

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 believe Idaho Power should NOT be allowed to increase rates to solar generating customers. and now in addition to the way they want to charge/credit us they now want to increase our flat fee for maintenance. they are benefitting from our solar generation and still want us to pay them"

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 definitely against these changes to the Net Metering program. A few years ago the PUC in case number IPC-E-18-15 issued Order No. 34509 which denied Idaho Power's request to modify the then existing Net Metering program. Our personal grid tie solar panel system was among the many covered by the grandfather clause to exempt those systems from Idaho Power's efforts to decrease the amount Idaho Power compensated the grid tie solar panel owner for any excess power that was generated.

In that Order No. 34509 one of the reasons for denying that request was the fact that Idaho Power did not include any data analysis that actually supported their claims of "not paying their (owners of the grid tie solar systems) fair share".

In wading through the "supporting" information for this latest Idaho Power's proposal to change the rate schedules for Net Metering, Idaho Power submitted an astonishing amount of information (data?). Most of which was not germane to identifying any actual costs incurred by Idaho Power's implementation of the current Net metering program. I saw nothing recognizing the fact that Net metering customers

reduce peak demand by using less power from the grid and typically the system actually supplies power in peak demand periods. Further more Idaho Power has for sometime charged monthly access fees for access to the their grid, which supposedly covers their fixed costs for the customer's access. Idaho power has programs where they pay customers to allow Idaho Power to turn off the customer's air conditioner or other significant electrical loads. Why is that none of their calculations include that?

I find it rather interesting that one of the PUC comments in the Order No. 34509 was "The public was not on adequate notice that this docket would result in anything more than a study". In that case Idaho Power simply skipped over the data analysis part and went right to implementing the changes to the rate structure.

In this current case IPC-E023-14 Idaho Power decided to supply a huge amount of data/numbers but still no real analysis of the cost/benefits of the existing Net Metering program. I am lead to believe that there is no data to support changing the Net Metering program, not in Dec of 2019 and not in October of 2023.

I was astonished and grateful back in Dec of 2019 with the PUC's response to Idaho Power. This request needs a similar response.

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Good Morning, As a Private Power Generator, we invested in Solar Power for numerous reasons. 1) Owning a home that was powered by Solar, both PV and Thermal was a lifelong aspiration. 2) Clean Energy Benefits the Environment. 3) Zero Power Bill 4) We believe that every house in America that could benefit from Solar should have Solar on it. Idaho Power created an environment that drew large numbers into Solar with the a beneficial rate structure. Now they're taking that away instead of continuing with a program the benefits them and all Residential Generators. We generate 16.2 MWh annually combining that with all other residential Generators. Without the economic support that the current system provides Solar Providers and Installers, I suspect many will go out of business, this new rate system lacking incentives will cause a radical downturn in new customers and new systems. We appreciate your support!"

The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Company

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I am advocating for the PUC to help stop Idaho Power from decreasing the solar credit earning potential on the basis of the points listed below, as well as help to better incentivize more utility customers the potential option to opt for solar power.

- Idaho Power has a 100% clean energy goal - keep the public interested and contributing to that goal with fair programs, including sufficient solar credit earning potential. Distributed energy system owners should be fairly compensated for the services they provide and programs should enable a local energy economy.
- Customers of all types deserve programs that help make the right choice for their family's energy use, ensuring pathways to universal access for all Idaho & Oregon residents to participate in energy production
- Local clean energy systems provide grid security and reliability while protecting our climate and public lands from catastrophic events like wildfires
- Solar programs provide countless, high profile jobs for diverse groups of people. From administrative and electrical, inspectors, and utility employees alike. Please don't downsize jobs in Idaho and Oregon by decreasing the public interest in the growing solar industry by reducing their incentive for clean energy.

Thank you."

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "The rate changes as posited by Idaho Power are confusing and I cannot understand in layman's terms what they entail. This tells me that they are not interested in telling their customers in plain American, what they intend to do and why. If the photovoltaic generator are producing more than they take in, why do we need to pay more to keep an account open? This indicates an unwillingness to be transparent."

The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "ID to whom it may concern: I am in total opposition to the readjustment/apportionment of the schedules with which Idaho power that I recently agreed. And I had to pay for the infrastructure of the solar energy generated over the last year. This is then shared with Idaho power, and they are able to use it for their profit. The argument of redistribution of wealth as a social construct for this change is ridiculous. Their corporate structure cannot be granted authority for the redistribution of resources or wealth. They have not demonstrated a financial need for the company, only an equity argument. I do not support DEI nor ESG. Neither should the State of Idaho do not allow those of us who have taken a social responsibility towards the environment to be pushed aside in the name of big corporation."

Name: Barbara Garrison
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Why was I sent this notice?"

Name: Rosanne Oh
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power and Solar generation

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Reconsider the evaluation from Idaho Power to unfairly compensate the power generating customers. Other states provide incentives for green power and Idaho is continuing to discourage solar and electric cars. "

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the public hearing. It's a shame that this meeting is being held during the middle of working hours for most people. If you are truly a public commission and "really" care about the public's opinion, I for one, would appreciate a place and time so that we can all attend in order to give our testimony. I am opposed to the changes proposed for personal generation.

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MERIDIAN, ID 83646

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "We, the public with solar panels, have made an investment in the power grid that helps all citizens obtain the lowest cost electricity. Please don't squash the renewable energy momentum that future generations need."

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I am concerned that the on-site solar power generation by residential customers isn't being valued as it should be. We recently had solar installed on my roof to help lower my power costs and to lighten the load on the grid. We have been pleased with the performance now that summer is over and we aren't using AC. We still had pretty good sized bills when we were using it. The current method where we simply get kW credit for excess generation seems to work okay, but we've only had our system for a few months. We don't know how it will do over the whole year. Please don't change the current method."

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "ID

Please do not allow Idaho Power the authority to implement changes to the current compensation structure for customers with onsite generators, either now or in the future."

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Name of Utility Company: IDAHO POWER

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "The proposed changes to solar generating credits is simply another example of a corporate entity wishing to alter the rules to supplement their bottom line. Even though all Idaho Power Customers who are currently generating solar power, added the solar production based upon the offer for "credit recompense" made to them at the time of installation, Idaho Power would now like to make changes to what we will be compensated. We have been participating for about 15 months now and find the proposed change to our compensation/credits is contrary to fair practices.

