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From: Fallon Born <[fallon.born@gmail.com](mailto:fallon.born@gmail.com)>

Sent: Saturday, October 14, 2023 9:25 AM

To: Jan Noriyuki

Subject: IPC-E-23-14

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Hi, my name is Fallon born and I'm an idaho power customer. I'm concerned about the very limited public access to the upcoming hearing on idaho powers rooftop solar changes. The hearings need to be after general working hours, be long enough for everyone to speak, be located in AT LEAST to more cities, and include a virtual testimony option for all the people to cannot attend in-person. Please help people participate in our democracy, particularly on proposals coming from a monopoly utility.

Thank you,  
Fallon

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**From:** CD Bingham <[bingham.cd@gmail.com](mailto:bingham.cd@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Sunday, October 15, 2023 6:15 AM

**To:** Jan Noriyuki

**Subject:** IPC-E-23-14

"Hi, my name is Charles Bingham and I'm an Idaho Power customer. I'm concerned about the very limited public access to the upcoming hearings on Idaho Power's rooftop solar changes. The hearings need to be after general working hours, be long enough to allow everyone to speak, be located in at least two more cities, and include a virtual testimony option for all the people who can't attend in-person. Please help people participate in our democracy, particularly on proposals coming from a monopoly utility."

Power to the People, in more ways than one,

Charles Bingham

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Who we are never changes, who we think we are does. - Jedi Proverb

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**From:** Lisa Grutzmacher <[llgrutz@ida.net](mailto:llgrutz@ida.net)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 15, 2023 6:35 AM  
**To:** Jan Noriyuki  
**Subject:** IPC-E-23-14

Hello,

As an Idaho Power customer, I am very concerned about the limited public access to the upcoming hearings on Idaho Power's rooftop solar changes. It certainly appears that by scheduling the meetings during working hours, and in very limited places, that the utility is pushing their own agenda. This is a democracy, and I think if the utility would look at what they are doing, and have someone monopolize and push their agenda through on them, they would not agree with their own malicious actions. The hearings need to be after general working hours, allow everyone to speak, to be located in more cities, and include a virtual testimony option for all the people who can't attend in-person. Please help people participate in our democracy. This is not Russia.

Thanks,  
Lisa Grutzmachder

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**From:** Ann Swanson <[ann.swanson@gmail.com](mailto:ann.swanson@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 15, 2023 7:38 AM  
**To:** Jan Noriyuki  
**Subject:** More venues for public testimony on IPC-E-23-14

Hello,

I am an Idaho Power Customer living in Pocatello. I have solar panels.

I'm concerned that there are no public hearings in Eastern Idaho (or Northern Idaho). And no virtual testimony option?

In addition to statewide hearings, they need to be after general working hours and be long enough to allow everyone to speak

Please help people participate in our democracy, particularly on proposals coming from a monopoly utility.

Sincerely,

Ann  
Ann Swanson  
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208-244-8521  
You are cool.

**From:** Walter Rowntree <[walter1701@outlook.com](mailto:walter1701@outlook.com)>

**Sent:** Sunday, October 15, 2023 8:03 AM

**To:** Jan Noriyuki

**Subject:** IPC-E-23-14 'public' hearing

My name is Walter Rowntree and I'm an Idaho Power customer and own rooftop solar generation.

The upcoming hearings on Idaho Power's rooftop solar changes feel like they violate the sunshine laws. The only reason to eliminate virtual testimony is to stifle the voices of the people. This feels very wrong to me.

The hearings need to be after general working hours, be long enough to allow everyone to speak, be located in at least two more cities, and include a virtual testimony option for all the people who can't attend in-person. Please don't simply acquiesce to proposals coming from a monopoly utility. The way the public hearing is designed now feels like Idaho Power is getting to control the hearing parameters.

Walter Rowntree

From Walter Rowntree's Outlook.com account.

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Margaret Dimmick <[8941dim@gmail.com](mailto:8941dim@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Sunday, October 15, 2023 8:10 AM

**To:** Jan Noriyuki

**Subject:** IPC-E-23-14

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I am an Idaho Power customer and connect my rooftop solar panels to its system. I am very interested in Idaho Power's rate and usage proposals before the PUC, and would like to participate in the public hearing scheduled from 3-6 on October 24 in Boise. Unfortunately, the lack of lead-time and hours preclude my participation. Please reconsider the hours, numbers of communities served, a virtual participation alternative, and at least a 10 day lead time for such an important issue.

