

The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I do understand that there are costs to maintaining infrastructure as it relates to keeping power grids running smoothly. Our solar panel does not produce all of the power for our home but most of it. My hope is that the rate of return is the same as the rate charged. This means at peak if the charge is \$12.95 per kwh then if I am generating credit solar gain during that time the credit is at least close to that amount."

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Having worked in the energy efficiency and renewable energy industry for 18 years, I have an above average knowledge of rate tariffs, time of use billing, etc. I also happen to have put solar panels on my roof last year. My comment is that I see no issue with Idaho Power adjusting to time of use billing, but ONLY if it is applied to all customers. I fully understand that the value of a kwh used at different times of day has different cost structure to the utility. However, I believe I would be unfairly burdened with a higher rate in summer evenings than my neighbor, because I have solar panels. If all power customers were billed on time of use we would all carry our fair share of peak consumption costs. An additional benefit is that we may actually disincentive summer night usage and reduce the system peaks, which would serve to solve the root problem of high capacity usage (and therefore higher delivery costs). I sincerely appreciate your consideration of this comment. As a native Idahoan I'm willing to pay my fair share, but just ask that my neighbors do the same. "

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I would respectfully request that all existing solar customers, as of the effective date (January 1, 2024) of any changes to the way solar customers are credited for excess energy produced be grandfathered into the now extant method and rates of credit. In other words, existing solar customers should be exempt from ANY of the proposed changes. My wife and I considered carefully our decision to purchase a solar system. We made our decision based on assurances that our energy bill would be locked in at a rate comparable to our average monthly energy expense over the previous 3 years. We would NEVER have assumed a loan to purchase such a system if we knew there would be unfavorable changes in the way we would be credited for excess production. I am retired and my wife would like to retire in the next 5 to 10 years. We are trying to avoid all debt and keep our monthly expenditures under control so that will be able to live on a fixed income. Thank you for your time and consideration."

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: idaho power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I am against the proposals to change the way net-metered electricity is calculated and credited. The proposed changes reduce the benefits of previous investment and take away some of the benefits of potential future investment in solar energy by private entities. I am against the proposed reduction in the percentage of the credit for excess power generation as well as the shortening of the time periods used when calculating the net metered energy. These proposed changes are most likely to reduce the investment in generation equipment at a time when we could all benefit by exactly the opposite. Please reject these proposals."

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I dont know of keeping the solar panels is going to be worth it. Its been saving me money, power bills are expensive, I paid 600 dollars last year in the summer and really high bills. Just to keep my house cool. "

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Solar panel owners pay for panels, maintain them, and have to deal with depreciation and wear. They feed into and or alleviate pull on the grid at peak hours when the most people are running AC units.

It is unconscionable that a company could even consider lowering the rate at which solar owners are compensated, especially when 1:1 credits aren't available.

Solar isn't widely adopted in Idaho, and changes like this discourage renewable energy adoption that could help keep our state clean and self sufficient. We should be incentivizing solar adoption, not discouraging it. "

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "To: Idaho Public Utilities Commission September 4, 2023 Case Number: IPC-E-23-14
Regarding: Virtual Online Public Workshop, Wednesday, September 6, 2023

Dear Commissioners and Staff:

I am unable to participate in either of the scheduled September Workshops due to being out of the area but would like to submit the following comments for your consideration.

I have been a Residential Service, On-Site Generation customer of Idaho Power since June 2021. My system (7.2 kW) was designed to produce sufficient energy to satisfy my annual energy consumption based on monthly net metering and the exporting of excess net energy as described in the then current Schedule 6 rate structure.

Yes, I was told by Idaho Power that Schedule 6 was subject to changes in the future which could affect multiple areas dealing with compensation for exporting excess energy generated by my system. But, I was given no indication that such changes could be as drastic as those currently being proposed by Idaho Power.

I support the position that the costs and benefits of distributed generation should be fairly distributed among all Idaho Power customers. I have no problem with the current proposal to move to a real-time net billing arrangement but do have a problem with whatever justifications Idaho Power has used to calculate the Export Credit Rate (ECR) that cuts our financial reimbursement for that exported power by 70 percent or greater. That's just too much to bear given our investment made in solar generation based on the current Schedule 6 rates.

I would also like to suggest that the Commission directs Idaho Power to allow current Schedule 6 customers that have accumulated a "kWh credit of excess net energy" (as of the implementation date of any new Schedule 6) to have the right to use those "excess kWh credits" for any kWhs consumed from the grid regardless of the time of day they were consumed until the balance of "excess kWh credits" accumulated under the old "1 for 1" Schedule 6 has reached zero.

I am not in favor of any "cash out" plan for these old accumulated kWh credits when the new Schedule 6 becomes effective.

For those of us that became On-Site Generators between December 21, 2019 (the grandfathered cutoff date) and whenever the new rules are implemented, we have no recourse but ask IPUC to intervene on our behalf to secure a fair and equitable implementation of any proposed modifications to the Schedule 6 rate structure that was in force when we became bound to that schedule.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,

Jim Armstrong
Nampa, Idaho"

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Co.

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "This is what I understand IPCo is requesting: "...Idaho Power is asking the commission to allow real-time net billing with an avoided cost-based financial credit rate for exported energy, a methodology to determine annual updates to the export credit rate, a modified project eligibility cap for commercial, industrial and irrigation customers, related changes to the accounting for and transferability of excess net energy financial credits and updated tariff schedules needed to administer the modified on-site generation offering..."

Being a computer programmer and database designer, I have no idea what they are proposing and how it will affect me.

Can you have IPCo. translate the above for me by applying their desired algorithm to my usage for 2022? And, comparing it with my bills for the same period? That would mean something to me.

I will ask IPCo to do this and will let you know what I receive from them.

Many thanks, Jim T. Boise"

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I am profoundly concerned that Idaho Power is attempting to remove an incentive to use home solar power. In a time where because of climate change there is and will be ever increasing power needs, to remove power buy back rates is counterproductive. Solar power reduces demand on power generation. The more customers using solar the lower demand on Idaho Power is at peak generation times. All citizens must be part of the solution to our long term energy needs! This proposal is short sighted and profit driven. There is a page on Idaho Power's website that reflects their short mindedness. I would gladly testify to your commission regarding this critical issue. Thank you for your time on this matter. Sincerely Robert Howell "