IDAHO POWER SHOULD BE HELD TO THE IN-FORCE AND AGREED TO STIPULATIONS AT THE TIME THE SOLAR GENERATION EXPENSE WAS INCURRED BY THEIR CUSTOMERS. WE WERE AND ARE LARGELY DRIVEN TO BE PARTICIPANTS WORKING TOWARDS A COOPERATIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ELECTRICAL POWER GRID. CHANGING THE TERMS OF CO-GENERATION FOR CURRENT USERS/PRODUCERS, FROM THOSE SPECIFIED AND/OR IMPLIED BY IDAHO POWER FOR ANY CURRENT SOLAR CONTRIBUTORS, WILL PRODUCE A VERY NEGATIVE RESULT AND WILL CERTAINLY REDUCE FUTURE PARTICIPATION FROM FAMILIES IN IDAHO.

THIS PROPOSAL SHOULD BE DENIED!"

The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Why just in person testimony? So not many people will have the ability to attend? Why not let everyones voice be heard whether it be pre recorded message, text message, written letter, email, comment in a comment section. Better yet why not have a survey sent to every single solar generating customer. Where they can vote whether they agree with the proposed change and leave a comment. Whether this survey is digital or paper and mailed.

Additionally I do not agree with the new proposed changes to solar generating customers. Solar has been pushed so hard in the last few years to create your own power and not have a power bill. That is

the simple fact we got solar in the first place. To eliminate our power bill for years down the road when we are retired and need the extra money. We are creating more power than we use currently and do not have a power bill. I cant foresee a single solar generating customer ok with what the new changes are."

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Twin falls , ID 83301

Name of Utility Company: Idaho power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "This proposal is insane. It is cruel, manipulative, and greedy. This does not benefit a single customer. It only hurts the people that could benefit from solar or other options. People who actually need it because Idaho power is consistently and drastically raising peoples prices. This proposal will hurt all homeowners with solar. People take on loans and pay interest and have a system (1-1 net metering) in place that justifies taking on that commitment and helps us towards our state and nations goal of going green. This CASH GRAB by ID power is despicable. It's stealing from its own customer and neighbors. People who pay to get solar and have ID power sell there power at a profit and not return the entirety of the power that ID power used from the residents system is WRONG. Not allowing the public to show up to speak and voice there opinions is wrong. Everything about this is obvious we are being taken advantage of. DON'T TURN YOUR BACK ON IDAHO."

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Hailey, ID 83333

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I would like Idaho Power to continue its current financial reimbursements to customers who currently have solar generators for home & commercial operations as well as future solar customers in Idaho. Hydro, coal & other sources of power are not sustainable any more. We need to encourage more solar so as to reverse global warming. Idaho currently lags behind the rest of our country & this would be a great opportunity to prove Idaho is forward thinking & encourage more solar install for individuals & businesses. "

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "My family and I have lived in Idaho for over 20 years and during this time we have cheered on solar and wind power production. In many States, energy companies buy back additional power produced from home solar programs and partner with solar companies because they know that as populations in the State grow, more energy is needed. I am not going to install solar if it takes me 20 years to pay off the equipment and get to a break even stage. By then it will almost be time to get new panels and start again. If Idaho Power covered the cost of panels, gave a power use discount based on panel output and homeowners paid to have them installed—it would be a win for more power in the grid and a win for homeowners for helping to support clean energy."

Name: Mark Helsley
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Twin Falls, ID 83301

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Hello, I cannot make an in person comment and would like for the commission to reconsider the in person only testimony on this issue. I would also ask the commission to consider the financial reimbursement rate that Idaho Power is proposing. The purpose of my solar panels is to help reduce my monthly bills and hedge the inflation increases. Idaho Power's proposal will require me to pay them every month while they make money on my solar generation. Thank you for your consideration in this matter."

The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

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MERIDIAN, ID 83646

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Please reconsider the "in-person" testimony and the hours of the hearing as well as the general issues with the proposal."

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Kuna, ID 83634

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Moving from net metering at the retail rate to an ECR model is wholly to the benefit of Idaho Power's profitability and not to the customers who have undertaken the not insignificant costs to install and maintain residential systems. The residential model rates currently allow for budgeting and a reasonable payback period of a solar array and provides Idaho Power a highly flexible decentralized power generation service that has improved Idaho Power's ability to sell electricity to other customers even during peak demand. If the decision is to remove the retail rate net metering then owners of solar generated power should be able to broker rates individually or collectively to sell their power on the open market. "

Name: Pamela Davis

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McCall, ID 83638

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I do not agree with this proposal. Promoting solar energy is critical. We all need to pitch in and try to slow global warming. Penalizing homeowners is a poor policy. With all of the natural disasters occurring worldwide, the need to diversify our energy delivery is very important, in addition to the climate benefits. We are helping Idaho Power meet its energy needs in their rapidly growing service area. This is especially true during peak usage times, such as irrigation and air-conditioning seasons. Thank you for your time and consideration."

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GARDEN VALLEY, ID 83622-5294

Name of Utility Company: Idaho power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I built my retirement home in Garden Valley and closed escrow 12-2-2021. I had a big shock of an \$801 power bill in January 2022. I have experienced genuine panic with the idaho power rate increases. I paid \$36k for the solar panels I've got, and it was clear I need many more. I am semi retired and unable to be squeezed any further by this power company. I've spent hard earned money to be a good steward of the environment. I would like to believe that Idaho Power is a company that reflects the original values of native Idahoans. Please honor the original terms of those who invested in solar!"

Name: Mauricio Steffen
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Nampa, ID 83687

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Company

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I am very concerned over the limited access to the public hearing for this matter. It is a matter that affects Idaho Power customers across the state but is only happening once and during business hours preventing many people from commenting. This coupled with the user "unfriendliness" of making written comments on this website creates an environment where people's voices are not heard."