Respectfully,

Margaret Dimmick

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: Leigh Underwood <[martinichic@hotmail.com](mailto:martinichic@hotmail.com)>

Sent: Sunday, October 15, 2023 8:25 AM

To: Jan Noriyuki

Subject: Concerns with IPCE2314

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Dear PUC Commissioners,

I'm a customer of Idaho Power, and I have reservations about the restricted public access to the forthcoming hearings regarding the proposed alterations to rooftop solar policies.

These hearings should occur outside regular working hours, have ample time for everyone to voice their concerns, be held in multiple cities, and offer a virtual testimony option to accommodate those who cannot attend in person. It's crucial to facilitate public engagement in our democratic process, especially when dealing with proposals from a utility monopoly.

As a consumer and resident, I would like share my thoughts on this.

Thank you for your time,  
Leigh Ann Underwood

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**From:** Theresa Williams <[boswellco@cox-internet.com](mailto:boswellco@cox-internet.com)>

**Sent:** Sunday, October 15, 2023 9:16 AM

**To:** Jan Noriyuki <[jan.noriyuki@puc.idaho.gov](mailto:jan.noriyuki@puc.idaho.gov)>

**Subject:** IPC-E-23-14

Dear PUC,

Hello, my name is Theresa Williams. I am an Idaho Power customer who is interested in solar energy options. I live in Hailey, Idaho and am frustrated by the very limited public access to the upcoming hearings on Idaho Power's rooftop solar changes. The hearings should be after working hours, be long enough for all to speak who wish to, be located in more locations than just 2 and include a virtual testimony option for anyone who can't attend in person.

Please consider the suggestions above to enable the hearings to be accessible and conducted in a fair and equitable manner.

Thank you.

Theresa Williams  
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Hailey, Idaho 83333

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-----Original Message-----

From: Eleanor Jeffrey <[buncy1@mac.com](mailto:buncy1@mac.com)>

Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 5:59 AM

To: Jan Noriyuki

Subject: IPC-E-23-14

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Hi, I am Eleanor Jeffrey and I am an Idaho Power customer. I'm very concerned about the limited access to the upcoming hearings on Idaho Power's roof top solar changes. They need to be after general working hours and be long enough for everyone to speak. They should be located in at least 2 more cities and also include a virtual testimony option for those who can't attend in person. Please help people to participate in our democracy, particularly on proposals coming from a monopoly utility. I feel that roof top solar is a win win for transitioning to more clean power. Idaho power should be encouraging it not making it a less attractive option for people. Thank you, Eleanor Jeffrey

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The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: James Wanek

Submission Time: Oct 14 2023 1:04PM

Email: [wandren@q.com](mailto:wandren@q.com)

Telephone: 208-322-6221

Address: 3420 W Grover Ct

Boise, ID 83705-1504

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "My comments are regarding Idaho Power's plans to change the rates for residential solar power generation.

1. It is unfair for Idaho Power to arbitrarily decided to only grandfather in, at existing rates, those households that installed solar panels prior to 2019.

I invested \$27,025 in solar panels in spring 2021. The process began in May, and final approvals given on July 14, 2021. The panels I had installed are far more efficient than earlier panels, so why should I have a penalty for having better technology?

2. I don't agree with Idaho Power's contention that people without solar panels are somehow subsidizing those of us who invested in clean energy. No one is stopping other households from making similar investments that benefit everyone. My panels return energy to the grid on those bright, blistering, hot days of summer when demand is high.

3. Idaho Power's proposed rate changes will actually discourage wider adoption of solar panels, the exact opposite of what we know needs to happen to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save our planet.

4. If Idaho Power wants to change the rates for residential solar power generation, it should give six months' notice of the change, and grandfather in everyone who installed solar panels prior to that effective date. To do anything else, is an unfair use of its monopoly position as an energy provider.

Thank you for your consideration and protection of consumers' interests."

