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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Comment: While previously living in California, I was under the "Power Thumb" of Pacific Gas & Electric and its 4 tier system of overcharging for electricity, (one of the worst in the nation). SO, I purchased a 46 panel solar power generating system and never had a monthly electric power bill again. On the contrary, I was sent a sizable check from PG&E every January for all the excess power I generated for them for each year!

When I moved to Idaho 13 years ago, I had the impression that the Idaho Power Company had a little more commonsense and fairness compared to California's PG&E Company because the Idaho Power Company had a single tier consumer friendly rate structure with reasonable rates.

Now, the Idaho Power Company; #1) even though their hydroelectric plants are running at full capacity, they demand a double digit percent increase in their rates to a premium price; and #2) they also want to screw their solar customers who help the company during peak summer hours by providing the company with excess solar power generated from their private solar generating systems which the company would sell at their new premium rates.

January 2020 I purchased the "All Electric" home at 10380 Scotch Pines Road. The previous owners stated that their electric power bill usually ran about \$400 to \$600 a month. As such, I researched the feasibility of installing a solar electric generating system. I looked into the cost, tax credit, and the excess electricity generation reimbursement rate before I purchased a \$60,000, 50 panel solar generating system. I was told that I would receive no cash reimbursement, but would receive power bill credits for my excess solar generated electricity and I could use those credits when my system was not generating electricity. No one told me that Idaho Power had an "escape clause" that would enable them to almost eliminate their credit to me for selling them my excess solar generated power during the peak months! This is absolutely worse than any "flimflam" that California's PG&E ever tried. As I stated, Idaho Power does not pay any cash for my excess solar generated power and now they want to almost totally eliminate any value to the credit they allow for my excess solar generated power! As president Biden would say, ( COME ON, MAN! ). Please stop this madness!

Think about it. Idaho Power wants to obtain and sell my excess solar generated electricity at a premium price and then during that same 24 hour period, (when the sun goes down), they want to sell electricity back to me at their same premium price with very little credit for my excess solar generated electricity to offset their premium price.

Thank you,

James L. Roberts

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Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "In regards to Idaho Power's request to RADICALLY alter the payment structure for personal solar production I guess I'd have to ask WHY they want to do so.

While I'm grandfathered in with my 1-to-1 rates, I'm VERY concerned that Idaho Power is, by design, going to effectively KILL the market for personal solar production. This benefits them but NOT society as a whole. In other words, Idaho Power is doing what monopolies do: crushing the competition.

This, in turn, begs the question of exactly who does the PUC serve? One big monopoly or society?

WHY would the PUC approve such an extreme change?

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Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I began proceedings to install a solar roof on my house in mid April when we discovered how prohibitively expensive a new roof is. For my household and our lifestyle we decided it was best to invest in solar, this came with the side benefit for the community and for the environment. Idaho power has stated clean energy production by 2045, and my house will be a part of that. The solar decision allowed us to get a low interest loan that we could financially afford since every roof loan without solar had much, much higher interest rates. Adding solar was a sound investment despite the higher monthly and final cost. It should take my panels about 25 years to break even on my costs vs. expected power bills based on everything I knew before the proposed changes emailed to me on May 19th.

Now seeing the proposed changes to how I will be credited for my solar plan now makes all the decisions I've made for the past 4 months or so a complete moot point. It seems, especially since my solar will be installed on 7/18/23 that I have made not only a poor decision but will need to wait until next summer to even have a chance to catch up on my power credit if my solar system is even big enough now, which it likely isn't with the proposed changes. These will probably still have a chunk of my power bill left to pay and on top of an added loan for us to contend with.

All of this seems like it is poised to happen with only one study report considered. A report that seems highly biased by the company presenting it who would now take full advantage of my money and my loan and would freely sell my extra electricity to others with little thought to me. I further couldn't believe that the only systems grandfathered into the old system had to be installed before Dec 20th 2019?!? That is an insult to anyone in the last three and a half years who has even considered solar. I would beg you to at very least heavily consider other reports before changing my utilities in the proposed fashion that can so heavily impact my family.

Thank you for your time,  
Seth Blockoff"

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Comment: "Please continue to maintain the existing rate for roof top generation. We can't go forward on renewable electricity without it. "

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Comment: "There are numerous problems with Idaho Powers reasons for changing their billing.

First, nearly everyone agrees, including federal, state and local government, that consumers should be encouraged to use less energy, but somehow using less by investing in solar is cheating? If that were the case then so would setting your thermostats higher in the summer and lower in the winter, or investing in better insulation or windows.

And how is it that IP promotes its own green expansion of solar energy on one hand but aggressively pursues a policy to discourage its customers from doing the same? If IP agrees that changing to renewables is the future then investing in storage technology is part of the solution.

IP's claims that solar users are not paying their fair share of using their grid ignores the cost to purchase, install and maintain rooftop systems which produces power for IP and all of its customers.

And peak hours of usage in the summer period are tied to air conditioning usage and from about 1pm to 9pm not 3 to 11 as IP says. You can prove it by looking at your own usage online, or by checking national averages from the USEA.

But of course these are just inconvenient facts to Idaho Power Those of us who pay utility bills know from experience that if we conserve and use less the bill goes up because we use less. If we use more the bill goes up...Our only hope is that the IPUC actually considers the needs of the Public who pay their bills and not the powerful Idaho Power lobby that provides \$10s of thousands of dollars annually and lucrative jobs to state officials to get their way."

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Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "If changes to the rates for solar net metering are approved by the commission, please allow for customers who installed solar panels prior to the rate change date to be grandfathered in.

Based on what has been reported, only 2% of Idaho Power's customers have solar panels so it shouldn't be a big impact to Idaho Power. But it will be a significant impact to the people who have already installed solar panels with the assumption of the current rates. I installed solar panels on my house in 2021 so wouldn't be grandfathered in under Idaho Power's current rules. The new rates should apply only to new solar customers who can evaluate the cost of solar compared to the benefit with the new rates. "

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Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Dear Commissioners:

I am a retired small farmer and quite concerned about the effects greenhouse gases may have on our health globally. In response to this concern, I would like to do everything within my power to minimize my carbon footprint, as an individual. To this end, I am considering installing a solar array on my property. I am fortunate to have an excellent location for solar, as do many others in this State. Net metering is a simple and just way to compensate an individual who chooses to spend the time and money installing such a power generating source. As an Idaho Power customer for many years, I am grateful for the service provided. It does seem to me that the company should spend available resources to upgrade the grid rather than additional dollars on power generation. A slight adjustment in the service charge might offset any lost revenue. Furthermore, local power generation, fed back into the local grid, can be up to 30% more efficient than running long distances with high tension lines. I'm not saying there is no place for central power generation. We will always need the required power for our 'hard' energy requirements, as in manufacturing and industrial production; particularly in major urban centers.

Electric transport is another fast rising energy need that should not be ignored. If we are going to bridge our energy gap on the horizon, we will need power from as many clean sources as possible. Residential solar can play a vital role in this mix.

For these reasons, I hope you will take your decision making seriously.

Thank you for the opportunity to express myself.

Sincerely,

James Rosenfeld"

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