Name: Brian Albertson
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Please consider all the comments regarding the proposed changes to the net metering system. Specifically those comments regarding the limited time for public access, the small window for peak hour generation/compensation, and the numbers game w/ reducing the value of a generated KWh. How is reducing the value of power generated by a solar system an incentive for customers to add a solar grid to their home's rooftop? At the least home's w/ solar grid should receive equal cost for each generated KWh, and why not add a bonus to these customers and/or a penalty to all other customers. if solar is key component/percentage of the future electric grid, would it not be beneficial for ID power to have a majority of it's customer w/ rooftop solar? thank you Brian"

Name: Josh Hoisington
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Boise, ID 83706

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "First, the hours and location for a "public" meeting that concerns Idahoans across the entire state is unacceptable. Fair participation should be a key function in any governmental agency, quasi or not.

Second, Idaho Power wishes to profit from individual Idahoans investment in solar. This is an egregious profiteering overreach by a public utility. A utility company should be expected to pay a fair and reasonable price for any power generated, solar or hydroelectric.

This proposal should be reviewed and amended by an that is independent source, not a quasi-governmental agency that receives funding from the utilities it supposedly regulates.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Many if us have spent 40,000 plus dollars to help our community go green and reduce our carbon footprint. Currently we still have to pay a small fee for being in the grid even though we are adding to the amount of power available. Other states actually pay their solar customers for the power they generate while the greedy idaho power company wants to charge the people trying to save our planet money for producing their own power. I could have payed less money and stayed on idaho power increasing the carbon footprint they are creating, but instead I'm pushing triple the monthly rate for my solar system in order to mask a better world for our next generation. I vote no to any increase in cost to solar users and if they keep insisting on this proposition I will just go full battery and have myself removed permanently from the grid and they won't even get the current hookup fees. I incourage my fellow solo solar practitioners to vote no as we are helping the world and should not be penalized "

The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "There are major issues and conflicts with this proposal. I would ask that the board reconsider. This will greatly affect the ability of homeowners to get a return on their investment and will stifle the growth of clean, solar energy. "

Name: Rich Cotner
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "When I was a child my grandmother always used to tell me that I couldn't have it both ways. That is exactly what Idaho Power is attempting to get. They want to give very little for the power we generate but charge us full value for the power we use. By changing the period in which they evaluate usage to a single day, they will be taking power at minimal cost from us and then reselling it back to us at a much higher rate. We would be paying them for our own power generated that day.

The Public Utilities Commission is supposed to assist and protect the citizens of this great state and I really hope they can see through Idaho Powers attempts to cripple our efforts to be self sustaining."

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I'm opposed to rate changes proposed for home solar generators. Our private investment in solar benefits all power consumers and reduces carbon emissions from large scale power generation. We've already paid our share of the infrastructure that connects us to the grid, in the years before installing solar. Now we're providing benefit to everyone. We should not be punished for this. Increasing our monthly costs by 10x is unfair and inappropriate. "

The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

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Garden City, ID 83714

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Customer

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I have supported Idaho Power as a resident owner for over 30 years. I recently installed a solar power generation system for my home and received credit for excess power generation as deemed appropriate by Idaho Power. The change in the program, reducing the amount of credit issued for extra power, goes against why I made the \$25,000 investment to install power in the first place. I am reducing the amount of energy consumed by the Idaho Power system by having solar-generated ability in my home, leaving that excess power available for other Idaho Power customers. Moving away from fossil fuels and hydro-generated power systems to more sustainable power sources such as solar and wind, and having individual residences pay for and supply power to their homes independent of Idaho Power offsets the cost of implementing that solar source for power generation for the company. Keeping the incentives in place as a credit allows the customer to recoup some of the installation costs and provides everyone with solar power for their home, becoming less dependent on Public Utilities for their power consumption needs. At the same time, Idaho Power is reducing its overall cost and the investment needed to supply a growing population. If the credits are taken away or diminished, it negates the incentives for people to make a solar investment. Help the people help you in investing in the future by maintaining the current credit system and allowing the public to fund their power generation systems."

Name: Mel Mohr

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McCall, ID 83638

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Why isn't more locations being used for examination and input from the customers of IP for this case? And why isn't the PUBLIC being represented by you rather than the corp heads of this utility? Unbelievable! "

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Please support homer Solar and keep the current reimbursement plans for home solar. Or make it more lucrative for the home owner. There are a lot of roof space that can be utilized with no ecological consequences. This power I produce is used by my neighbors as well. "

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "ID. I hope that you reject Idaho Power's request to cheapen solar use/costs to consumers. I don't understand why they wouldn't want us to use more of the abundant and free sun power that exists in Idaho. It should be easier and not harder to acquire and use solar power, especially in a state as sunny as Idaho. We got solar to help lessen the burden of power usage, even if it's only a little, as our state population surges. As we grow in population as a state, I feel that alternative power sources, such as solar, will be a huge benefit to the state. Please help Idaho Power see this future. "

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "As a long term (35 year) Idaho resident and homeowner that installed rooftop solar in 2022 I cannot and will not accept the proposal of reducing export credit rates from 8-10c per kWh to 2.8-4c per kWh.

There was NO notice to this change when I installed solar. This reduction in credit is roughly a 72% cut in favor of the power utilities. This helps no one but their bottom line. It discourages rooftop solar to help reduce the burden of electricity, cut our demand of foreign fuels, and reduce greenhouse emissions plaguing our children's future environment.

This proposal is nothing short of egregious. Additionally scheduling this hearing midweek and midday with little notice is heinous and raises the optics that this is an underhanded and biased activity - further reducing our trust in utilities and our government.

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 Tailor Sponcey am advocating for the PUC to help stop Idaho Power from decreasing the solar credit earning potential on the basis of the points listed below, as well as help to better incentivize more utility customers the potential option to opt for solar power.

- Idaho Power has a 100% clean energy goal - keep the public interested and contributing to that goal with fair programs, including sufficient solar credit earning potential. Distributed energy system owners should be fairly compensated for the services they provide and programs should enable a local energy economy.
- Customers of all types deserve programs that help make the right choice for their family's energy use, ensuring pathways to universal access for all Idaho & Oregon residents to participate in energy production
- Local clean energy systems provide grid security and reliability while protecting our climate and public lands from catastrophic events like wildfires

· Solar programs provide countless, high profile jobs for diverse groups of people. From administrative and electrical, inspectors, and utility employees alike. Please don't downsize jobs in Idaho and Oregon by decreasing the public interest in the growing solar industry by reducing their incentive for clean energy.