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**From:** Amelia <[ameliajustin@yahoo.com](mailto:ameliajustin@yahoo.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, October 16, 2023 10:00 AM

**To:** Jan Noriyuki

**Subject:** IPC-E-23-14

Hi, my name is Amelia Carter and I'm an Idaho Power customer. I'm concerned about the very limited public access to the upcoming hearings on Idaho Power's rooftop solar changes. The hearings need to be after general working hours, be long enough to allow everyone to speak, be located in at least two more cities, and include a virtual testimony option for all the people who can't attend in-person. Please help people participate in our democracy, particularly on proposals coming from a monopoly utility.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sent from my iPhone

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RE: Case No. IPC-E-23-14

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Alex Hackett <[alexghackett@gmail.com](mailto:alexghackett@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, October 13, 2023 8:34 PM

**To:** Jan Noriyuki

**Subject:** Rooftop Solar Changes & Meeting

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Hello,

My name is Alex Hackett and I'm an Idaho Power customer with rooftop solar. I'm concerned about the very limited public access to the upcoming hearings on Idaho Power's rooftop solar changes. The hearings need to be after general working hours, be long enough to allow for everyone to speak, be located in at least two more cities, and include a virtual testimony option for all the people who can't attend in-person. I participated in a meeting in 2019 and would not be able to attend during working

hours. Please help people participate in our democracy, particularly on proposals coming from a monopoly utility.

Thank you for your time.

Alex Hackett

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RE: Case No. IPC-E-23-14

**From:** Todd Woodell <[62woody@gmail.com](mailto:62woody@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Saturday, October 14, 2023 6:06 PM

**To:** Jan Noriyuki

**Subject:** My Solar power investment

Hi, my name is Todd Woodell and I'm an Idaho Power customer. I'm concerned about the very limited public access to the upcoming hearings on Idaho Power's rooftop solar changes. The hearings need to be after general working hours, be long enough to allow everyone to speak, be located in at least two more cities, and include a virtual testimony option for all the people who can't attend in-person. Please help people participate in our democracy, particularly on proposals coming from a monopoly utility.

Todd Woodell, MSGT, USAF Ret.

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RE: Case No. IPC-E-23-14

**From:** Jennifer Harrington <[jennharr78@gmail.com](mailto:jennharr78@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Saturday, October 14, 2023 6:11 PM

**To:** Jan Noriyuki

**Subject:** Rooftop Solar Hearings

"Hi, my name is Jennifer Harrington and I'm an Idaho Power customer. I'm concerned about the very limited public access to the upcoming hearings on Idaho Power's rooftop solar changes. The hearings need to be after general working hours, be long enough to allow everyone to speak, be located in at least two more cities, and include a virtual testimony option for all the people who can't attend in-person. Please help people participate in our democracy, particularly on proposals coming from a monopoly utility."

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RE: Case No. IPC-E-23-14

**From:** Lee Klosterman <[elkofboise@msn.com](mailto:elkofboise@msn.com)>

**Sent:** Saturday, October 14, 2023 8:36 PM

**To:** Jan Noriyuki

**Subject:** Solar plan

Idaho power customer here. So disappointed with the company's attitude toward home owner solar. I know the company is motivated ultimately by profit over climate responsibility. I have read your news releases supposedly supporting green energy. We have also attended meetings hosted by you that very narrowly allowed citizens a chance to testify. The company reps barely seem to acknowledge such testimony. Now 2 very limited "public" meetings are announced with no opportunity for remote input? Oi. Judy Klosterman

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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RE: Case No. IPC-E-23-14

**From:** Fabulous Mizz G <[bodegaville@gmail.com](mailto:bodegaville@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Saturday, October 14, 2023 9:09 PM

**To:** Jan Noriyuki

**Subject:** Rooftop Solar hearings

Hi, my name is Gayle Chapman, and I'm an Idaho Power customer. I'm concerned about the very limited public access to the upcoming hearings on Idaho Power's rooftop solar changes. Even though I am not affected at this time as per your recent letter to me, many of my friends are and will be who are solar generating net metered customers of yours.

The hearings need to be after general working hours, and be long enough to allow everyone to speak and be located in at least two more cities, and include a virtual testimony option for all the people who can't attend in person.

Please help Idaho customers of yours participate in our democracy, particularly on proposals coming from a monopoly utility.

Thank you

Gayle Chapman, Realtor  
Silvercreek Realty Group  
208 972 7018



RE: Case No. IPC-E-23-14

**From:** David, Carolina and Javi Davies <[threedavies@gmail.com](mailto:threedavies@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Sunday, October 15, 2023 7:54 AM

**To:** Jan Noriyuki

**Subject:** Upcoming PUC hearings

Hi, my name is Dave Davies living in Caldwell, ID and I'm an Idaho Power customer. I'm concerned about the very limited public access to the upcoming hearings on Idaho Power's rooftop solar changes. The hearings need to be after general working hours, be long enough to allow everyone to speak, be and include a virtual testimony option for all the people who can't attend in-person. Please help people participate in our democracy, particularly on proposals coming from a monopoly utility.

