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Comment: "I strongly disagree with Idaho Powers application that is seeking to make changes to the utility's on-site and self-generation tariffs for the following reasons.

I have 2 systems that cost approx. 80K. The first one provides power to my indoor equestrian riding arena. This system also provides power to my irrigation system for 8 acres of pasture for my horses and steers. In an effort to be a good steward of our resources I only irrigate at night when the rates are lower and there is less evaporation and water loss. During the peak rate period of the day my system is providing power to IP which is going across the street where my neighbors are being charged at peak rates. In the evening I turn on my pump and recover the power that I sent to IP during the day at a lower rate and irrigate all night. I will be forced to not be a good steward of our natural resources and will be forced to irrigate during the day and not only waste our precious water but also use electricity that is needed elsewhere.

My second system provides power to my home. My wife and I strive to be as energy conscious as possible. We don't run the AC during day as we are mostly outside. We only wash and dry our laundry in the evening when the rates are lower and there is less demand for electricity. So all day long my solar generated power is going across the street to my neighbors where they are being charge peak rates. My plan when I installed my panels was to bank my credits during the summer months and use them in the winter months when I need to turn on my eve and valley heaters to keep ice dams from destroying my roof. I will not sell IP my Peak KW production for a mere couple of cents and then pay full price for power in the winter. Instead, I will wash and dry my laundry and dishes during the, turn on my AC to 65 during the day and super cool my house and use every KW that my panels are producing. Does that make sense? It does not, but that is what IP is going to force every home owner with solar to consider. Waste energy. The pay back for my solar system is almost the lifespan of my system. If IP gets their way, there is no way any home owner could afford solar with the hope of some day coming out ahead.

I do agree that when I use power at night I am in fact bringing that power across the grid which IP maintains. They do deserve some compensation, Even though during the day my niegbors power is only coming 100yds.

Credit for peak power to IP and credit back for off peak power should remain in place.

I can't even begin to understand their new meter request. How can their new meter system record more power in a month than the old meter that was read once a month? Is it because they record peak KW every 15 minutes instead of actual wattage used?

Thank you"