Thank you"

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I am writing to voice my opposition to Idaho Power's proposal. It is unfair to customers for Idaho Power to change the rules in this way. Idaho Power should be supporting more solar, not punishing those who use it!

I ask the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to do everything in their power to encourage the adoption of solar power throughout the State."

The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Jayne Elliott
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I couldn't attend the public meeting tonite regarding Solar Power compensation. I put in Solar panels to help Idaho Power to not be so burdened with high volume usage. I expect an even trade for my usage/production. I have invested \$14000.00 to help offset the Power needed for my home from Idaho Power.

Thank you,
Jayne Elliott "

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Submission Time: Oct 24 2023 4:55PM
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "To the Idaho Public Utilities Commission,

I am an Idaho Power shareholder, and want the best for Idaho Power and its shareholders. However your job is not to protect me as a shareholder, rather to protect us as customers, and the public. I was upset to learn today's Public Hearing had no digital participation element as most of our world has adopted over the past few years.

Idaho Power's requested changes to net metering have some glaring issues that I feel need to be addressed.

I am very concerned with the real time net billing concept. I understand the perception of inaccurate reading over long periods. However as I watch my solar and battery system it uses the grid as a buffer of sorts. It will "needlessly" import or export power in small quantities to balance its load especially as appliances turn on or off in the home. This has the potential to create essentially phantom load that may incur significant charges due to the differential in export value vs import cost. Whereas this drop in the bucket will have almost no impact on the grid. I would encourage hourly or even 10 minute periods of net metering to capture what a customer is consuming or providing without collecting the noise.

Legacy Status: Idaho Power clearly believes they have provided ample warning to new customers since the last grandfather clause was enacted. I however believe a new grandfather date needs to be made as of the decision date. While Idaho Power expects a fair deal and contracts they can count on it is equally unfair to expect people to make investments with no guarantee of the future. When I installed my system I had the understanding that things could change, but with no proposal at the time, there was no way to make a future cost benefit analysis. As just one example it appears that under this structure West facing panels would be more advantageous than my south panels. However I was not given an opportunity to even consider an alternate layout because the information was not available.

I have a huge issue with the application of TOU rate or on peak vs off peak billing rates. As a proponent of a stable electrical grid and a fair shake for the Utility I completely support varied time of use rates. However creating time of use/generation rates for only one group of customers seems to be unduly targeting that specific group. If Idaho power wants to make power fees fair between onsite generators and non generators they should both be subject to the same time of use plan.

Finally I want to lament the backwards nature of this proposal and as the Public Utilities Commission to think how they should be helping. The net effect of this proposal is a dramatic undervaluation of solar power. In the competing assessment of the value of our power commissioned by several community groups the point that stuck out to me is that most of our exports are not traveling long distances. It's going next door, not 100 miles from generation to consumption. I have been involved in energy efficiency programs for a very long time. It seems wild and crazy that Idaho Power would offer financial incentives to lower power demand. For example I got \$2,000 per HVLS fan for my employer to try to cut cooling demand. If Idaho Power wants to avoid gas peaker plants they should be crafting a rate structure to support on site solar and distributed batteries. I don't believe this does that at all.

Thank You,
Carl Breidenbach

The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "As a homeowner, I think Idaho Power's monopoly and policies are downright predatory towards it's consumers. Yet we are left with no choice. The one choice that we had was to turn to solar power, so we had that right to generate our own electricity.

What Idaho Power is proposing enables them to make money off of solar power consumers. They are proposing to buy the energy at a lower rate, and sell it for the right price. Above this, they have tiers during the summer for using too much electricity. These higher summer rates were defined by a limited amount of power. This directly contradicts their actions in limiting the use of solar in their consumers.

Solar power is most efficient in the summer, when this company says that power is most limited. Having more customers generate power for their neighbors therefore should in theory be beneficial to Idaho Power, but these policies show conflicting statements. The one way these policies align is monetary gain for Idaho Power. Again, keep in mind that this is a monopoly.

With any monopoly, the monopoly controller has the power in their hands to abuse their consumers. The whole reason monopolies are frowned upon is because this has been done again and again in history, countless times. The only protection against these monopolies is the government and their policies.

I'm not surprised that Idaho Power has brought these policies to the government. Stock holders look towards money, and there are no bars for these giant corporations. I just plead for the sake of the people of Idaho, for the freedom of choice in this country, and for the hopeful outlook towards a citizen-enabled future that the council reviews these policies with scrutiny.

Thank you for your time."

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I urge you to REJECT Idaho Power's proposal in this case.

Idaho Power's application is far too technical and complicated for the average customer to understand. The proposal is based on a study that was biased to begin with (the 2022 Value of Distributed Energy Resources Study) and does absolutely nothing to promote the development of on-site generation of clean renewable solar energy.

It is especially disturbing that Idaho Power is simultaneously seeking a general rate increase in a separate case (IPC-E-23-11) which would further discourage customers from investing in energy conservation.

Idaho Power is a private company that answers first and foremost to its shareholders. It is the responsibility of the Public Utilities Commission to protect the citizens of Idaho from companies such as Idaho Power that seek to increase their profits without justification.

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 attended the hearing last night in Boise as I did almost a year ago regarding the acceptance of the VODER study. It is nice to hear from people advocating for themselves and other community members as the commission has failed to advocate for this community by accepting a one-sided study aimed at diminishing the value of self-generated energy. By not accepting a third-party study or any other input to weigh the true value of on-site generation; this board has clearly set a precedent that they will approve Idaho Power's proposals and there will be no checks and balances as to what Idaho Power claims to be the value of private solar.

I will remind this board that you have an incredibly rare decision to make within this case. You could potentially establish the monetary value of a commodity in the state of Idaho. As you can tell by the audience last night, a great deal of the beneficiaries of this compensation are retirees. These folks installed solar systems, like many others, to save themselves from the impending inflation and unstable grid. This reduction in compensation is drastic, and to further allow an adjustment each year to compensation will surely give way to decreased compensation as Idaho Power is protected from reporting losses. The individuals, the people in this state; those whom you represent, will suffer.