Dave Davies  
27349 Hop Rd  
Caldwell ID  
Email: [threedavies@gmail.com](mailto:threedavies@gmail.com)

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RE: Case No. IPC-E-23-14

**From:** john segar <[segar.john@gmail.com](mailto:segar.john@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Sunday, October 15, 2023 9:33 AM

**To:** Jan Noriyuki

**Subject:** Concerns About Limited Access to Rooftop Solar Hearing

Dear Mr. Anderson,

I am a long time Boise resident and Idaho Power customer, and am writing to you to express my concerns over the very limited public access to the upcoming hearings on Idaho Power's rooftop solar changes. Idahoans pride ourselves on open government, and I was appalled to learn that these hearings would be limited to 2 cities and held during business hours without the option for virtual participation. That appears to greatly advantage Idaho Power's paid lawyers and lobbyists who have been fighting hard to keep Idaho Power's monopoly and guaranteed profit in Idaho. Please help people participate in our democracy by providing the average working citizen more opportunities to comment on Idaho Power's monopoly and practices.

Sincerely,

John Segar  
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Boise, ID 83706

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RE: Case No. IPC-E-23-14

**From:** Terri O'Keeffe <[terriaokeeffe@gmail.com](mailto:terriaokeeffe@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 15, 2023 12:50 PM  
**To:** Jan Noriyuki  
**Subject:** Idaho Power Rooftop Solar Hearing

Hi, my name is Terri O'Keeffe and I'm an Idaho Power customer. I'm concerned about the very limited public access to the upcoming hearings on Idaho Power's rooftop solar changes. The hearings need to be after general working hours, be long enough to allow everyone to speak, be located in at least two more cities, and include a virtual testimony option for all the people who can't attend in-person. Please help people participate in our democracy, particularly on proposals coming from a monopoly utility.

Thank you for your time,

Terri O'Keeffe

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RE: Case No. IPC-E-23-14

**From:** Don Walker <[dewitdon@gmail.com](mailto:dewitdon@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 15, 2023 10:44 PM  
**To:** Jan Noriyuki  
**Subject:**

"Hi, my name is Don 'E' Walker and I'm an Idaho Power customer. I'm concerned about the very limited public access to the upcoming hearings on Idaho Power's rooftop solar changes. The hearings need to be after general working hours, be long enough to allow everyone to speak, be located in at least two more cities, and include a virtual testimony option for all the people who can't attend in-person. Please help people participate in our democracy, particularly on proposals coming from a monopoly utility." We installed solar panels 4 years ago, at a cost of over \$30,000, because we were bright enough to realize that the cost of power could only go up. We did this because we were told that our cost for power could never go up. What Idaho Power is doing is dishonest in every way and should be illegal. This makes me very angry to say the least....!!!!

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RE: Case No. IPC-E-23-14

**From:** Roy and Sharon Ledesma <[roysharon.ledesma@gmail.com](mailto:roysharon.ledesma@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, October 16, 2023 10:43 AM

**To:** Jan Noriyuki

**Subject:** rooftop solar hearings

Hi we are Idaho Power customers. I'm concerned about the very limited public access to the upcoming hearings on Idaho Power's rooftop solar changes. The hearings need to be after general working hours, be long enough to allow everyone to speak, be located in at least two more cities, and include a virtual testimony option for all the people who can't attend in-person. Please help people participate in our democracy, particularly on proposals coming from a monopoly utility."

Power to the People, in more ways than one,

We are trying to do our part to alleviate the crisis of global energy needs and the climate crisis being caused. We should be rewarded and fairly compensated. Our original compensation guarantees need to be honored.

Please do the right thing.

