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Comment: "Background: I was raised in Burley and graduated high school here. I recently returned with my family from living in Utah after about 7 years. I work remotely for a residential solar power company headquartered in WA, Solgen Power.

I strongly oppose Idaho Power's proposal to substitute net billing for net metering, on the grounds that it will financially discourage solar adoption, with the following negative effects:

1) it will squash a growing, but still nascent, residential solar industry in the state. They did it already in Utah while I lived there, and the effect was both dramatic and immediate. In Nevada, the move from net metering was so dramatic that the state government intervened and reversed the decision, as it had decimated the solar economy. 2) My company, Solgen Power, will have even greater difficulty providing low-cost solar power to Idahoans, and 3) The solar industry supports Idahoans in high-paying positions. Typically these positions are held by Idahoans. The solar firms this would hurt the most are the small ones: locally owned and operated. In fact, I have an ambition to start my own residential solar firm, focusing on Idaho, at a future date - but this proposal would likely make it impossible to do so in Idaho Power's service territory (most of the state).

In short, moving from net metering to net billing would hurt Idaho ratepayers, employees, and entrepreneurs. I urge the IPUC to reject Idaho Power's proposal and maintain the status quo of net metering."