I have a unique role and responsibility in the solar community to provide summaries of what the VODER study suggests and what the proposals mean for individuals and businesses to a massive audience. I am also a 5th generation Idahoan and like most of the long-tenured Idahoan's I have watched Idaho Power's growth through any means necessary. This is not a company for the people, this is a for-profit monster that relies on campaign donations and land acquisitions to further their position. And we must believe that this study, the only study this board will accept is truthful and doesn't need to be corroborated? Idaho Power is a terrible resource for information; just look at their website. The majority of information is false and intended to scare off would-be solar clients.

"If you're considering installing solar panels or other renewable generation at your home or business, Idaho Power is here to help."

- False - Help by deterring from installing?

"Remember, the warranties on solar equipment can last 10–20 years."

- False, most warranties are 25-30 years and life expectancies are well beyond 40 years "Each kilowatt (kW) of solar requires approximately 100 square feet of unshaded space."

- False, currently 52sq ft for 1kw and Panels are designed to produce energy even in partially shaded areas.

"financing options for Idaho Solar Clients" (click) – link deliberately does not work even after reported"

"Decide what is the best use of your money right now by comparing the expected returns from different investment options, like stocks, bonds, other purchases or simply saving for your future."

- Not all reasons for going Solar are financial.

"ESTIMATED BREAK-EVEN POINT

(SIMPLE PAYBACK) IF PAYING UP FRONT IN CASH

Current 13–17 years Proposed 19–24 years"

- Incorrect

Current 9-11 years Proposed 13-15 years

Even less with the tremendous amount of tax incentives available and the estimated operational lifespan is well beyond the 30 years Idaho Power gives credit to.

Solar Providers in Idaho are required to follow Chapter 48 title 18 of the legislation (Solar Provider disclosure act) yet Idaho Power can defame anything/anyone they'd like without recourse. Additionally, the messaging from Idaho Power regarding upcoming potential changes are never prefaced with such. The letters to our clients look like things have changed and been accepted and one small paragraph on

the back page states "not yet approved." I field hundreds of questions with every letter Idaho Power sends as they treat every proposal they have as already in motion.

Idaho Power executives are openly stating to neighbors and friends that they are doing everything they can to quell private solar and to not install systems on their own home. This is the source of your information in the VODER study. This is the privately held monopoly asking you to increase profits at a significant cost to those you serve.

In the proposal Idaho Power reminds the IPUC of its "core regulatory objective, to leave consumers indifferent to where their energy comes from." This is different. Private Solar comes from the hard work of folks like myself and the more than 15,000 other solar providers in Idaho Powers service territories doing everything they can to support their families and help stabilize a wavering grid with zero option for buying low and selling high.

At minimum you need to seek a third-party study before making changes to our compensation. And we should not allow them to propose changes each year to take away value from individuals.

This proposal needs to be denied.

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Boise, ID 83703-2842

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Hello ,

My comment is that I oppose Idaho Powers proposed residential solar power co-generation payment decrease . Having powered an apartment building and business space in Pocatello with my own wind power back in the mid 70's , when Idaho Power refused to accept co generated power , I have a broad context . At that time I had no option but to completely disconnect from IP and rely on a 40 kw battery bank . Thankfully for future alternative energy production , the PUC , under the leadership of Perry Swisher , ordered IP and other power suppliers to begin accepting co generated (and avoided costs) power at a reasonable rate . The PUC needs to step up again on behalf of the ratepayers and reject Idaho Powers request to stuff down future solar power installations .

Sincerely ,

Gary Hall"

From: Stan W. Johns <stan@maxxllc.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 1:21 PM
To: Jan Noriyuki
Subject: PUC Hearing case number IPC-E-23-14

Dear Idaho Public Utility Commission:

We urge you to NOT accept Idaho Power's proposal to change net metering. Their proposal would hurt existing customers and make it difficult for other Idahoans to go solar in the future.

The proposal is not fair:

1. The proposal cuts solar rates for customers that installed solar in the last three years. These customers made a purchasing decision based on current policy and the rules should not be changed midstream for their systems, when they've already made the investment. The changes would cause a longer return on investment and could cause financial harm.
2. The proposal cuts solar rates, even when the utility benefits from that solar power. Fairly compensating solar customers only during peak hours ignores the benefits solar provides to their system at all other times.
3. This proposal makes it harder for solar customers to earn a return on their investment. This means that fewer people will be able to choose to generate their own energy and go solar in the future. This proposal takes away choice and energy independence from Idahoans.
4. The utility should be encouraging customers to go solar with better rates at all times for the benefit of all and for a greener Idaho.

We urge you to deny Idaho Power's proposal and continue to allow Idahoans the freedom to generate their own energy.

Thank you,
Stan Johns

October 23, 2023

Case Number IPC-E-23-14

Dear Idaho Public Utility Commission:

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IDAHO PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

I you not to accept Idaho Power's proposal to change net metering. Their proposal would hurt existing customers and make it difficult for other Idahoans to go solar in the future.

The proposal is not fair:

1. At no time was I ever told or made aware of any possible changes with the Idaho Public Utility Commission when I purchased my solar panels. I feel, those of us that purchased solar power should be grandfathered into our current rates.
2. The proposal cuts solar rates for customers that installed solar in the last three years. These customers made a purchasing decision based on current policy and the rules should not be changed midstream for their systems, when they've already made the investment. The changes would cause a longer return on investment and could cause financial harm.
3. The proposal cuts solar rates, even when the utility benefits from that solar power. Fairly compensating solar customers only during peak hours ignores the benefits solar provides to their system at all other times.
4. This proposal makes it harder for solar customers to earn a return on their investment. This means that fewer people will be able to choose to generate their own energy and go solar in the future. This proposal takes away choice and energy independence from Idahoans.

I deny Idaho Power's proposal and continue to allow Idahoans the freedom to generate their own energy.

Thank You,



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IPUC CASE: IPC-E-23-14

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Yesterday was an extremely disappointing day for me. You see, yesterday I attended the IPUC's public hearing on this case in Boise. Here I thought I would be able to brief and discuss my concerns on this case with the commission. But what I found was a commission that seemed to be uninterested in what the public had to say. I was completely discouraged by what appeared to be a commission that was just going through the motions, and seemed to have already made a decision on the matter at hand. As one of the Commissioners said at one point, 'we are obligated by law to hold these hearings'. And that's exactly what it felt like.