Sharon & Roy Ledesma  
1701 N 7th Street  
Boise, Idaho 83702

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**From:** Ryan McFarland <[ryan@mcfarlandritter.com](mailto:ryan@mcfarlandritter.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, October 16, 2023 10:45 AM

**To:** Jan Noriyuki

**Subject:** IPC-E-23-14

Hi, my name is Ryan McFarland and I'm an Idaho Power customer – have been since 2006. I also have had rooftop solar at my home since 2018. I'm concerned about the very limited public access to the upcoming hearings on Idaho Power's rooftop solar changes. The hearings need to be after general working hours, be long enough to allow everyone to speak, be located in at least two more cities, and include a virtual testimony option for all the people who can't attend in-person. Please help people participate in our democracy, particularly on proposals coming from a monopoly utility

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**From:** Gary and Jackie <[roedernorth@gmail.com](mailto:roedernorth@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 16, 2023 10:52 AM  
**To:** Jan Noriyuki  
**Subject:** Hearings on IPC-E-23-14

I am an Idaho Power customer, and a former owner of a solar-equipped home in Boise. I testified in the past in opposition to the unfair imposition of power metering rules that further enforce monopolistic rules benefiting only the Power company.

My current home is in a prime location for a solar power system on the rooftop; I have not contracted its installation solely due to the potential of NEVER being able to have the project repay my investment due to rules as proposed by IPC-E-23-14.

The IPUC should ONCE AGAIN reject the unfair proposal by Idaho Power. The IPUC should be doing everything in its power to ENABLE more consumer solar rather than discouraging private investment.

Furthermore, after following the current process, I'm deeply concerned about the very limited public access to the upcoming hearings on Idaho Power's rooftop solar changes. The hearings need to be after general working hours, be long enough to allow everyone to speak, be located in more affected cities, and include a virtual testimony option for all the people who can't attend in-person. Please enable us to participate in our democracy, particularly on proposals coming from a monopoly utility.

The most important word in the IPUC is PUBLIC. Please consider your process, extend the timeline and provide more options for the PUBLIC to be involved.

Regards

Gary Roeder  
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Boise, ID 83703  
208-963-1534

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**From:** PeterPetroni <[petroni@rmci.net](mailto:petroni@rmci.net)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 16, 2023 11:08 AM  
**To:** Jan Noriyuki  
**Subject:** IPC-E-23-14 Hearing

Good morning,

My name is Peter Petroni. I'm from a 150 year Idaho family.

I'm an Idaho Power customer. I'm concerned about the very limited public access to the upcoming hearings on Idaho Power's rooftop solar changes.

The hearings should be after general working hours, be long enough to allow everyone to speak, be located in at least two more cities, and include a virtual testimony option for all the people who can't attend in-person.

Please help us all participate and not kowtow to a monopoly of energy in Idaho.

Thank you  
Peter Petroni

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**From:** Jeffrey Wilhelm <[jwilhelm@boisestate.edu](mailto:jwilhelm@boisestate.edu)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 16, 2023 11:21 AM  
**To:** Jan Noriyuki  
**Subject:** RE: IPC-E-23-14

My name is Jeffrey D. Wilhelm and I'm an Idaho Power customer.

I have several deep concerns regarding IPC-E-23-14.

1- Idaho Power is a monopoly and they have shown little interest in helping me as a customer to do the right thing for myself, my neighborhood, the state of Idaho, and our environment when it comes to alternative power generation like solar.

2- I am likewise concerned about the astonishingly undemocratic and limited public access to the upcoming hearings on Idaho Power's rooftop solar changes. It seems to me that the hearings have been scheduled to discourage public comment and input. Why are they scheduled during the typical work day and why are they so short that all interested parties will not be able to speak? Why are the hearings limited to two sites? Why is there not a virtual testimony option?

I am discouraged that Idaho Power seems to be given outsized influence on working for their own benefit and not for the public good.

Please help to make this a truly public and democratic process by expanding the public hearings.

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Jeffrey D. Wilhelm

*He/Him/His*

Professor of English Education

Distinguished Professor of Boise State University

Director, Boise State Writing Project

check out our website at <https://www.boisestate.edu/bswproject/>

Alan Watts: "You are under no obligation to be the same person you were five minutes ago."

