then why would IPUC implement a new ECR rule crafted by the power "Company" that specifically harms residential solar generators? This is not only not fair, it is dishonorable. If there is a flaw in the current ECR policy then the only fair way to correct it is to implement it for NEW residential solar generators and KEEP YOUR WORD to legacy solar generators that cannot recoup their costs. Additionally, after installing my "grandfathered" system at the end of 2019, we discovered our system came up short in meeting our needs. We installed 4 additional panels in 2022 to bring the system to where it needed to be. What happened? Idaho Power informed us that ALL of our power is now considered NOT grandfathered merely because the 4 additional panels weren't installed on a separate meter. We discovered this AFTER the installation. This is a disgrace. This allows Idaho Power to essentially STEAL a large portion of our system's power generation because it is not protected under the grandfathered ECR 1:1 policy. And, yes, it is stealing. This is power that our system generates, 100% at our cost, yet Idaho Power gets to re-sell whatever we generate beyond our use subject to a moving target tariff policy to the rest of the public or elsewhere. This is absolutely unconscionable, reprehensible, and dishonorable. We plead that sanity prevails at IPUC and that the public policy makers keep their promise to those who invested significant life savings into a residential solar system that meaningfully supplements the grid at no cost to, and ultimately benefits, the public...and to ensure that Idaho Power plays fair, not merely presenting self-serving studies that protect their profit margins and treat residential solar generators as second class customers without a voice. This is the right thing to do. Respectfully, and thank you."

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Comment: "Small businesses and the homeowner both need a strong policy advocating fair, economical and a stationary standard that credits energy returned to the grid at a higher rate and a credit that carries over to the next calendar year. Many prospective residential roof top solar installers are hesitant to invest as the pay back costs are too far into the future, even with install costs dropping. The planet is out of time with human caused heating at now at a runaway pace. Residents need a runaway economic low cost technology to begin turning around the heating of the planets atmosphere and current net metering is a disincentive to turn around this runaway train of heating the planet. America, Idaho and the world need immediate inexpensive roof top generation, let it begin with IDPC leading the way so we can be a part of saving the planet from the ever increasing CO2 build up. This further reliance on the sun to power America will help with improving our western snow packs, reducing droughts, reducing mega wild fires, help stabilize biodiversity, improve crop yields and soil nutrients, help farmers, and create more high paying solar related jobs. America needs a moon shot idealism to reverse humanities damage to our planets atmosphere, let IDPC be an instrument in this urgently needed movement. "