Out of all the great comments and concerns that all the attendees brought up with the commission (and there were many great ones), the only question that seemed to interest the commissioners, was when a high schooler from Boise High School completed her comments, Commissioner Hammond asked her to remind him who had won this year's football game between Boise High School and Borah High School. You see, he's a Boise High School graduate, and that was really important to him. But I guess her comments and concerns about the matter at hand weren't. This is not an exaggeration. Literally, there were no other questions the commission had for any of the other attendees throughout the entirety of the hearing.

If this Commission is in bed with the utility companies, at least have the decency to forgo these hearings so we don't waste out time putting our comments together, and driving down there to have you hear our concerns in the hope that you'll actually listen to them and take them to heart in making the right decision. Not the right decision for me, or for Idaho Power. But for our community as a whole. After all that's what this is supposed to be about.

In situations like this, I usually just get really frustrated, but right now I truly only feel disappointment. Disappointed in a system that is supposed to look out for the community. But today, I was reminded that big brother and the big corporations will always do what is necessary to preserve their titles, positions and profits. The only consolation that I have left is that I did what I believed to be right regardless of how much it cost me. And now, it will cost me another 50 percent if they do in fact approve this proposal.

Congratulations to the IPU Commissioners. You have managed to show no interest in looking out for the very people that you were appointed to represent and protect.

Now, to actually bring up my concerns that I wanted to bring up at the hearing, but couldn't because I was only allotted 3 minutes of time to speak. So I could really only bring up 1 of my concerns. Nevermind that Idaho Power has been given many countless hours of the Commissions time. But we only get 3 minutes. Perhaps that was their way of speeding up the briefing that was only conducted to satisfy the requirements of the law. So, here are the other

comments I wanted to bring up with the commissioners. I guess discussing the points with them (the commissioners) is out of the question.

Comment #1 That The Commission Didn't Have Time To Hear:

Idaho Power should explore "On-Site" storage options with solar customers. This way they could bank the excess solar power for use of that power at a later higher priority time. This would provide significant flexibility to Idaho Power's ability to shift resources when needed. I personally, as a solar customer, would welcome Idaho Power using me as an asset like this. And it would considerably mitigate their costs in buying or leasing land elsewhere to place that storage/batteries.

Comment #2 That The Commission Didn't Have Time To Hear:

When I first applied for solar back in 2021, Idaho Power had to approve the application. When they approved it, they did not first tell me that they were planning to submit for the ECR proposal that requested such extreme measures. That would have been a great time for Idaho Power to tell a prospective solar customer that I might lose significant value on the system and its production after a few years, but they did not make an effort to make that clear to me before approving my application. And why should they. If their proposal passes, the energy my system creates will benefit them immensely.

Comment # 3 That The Commission Didn't Have Time To Hear:

Had I known then (when I installed my system) what the new ECR might be, I would have had the solar panels installed differently so as to more appropriately take advantage of the fact that west facing panels would have been more advantageous than south facing panels. This should have been another important piece of information that Idaho Power should have provided customers when they were applying for solar systems.

Comment # 4 That The Commission Didn't Have Time To Hear:

Idaho Power has not demonstrated in any meaningful way how other non solar customers are burdened financially by our 1 for 1 energy exchange. We are only about 3% of the total Idaho Power customers. Even if we were burdening other Idaho Power customers financially, the amount would be so negligible that you likely wouldn't be able to quantify it. And I don't think that they have quantified it. In addition to that, I have seen no evidence of a public outcry from standard customers that they feel like we are taking advantage of the system. Furthermore, solar costs for our on site generated energy is significantly above what our costs would be if we were just paying Idaho Power for all our energy needs. We are not doing this to save money or to take advantage of other non solar customers. We are doing this to help preserve our natural resources, our environment and to make our grid more efficient and resilient to the environmental forces.

Comment # 5 That The Commission Didn't Have Time to Hear:

Idaho Power recently filed for an increase in Admin Fees, to what would eventually account for a 700% increase over current fees for solar and other classes of customers, all while also raising its per share dividend for Wall Street shareholders. Their current outstanding shares are roughly 50.25 million shares with an annual dividend of \$3.12 per share. That means Idaho Power is currently taking our energy fees, and redistributing them to Wall Street at a current annual rate of \$156 million dollars. Starting at the next dividend payout date, that annual rate is actually going to increase to \$3.28 per share, meaning Idaho Power will be shelling out \$164.82 million dollars to Wall Street annually. This demonstrates a company that is far from financial distress and only asking for benefits that will help incentivize their shareholders.

Comment # 6 That The Commission Didn't Have Time To Hear:

Recently, many solar customers also invested in all electric appliances and HVAC systems due to programs that were being sponsored by both federal and state governments, all while also investing in solar to offset the amount of energy they would be drawing from the grid for those all electric systems. Now the benefits of those investments will also be significantly reduced if this Commission adopts Idaho Power's proposal.

Comment # 7 That The Commission Didn't Have The Time To Hear:

Many Idaho Power customers have been wanting to add solar, but have been waiting to see the outcome of this case. These customers, had they had clearer guidance and actually adopted solar, would have made a significant difference in our grid's ability to address energy requirements and needs. These customers should be given a period of time to be grandfathered into the 1 for 1 system so they can assist us in making our Idaho grid more capable and resilient.

Comment #8 That The Commission Didn't Have The Time To Hear:

Idaho Power did not in its proposal or during its public workshops make clear how current credits would be compensated if there were customers that still had credits leftover after a year under the new system. If this Commission adopts this proposal (which it should not), any unused current credits, after a year of trying to use up those credits, should be compensated at the current 1 for 1 rate since that is when the credits were earned. Today's rates, as described by Idaho Power during their public workshops on this matter, are 11.2 cents per Kwh. So, any remaining credits after a year under the new ECR (if approved), should be paid out to those customers as either a bill credit or a one time payment that values each Kwh at the above mentioned price.

Comment #9 That the Commission Didn't Have The Time To Hear:

One of the mandates that this commission placed on Idaho Power with its VODER study, was to create a study that all Idaho Power customers could understand. About 70% of the VODER study was incomprehensible to me. Most of it was flat out confusing. If you read through all the comments online from other concerned customers, that seems to be a very common theme. The study is very confusing to most of Idaho Power's customers. In this mandate, Idaho Power completely ignored the commission's intent on the study. That in itself should be enough for the

commission to throw out this study and proposal and bring on a third party that is completely unbiased and neutral to complete such a study.