What I'm currently reading: *Falter* by Bill McKibben; *Harry Potter und das Der Heligtuemer des Todes (in German!)* by J.K. Rowling

What I'm currently listening to: *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie*

What I just finished: *Think Again!* Adam Grant

check out my website at <https://jeffwilhelm.wordpress.com/>

Please support my wife Peggy in her fight against a rare vascular disease by registering at <https://www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/632974/>

\*Boise State University Foundation Scholar for Service

\*David H. Russell Awardee for Distinguished Research in English Education, 2003 for READING DON'T FIX NO CHEVYS and 2016 for READING UNBOUND: THE POWER OF PLEASURE READING

\*NCTE Promising Research Awardee for YOU GOTTA BE THE BOOK! TEACHING ENGAGED AND REFLECTIVE READING WITH ADOLESCENTS

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RE: Case No. IPC-E-23-14

**From:** Dan Johnson <[danmontyjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:danmontyjohnson@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 16, 2023 11:42 AM  
**To:** Jan Noriyuki  
**Subject:**

The hearing for PUC customers is very limiting based on the current schedule insofar as it is during daytime hours when a lot of people are working and only in two communities. I would encourage you to make changes to the meeting schedule to include an evening schedule and in more communities in order to get good feedback from people who are avid solar user's. Thank you.

Daniel Johnson  
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Nampa, Idaho 83686

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Scott Burlingame <[scott.burlingame@gmail.com](mailto:scott.burlingame@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 16, 2023 11:52 AM  
**To:** Jan Noriyuki  
**Subject:** IPC-E-23-14 Hearings

Hello!

We see that the PUC has announced two dates for hearings regarding the proposed changes to the rules regarding home generation of electricity. There are two weekdays made available, with most of the time during working hours, in only two Idaho cities, with no virtual testimony.

It appears the PUC is trying to tilt the process minimize the objections to a decision already made. Were the PUC interested understanding public sentiment, it would make more sites available for testimony, schedule times in non-work hours, and allow rural customers and others to testify digitally.

There is much more at stake here than ensuring Idaho Power's bottom line. Citizens have an interest in clean, breathable air. Further, many of us are deeply concerned about steadily increasing climate temperatures. Reducing incentives for investments in solar and other clean energies is short sighted. Many Idaho citizens are well aware of this and would like to make their objections to the proposed changes known in an open and scrupulous process.

Scott and Cheryl Burlingame  
208-389-8085

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-----Original Message-----

From: Tyler Harris <[tjharris@gmail.com](mailto:tjharris@gmail.com)>  
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 12:36 PM  
To: Jan Noriyuki  
Subject: IPC-E-23-14 hearing

Hello,

My name is Tyler Harris and I am a Boise Idaho Power customer. I would very much like to participate in the upcoming hearing to discuss changes to solar net metering fee structures. However, with only one hearing in Boise during mid-week working hours, this will not be possible.

Please add additional hearing dates and times, or allow remote participation. The public deserves the opportunity to meaningfully participate in this critical issue, particularly given the unique status of Idaho Power as a monopoly.

Thank you,

Tyler Harris  
Sent from my iPhone

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RE: Case No. IPC-E-23-14

**From:** Ryan Owsley <[rsodermmd@gmail.com](mailto:rsodermmd@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 16, 2023 12:39 PM  
**To:** Jan Noriyuki  
**Subject:** Rooftop Solar Hearing

To whom it may concern,

My name is Ryan S. Owsley, MD and I'm an Idaho Power customer. I'm concerned about the very limited public access to the upcoming hearings on Idaho Power's rooftop solar changes. The hearings need to be after general working hours, be long enough to allow everyone to speak, be located in at least two more cities, and include a virtual testimony option for all the people who can't attend in-person. Please help people participate in our democracy, particularly on proposals coming from a monopoly utility

Thank you

**Ryan S. Owsley, MD, FAAD, FASDS**  
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**From:** Kevin Klein <[kevinklein801@gmail.com](mailto:kevinklein801@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, October 16, 2023 12:47 PM

**To:** Jan Noriyuki

**Subject:** IPC-E-23-14 Hearing

Your limited hearing locations and the time of day for those hearings severely limits the inputs of the public. The fact that there is no option for virtual testimony smacks of a hearing that will be dominated by Idaho Power. Please put the public back into the Public Utilities Commission.

Kevin Klein  
509 783-1007

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**From:** Mary Gilbert <[marymgilbert56@gmail.com](mailto:marymgilbert56@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, October 16, 2023 1:41 PM

**To:** Jan Noriyuki <[jan.noriyuki@puc.idaho.gov](mailto:jan.noriyuki@puc.idaho.gov)>

**Subject:** IPC-E-23-14

Hi,

My name is Mary Gilbert and I'm an Idaho Power customer as well as a solar generating customer that sends quite a bit of power back to the grid.

I'm concerned about the very limited public access to the upcoming hearings on Idaho Power's rooftop solar changes.

The hearings need to be after general working hours, be long enough to allow everyone to speak, be located in at least two more cities, and include a virtual testimony option for all the people who can't attend in-person.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Mary

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The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

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Comment: "Comment 1 of 2:

I invested in residential solar in 2018. Although I am grandfathered in the most current Idaho Power proposal (to a certain point), I do not see these changes as beneficial to me, nor the collective impact that can be generated by statewide residential solar power generation and adamantly oppose the proposed changes for the following reasons:

1. A change in rates devalues all residential investments in solar at a time when incentives should be provided to scale residential solar. I understand Idaho Power's position that they can produce solar power at a better return rate through their scaled solar generation model. Thousands of solar panels in a field will result in a per kilowatt hour generation rate vastly greater than my 24 panel array, thereby lowering costs based on output alone. However, that comparison places me in direct competition with my own utility provider. Not only is this unfair to any individual power generator, it illegally puts me in competition with the company that already limits my ability to compete. The PUC, State of Idaho, City of Boise, and Idaho Power require me to net meter with Idaho Power, my now seeming competitor. The same entities limit my ability to expand. They force me to partner with my (now) competitor on a net meter system and disallow any option for me to hook my panels up to my own battery system so I can keep my power or find a better competitive partner. And now they want to lower my rates on production return while having complete control over the rate of my consumption and remove my ability to do anything about it? This is not fair and at its core, this is what Idaho Power is attempting to do to every solar power generator held to the same standards state wide.

2. My money has been spent on my solar array. My \$38,000 investment in solar cannot be returned. Regardless of my grandfather right, when I go to sell my property, which will be many years from now, these proposed changes will have devalued my investment for any would be buyer if these proposed changes go into effect. How is that not stealing directly from my investment? If it were a private business trying to undercut me, I may not like it, but I would accept it. This, however, is not a private business, Idaho Power is a public utility company and therefore does not have the legal authority to undercut my investments and I have legal recourse if they do. This is why I'm writing the commission as we must exercise due diligence in not allowing a public utility to take such steps. They should treat all customers in the same manner and if I or anyone else decides to invest in something that increases power generation, they ought not influence the benefits received by such a decision. Any other customer may do the same, or not, but the utility should not influence the decision or the risks or rewards inherent in the consumer decision. These proposed changes directly do what they ought not.

3. The basis for these proposed changes fail to acknowledge the opportunity costs of the outcome of the changes. Perhaps at this point, the cost for Idaho Power may be a cheaper power source for consumers due to scale, but if enough residential customers invest in solar (even against the state's missing incentives to do so), their combined impact surely would exceed that of Idaho Power's efforts and results

in a net savings to everyone. Is the goal of these changes to maximize energy savings and sustainability for Idaho, or to maximize Idaho Power profitability and ensure their monopoly over power? A public utility company may not operate with public funds to preserve itself, at the expense of the state. These proposed changes are directly attributable to the preservation of a company, not the preservation of Idaho and must be rejected. The basis for its arguments are flawed and is missing in real evidence of long term impacts.

Continued in follow up comment..."

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4. The long term outcome from the proposed changes will be less residential solar power generation at a time when seconds count and honestly, the time has passed for meaningful impacts on our environment from more sustainable power generation. This should point more so to the failure of Idaho Power to exercise foresight in sustainable power generation. They could have ramped up solar decades ago. They could have limited their coal use decades ago. I could have too, but I'm not accepting public funds so it is not the same and this deal should hold accountability accordingly. Do not now blame residential power generators for Idaho Power's foolish planning and then stick them with the bill. We paid our bill when we went out of pocket to invest in solar ourselves, signing agreements to partner with Idaho Power against our better judgment because it was the only way to get solar approved. It is a rare form of trickery when an agreement can be made to produce power that has to go to a company, you can't keep it, you also can't get paid when your generation exceeds your consumption, but then the utility company goes and tries to undercut your production rate while retaining or increasing your consumption rate so your investment is assured to pull money directly from your pocket. Any approval of such an offer is by its definition corrupt, regardless of the reasoning. It also takes a private person's investment and drops the value to less than zero. It does not make for a strong sales pitch to say, "hey, buy this house, it comes with solar, you can pay more in utilities than those without solar"! Any depreciation in value is still the result of public utility undermining my investment for their gain.