My recommendation to the Commissioners is to completely reject all but one recommendation from Idaho Power on this proposal. In the off chance that we do in fact benefit from the current system and our ability to use the grid, raise our current Monthly Admin Fee from \$5 to \$7 a month. I don't agree that we put any burden on other customers with our access to the grid. In fact, we provide relief during peak hours, but this is the only argument that Idaho Power makes that I can't fully discount, and for that reason I am willing to meet them halfway. Also, not only should the Commissioners grandfather in all current Solar customers, they should also allow for a period of time where others could become grandfathered in. This will allow others that have been wanting to add solar to actually do so in a matter that won't undermine their investment afterwards. Give these customers until the end of May 2023 to complete this action.

I am sure I will have other comments before the comment period is over. I will try to add them into the record here. Adding them to the record in person with the commissioners so we can discuss it collectively seems to be a losing proposition.

To the Idaho Power customers in the Twin Falls area that plan to add comments in person on this case, demand that the commissioners listen to "ALL" of your comments regardless of time limits. You should be afforded the same opportunity as Idaho Power to make your case on whether this proposal is fair or a complete money grab. And demand their full and undivided attention when you make your case. They owe you that. Your tax dollars pay their salary.

To all others, I would recommend you send all your comments that you have submitted online, to Governor Little's office as well. He needs to know your concerns. Perhaps if enough of us email him, he will discuss our concerns with the commission. After all, he appoints them and is their boss. They can't ignore him too.

James Kalua

IPC-E-23-14

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Idaho Power: Account # 2203915067

October 23, 2023

R.E Solar Panels and Net Metering

To Idaho Power and the PUC,

I am a Retired Army Veteran on a fixe income. My wife and I are both on SS, and limited Retirement. We require the benefits we receive from out Solar Panels that were installed by Solar Dog, Inc. I purchased the solar panels, which I own free and clear. The ability to pay less than Ten Dollars a month during the peak hours has saved my wife and I extreme financial debt.

If Idaho Power takes away the benefit of Solar Panels, than my wife and I will no longer be able to pay the high rates that are being currently charged for Power. And with the high prices of Gasoline, Food and Utilities, we will be unable to financially pay the cost of electricity as well.

My solar panels are an extreme help and benefit to myself and my family.

Sincerely,

James A. Kalua

For PUC meeting..... *IPC-E-23-14*

A few months ago, I started looking at solar and found out what Idaho Power was proposing. After talking to Idaho Power who seemed to be discouraging private solar, I seriously considered not doing it.

But I investigated why the PUC was formed and its purpose is to protect us from monopolies controlling things for power and profit.

I decided to go ahead and spend a lot of money to install solar and do my part to transfer our power needs to renewable.

If you approve this request by Idaho Power, it will discourage others from investing in solar projects and therefore slow what seems to be everyone's desire to encourage. And it will certainly harm those of us who have made that investment.

Idaho Power should not want to discourage private solar production, as our peak production time is when Idaho Power needs it the most. Our production helps eliminate the need for rolling blackouts like so many companies around the nation are implementing during those peak hours.

I am asking you to deny this request for change from the net metering now in place with Idaho Power.

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IPC-E-23-14

Introduce myself as Jared Scofield, head of a family of 5 in Meridian, in the Bear Creek Subdivision, a homeowner with solar generation.

As a concerned homeowner in Ada County, I have 3 points of contention with the proposed Idaho Power changes to tariffs and billing for average solar homeowners like me.

I'd like to issue my 3 points and then briefly breakdown my concerns and possible solutions that I believe would abate the concerns of most average solar homeowners.

1. Our systems were designed to function under the monthly billing protocol.
2. The price per kWh is being shifted from a 1 to 1 pricing structure to a .5 to 1 pricing structure which devalues the solar homeowner's generation versus Idaho Power's provision.
3. The average homeowner feels entirely powerless in the face of proposed changes to their system and billing.

When I installed solar on my home in 2020, my system was designed by a company that operated under the assumptions that the billing of solar was on a monthly net basis, therefore, my system was designed to generate overage during certain times of the year, and that overage would help offset the usage from other times of the year such as Summer A/C season. This would allow my system to benefit me as a customer by reducing my kWh bill by approximately 90% on an annual basis. Mind you, I still pay monthly fees associated with connection, service, and regulation by Idaho Power. Under Idaho Power's proposal, there will no longer be any banking of kWh for future offsetting, therefore all the kWh that my system produces in the off season will no longer benefit me by offsetting my usage in the peak season. Instead they would propose to shift to a real time consumption payment method. Therefore, my 2nd point becomes relevant. Idaho Power would shift the balance in their favor from the previous 1 to 1 tradeoff of kWh generated versus consumed, to a .5 to 1 pricing structure of kWh generated versus consumed. Idaho Power proposes to pay me 4.91 cents per kWh that I generate on my system on my home which I own and then proposes to charge me a minimum of 9.8633 cents per kWh for the first 300 kWh used and then up to 11.7472 cents per kWh for all additional consumption. This .5 to 1 ratio now penalizes the solar homeowner grievously by devaluing their generation by approximately 50% and allows Idaho Power to essentially change the rules that our solar systems were designed to function under thus rendering them crippled in their effectiveness to perform their intended function, to offset the power bill by generating our own power. Now, someone might say, "But look, they're paying up to 20.4221 cents per kWh generated on peak during the Summer, surely that 4 to 1 ratio outweighs the .5 to 1 ratio, right?" Wrong, because Idaho Power has stacked the deck in their favor here as well by limiting the 4 to 1 benefit to the hours of 3PM to 11PM, Monday through Saturday, except holidays, from June 15th to September 15th. To be clear, solar generation falls off dramatically between 3PM and 11PM, they will effectively never have to pay the 4 to 1 ratio because little to no power is generated during that time. Furthermore, the 3 month limitation AND exception of Sundays tips the balance further in Idaho Power's favor. This is the same type of structuring of the rules that casinos use so that "The House always

wins". By devaluing the solar homeowner's production, many would be made to feel like they've been sold a bill of goods or have wasted their money on their home solar systems. Which brings me to my 3rd point, that the average homeowner feels powerless in the face of these proposed changes. Idaho Power has invested heavily to prepare its 343 page proposal with the intention to exact a price from its customers, specifically targeting the solar community. And what voice do we have? What vote do we have? Only these limited hearings? When the viability of our own property weighs in the balance, and Idaho Power holds all the cards, the average homeowner feels trapped and helpless.