5. At a time when the World is not only literally on fire or melting, violent threats against our union are also being made. Within this context, and given mass destruction attempts have and continue to be made against individuals, groups, and countries in Idaho and the United States, it should be noted that a diversified and displaced power grid system is highly valuable for national security. Beyond the value proposition of cutting rates on residential solar power generators, there is a health and safety proposition at stake by disincentives to residential solar generation. A terrorist or foreign adversary will have a difficult time cutting power to a displaced solar grid system as compared to say a nuclear plant or even a wind or solar farm. It is also more easily restored if affected by bad actors. What is the cost of one

collapsed dam? In the event of a geographical severe weather event, displaced power can more easily be restored and/or relied upon. Residential solar power is safer, harnesses collective, small impacts that cannot easily be quantified when compared to scaled business practice, and in other ways creates more than utility power, it creates investments in a better community, a brighter future, and gives people the opportunity to actively engage in a core need for its community. These proposed changes stifle that better future we all hope to see.

6. Finally, when comparing small operations to a scaled model, it is important to note that all things contain pros and cons. One such con to a scaled model is that there is cost associated with transportation. In the same way international shipping possesses many costs and wastes to bring cheaper products from lower labor cost areas to my doorstep, so too does having to ship power from larger offsite power generation facilities. On my property and thousands like mine, power is generated and used right on site, excess power being held in the power lines above my home giving my neighbor power. Net power generation possesses the perhaps un-factored savings of power use efficiencies alongside their obvious additional power output savings (with me footing the bill for the equipment, maintenance and repair costs). Another such con of a scaled model is that you lose customer satisfaction the larger you become. Perhaps the commission should consider how customer satisfaction has been affected by Idaho Power's proposed changes. Assuredly, you have one highly dissatisfied customer in me and I've grown tired of continually having to research what Idaho Power is up to now, write letters, attend public meetings, and in all other ways defend my right to do what everyone needs to be doing right now so future generations can even breathe fresh air in Idaho.

In close, if you've read the news, things are not getting better environmentally. Bold action and strong measures must be taken. We are behind the curve, and these proposed changes set us farther back, yet here we are fighting over how best to create disincentives for collective renewable resources in Idaho. This is not a zero sum game. Incentivize residential solar production AND scale Idaho Power renewable resource acquisition. Don't pit us against each other.

Thank you,  
Joseph Schueler"

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RE: Case No. IPC-E-23-14

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**Subject:** Rooftop solar Idaho Power hearings

Hello! I'm an Idaho Power customer and was disappointed to see there is not going to be a hearing in Pocatello. Where so many IP customers are in Pocatello, do you guys expect them to travel to Twin Falls for this where there will be no option to do this virtually? I feel like this is not really a fair process without being able to involve all the stakeholders in this decision process.

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RE: Case No. IPC-E-23-14

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**Subject:** Public hearing

"Hi, my name is Trampus and I'm an Idaho Power customer. I'm concerned about the very limited public access to the upcoming hearings on Idaho Power's rooftop solar changes. The hearings need to be after general working hours, be long enough to allow everyone to speak, be located in at least two more cities, and include a virtual testimony option for all the people who can't attend in-person. Please help people participate in our democracy, particularly on proposals coming from a monopoly utility."

Sent from my iPhone

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**Subject:** IPC-E-23-14

I am disappointed that the PUC will be having only 2 hearings on Idaho Power's rooftop solar changes. I have other commitments that will prevent me from attending on both days.

I am an Idaho Power customer who installed rooftop solar panels in 2014. I had every intention to expand my solar array when I could afford it, but Idaho Power's new policy will penalize me for any expansion.

I'm concerned about the very limited public access to the upcoming hearings on. The hearings need to be after general working hours, be long enough to allow everyone to speak, be located in at least two more cities, and include a virtual testimony option for all the people who can't attend in-person. Please help people participate in this process, given the increasing threats of climate change.

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My name is Richard Skinner and I'm an Idaho Power customer. I'm concerned about the very limited public access to the upcoming hearings on Idaho Power's rooftop solar changes. The hearings should to be after general working hours, be long enough to allow everyone to speak, be located in at least two more cities, and include a virtual testimony option for all the people who can't attend in-person. Please help people participate in this process which serves our democracy, particularly on proposals such as this. Thank you.

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