So, here are my proposals to abate all these concerns.

1. Grandfather every current system in operation and all those in the process of installation, to be billed under the monthly net metering structure which they were designed to operate under. Give a deadline such as December 31st 2024 for all new solar generation systems to comply with new real time metering and billing standards. This will allow companies time to redesign the systems they will offer to account for the .5 to 1 billing structure and allow them to sell systems to homeowners that will still have the intended results of eliminating their power bill by generating the correct amount of kWh to offset that bill. This 1 proposal would eliminate the concerns of my first 2 points for existing solar homeowners as well as give the freedom to Idaho Power to propose changes they wish to see in the future, but that would not catch anyone off guard, like the homeowners and solar companies.

2. If no grandfathering will be allowed for solar homeowners like me, then I would ask for provision to reduce the .5 to 1 ratio back to a 1 to 1 ratio, or to eliminate the many exceptions to the pricing structure for home generated kWh. That might look like paying the peak rate for all hours of the day rather than just 3PM to 11PM. That might look like including Sundays. That might look like expanding the Summer months from June 15 to May 15 and from September 15 to October 15th. Or it might look like just paying the same rate for kWh as they charge to customers and at the same rate schedules. These various changes would add value back to the solar homeowner and allow them to feel relief from the .5 to 1 ratio.

3. Finally, I would propose a voting forum for solar homeowners where they could be represented formally, even if by proxy through mail in ballot where they might be informed and then respond accordingly to issues that directly involve their property.

I believe that Idaho Power acts in the best interest of Idaho Power first, and we the solar homeowners will act in our best interest first. But together, if we opened dialogue and fostered relationship for mutual benefit, I believe that we could come to a resolution that would benefit both sides of the discussion without targeting or harming 1 subset of customers unnecessarily.

I want to thank Idaho Power for their service to the citizens by proactively developing infrastructure and programs that would benefit all of us. I want to thank the Idaho Public Utilities Commission for hearing me today and for weighing these matters fairly and rightly.

Thank you.

SCHEDULE 8
SMALL GENERAL SERVICE
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SUMMER AND NON-SUMMER SEASONS

For Monthly Charges, the summer season begins on June 1 of each year and ends on August 31 of each year. For Monthly Charges, the non-summer season begins on September 1 of each year and ends on May 31 of each year.

For the Export Credit Rate, the summer season begins on June 15 of each year and ends on September 15 of each year. For the Export Credit Rate, the non-summer season begins on September 16 of each year and ends on June 14 of each year.

TIME PERIODS

The time periods for the Export Credit Rate are defined as follows. All times are stated in Mountain Time.

Summer Season

On-Peak: 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, except holidays
Off-Peak: 11:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and all hours on Sunday and holidays

Non-summer Season

Off-Peak: All hours Monday through Sunday

Holidays are New Year's Day (January 1), Memorial Day (last Monday in May), Independence Day (July 4), Labor Day (first Monday in September), Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in November), and Christmas Day (December 25). If New Year's Day, Independence Day, or Christmas Day falls on Sunday, the following Monday will be designated a holiday.

MONTHLY CHARGE

The Monthly Charge is the sum of the following charges, and may also include charges as set forth in Schedule 54 (Fixed Cost Adjustment), Schedule 55 (Power Cost Adjustment), Schedule 91 (Energy Efficiency Rider), Schedule 95 (Adjustment for Municipal Franchise Fees), Schedule 96 (Blaine County Surcharge to Fund the Undergrounding of Certain Facilities), and Schedule 98 (Residential and Small Farm Energy Credit).

The following charges are subject to change upon Commission approval:

	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Non-summer</u>
Service Charge, per month	\$5.00	\$5.00
Energy Charge, per kWh		
First 300 kWh	9.8633¢	9.8633¢
All Additional kWh	11.7472¢	10.3486¢

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EXPORT CREDIT RATE

The following rate structure and credits are subject to change upon Commission approval:

	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Non-summer</u>
Export Credit Rate, per kWh		
On-Peak	20.4221¢	n/a
Off-Peak	4.9100¢	4.9100¢

PAYMENT

The monthly bill rendered for service supplied hereunder is payable upon receipt, and becomes past due 15 days from the date on which rendered.

September 12, 2023

Mr. Adam Rush

CC: U.S. Congressman Russ Fulcher ID-01

Regarding Case No. IPC-E-23-14
Order No. 35881

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We would like to respond to Idaho Power's proposed changes to the compensation structure of on-site generation.

We were encouraged by the federal government, state government, and Idaho Power to put solar on our homes.

By putting solar on our homes we incurred a considerable charge, approximately 41,000 dollars, a monthly charge of \$125.00 dollars.

Currently we are able to export excess electrical energy to Idaho Power, valued at 10 cents per kWh (kilowatt hour), net monthly. By billing this way of energy credit, net monthly, we have energy credits to get through the

winter months when we don't generate enough kWh's to run our homes without incurring an additional electrical bill.

Idaho Power also wants to change the energy credit from 10 cents per kWh to a time differentiated financial bill credit. So, instead of a flat 10 cents per kWh, we would have a peak season from approximately June through September and peak times from 3 PM to 11 PM. During peak season and peak times we would receive approximately 20 cents per kWh for exported electrical energy. However, during this peak time most homes are also using the most energy and will likely not be exporting any or very little energy to Idaho Power. The rest of the year and rest of the time Idaho Power wants to pay only 5 cents per kWh for exported energy. This results in approximately a 30 percent cut to solar customers the first year. Idaho Power also wants authority to update annually the amount we receive for exported energy.

This is not a fair change to the way solar customers are billed. There is absolutely no incentive for incurring the considerable expense of putting solar on our homes. If this is passed and Idaho Power

is able to decrease credit for exported energy many homeowners will not be able to afford a payment to solar company and a large electrical bill too. I don't think this proposed change to the Companies on-site self-generation tariffs should be allowed; but at very least ALL existing customers that self-generated electrical energy should be Grandfathered in and exempt from changes.

Sincerely,
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