

The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Dear Idaho Public Utility Commissioners,

For years, Idaho Power has been pushing its customers to invest in solar power, to save energy and decrease the demand on the grid. Now, they are working to reduce the incentives available to Idahoans for their investments. The costs I incurred in the solar installation were supposed to be offset at least in part by the savings on power, but by eliminating the net metering, Idaho Power has found a way to continue charging me retail rates for the power I use when the sun isn't powering the panels, and then paying me for the excess I produce at a much reduced rate.

Worse, even though I've had the panels for several years, I'm not included in the grandfather period. The new rates, if approved at all, should be put into effect only for systems installed AFTER the change.

Idaho Power is proposing a drastic overhaul to net metering with a complicated set of charges and credits. If these proposals are approved by the Public Service Commission, they will make solar unaffordable and inaccessible for you, and our working families.

Net metering is a billing policy that ensures solar customers receive full, fair retail credit from their utility for the excess energy they produce. People and businesses in Idaho Power's coverage area rely on net metering so they can use solar to produce their own energy. In turn, they receive a bill credit for the electricity they send back to the grid and share with their neighbors. The proposed changes to net metering would have a devastating impact on customers who have already gone solar or are thinking about going solar, at a time when they can least afford it.

Additionally, the proposed reduction and/or potential elimination of net metering diminishes the economic potential for the rooftop solar industry to grow and create local jobs. Net metering is the keystone policy that keeps solar economically viable and helps solar customers earn a return on their investment in clean energy.

I urge you to oppose Idaho Power (Case Number IPC-E-23-14) proposal that would diminish the benefits of rooftop solar and prevent more families from going solar.

Thank you for your consideration."

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Passing this request would make our investment in solar power to help the environment and save a few dollars a very losing situation. They should not be allowed to de-value our contribution to the grid until our solar installation cost is recovered.
Please!"

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Net metering is a fair system. No changes need to be made to this system. I got solar panels last year. The main reason I got them was because of the net metering system. I do not have batteries, so it's the only way that makes sense to have solar. If the credit was reduced I would effectively be paying much more for electricity than if I didn't have the panels.

I am of the impression that giving energy back to the grid during peak production reduces the strain on the grid. This seems especially true during the summer when everyone has their AC running. I don't want to live in a place that is subject to rolling black outs like some other states.

Keep net metering as it is. "

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

From: Alfred <koenig@speedyquick.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2023 8:46 PM
To: Jan Noriyuki
Subject: IPC-E-23-14

Dear Secretary,

It has come to our attention that IPUC is entertaining the idea of allowing Idaho Power to begin giving significantly less credit to solar energy providers. We think that Idaho Power would be grateful to the citizens who provide power to Idaho Power free of charge (no cost to Idaho Power directly). Our understanding is that Idaho Power sells power to other entities. Why do they also now think that they can give us less than 1-to-1 credit for the power we provide? We foot the bill for the initial cost of solar panels. We foot the bill for upkeep. Do we also need to foot the bill for using power we have provided? We are also trying to help Idaho Power reach their goal of 100% renewable energy.

We have chosen to install solar panels as good caretakers of our earth. In good faith, we believed that Idaho Power would treat us reasonably. We paid a significant amount of money to provide this power. Now they want to punish us. So, they basically want us to pay for power twice - once when we installed the solar panels and again when we use the power we provided? It just doesn't seem right. It's time to reign in the "power" of Idaho Power. I understand they feel a need to keep their investors happy; however, it's also important to keep their customers happy.

Please don't punish those of us who are trying to do the right thing.

Thank you.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Dear Idaho Public Utility Commissioners,

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to express my concerns about the proposed changes to the metering policy for current solar users. These changes not only seem unfair but also have the potential

to make it significantly harder for solar users to pay off their solar debt, especially in the current inflated economy.

Many individuals and families have made the responsible choice to adopt solar energy systems with the understanding that they could generate savings over time. The existing metering policy has played a crucial role in this, but the proposed changes to the metering policy threaten to disrupt this balance. They will reduce or eliminate the fair compensation for excess energy, making it even more challenging for current solar users to recoup their investment costs. This comes at a time when our economy is already experiencing inflation, putting additional financial strain on households across the nation.

The economic environment has made it increasingly difficult for families to manage their finances, and any policy changes that make it even more challenging to pay off solar debt only compound these difficulties. In essence, it could deter potential solar adopters and prevent those who have already invested in clean energy from realizing the financial benefits they initially anticipated.

I believe that it is essential to maintain a fair and supportive environment for current solar users, ensuring that they can continue to benefit from their eco-friendly choices and have a realistic opportunity to pay off their solar debt. I urge you to reconsider these proposed metering policy changes and work toward policies that protect the interests of those who have already embraced solar energy.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I hope we can work together to find a solution that maintains fairness and sustainability for all current solar users during these challenging economic times.

Thank you for your consideration."

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho power

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "As a new Solar Customer I am very concerned that the proposed changes to the existing solar credit system would severely impact my investment and make my choice to invest in Solar financially challenging.

I chose to invest in solar to help our planet and also to offset rising costs.

I firmly believe that these changes should not impact any customer that installed solar before the proposed change goes into place. This is very unfair to those who already invested.

Please strongly consider protecting existing customers. "

The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Danone

Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "I urge the PUC to reject Idaho Power's proposal because it is clear that Idaho Power is proposing these changes to increase profits without care for the environment or their customers as detailed below.

1. The time of use pricing option that has been proposed adds time of use pricing for solar customers, but these times do not match the time of use pricing offered to non-solar customers. The rationale Idaho Power has for time of use pricing for non solar customers is that it incentivizes people to use less power. If that is the case, the time of use pricing for solar customers and non-solar customers should be the same and based off of market cost of electricity and demand placed on the system. Also the credits received by solar customers should be significantly higher at times of stress on the grid because this is power that Idaho power does not need to generate and makes the grid more stable overall.
2. The real time metering that Idaho Power has proposed does not look at the wholistic effect of energy produced by solar customers .For example, it does not take into account that there is decreased strain on the system due to Idaho Power not needing to generate the power that is already being generated by residential solar and the ability for my house to power my neighbors house next door instead of having power come from a far of generation site where power is lost as it travels far distances.
3. In Idaho Power's General Rate Case IPC-E-23-11 they are proposing to significantly increase the flat monthly fee for all customers from around \$5/month to about \$35/month. This potential rate change (along with the changes they would like to make to how customers are changed based on the amount of power they use per month) will have a significant impact on the solar case and the rate structure that Idaho power would like to implement on solar. Depending on the decision made in IPC-E-23-11 Idaho Power's argument that Solar customers are not paying their fair share may no longer be applicable because all customers will be paying a significantly higher flat fee every month. Sue to the large impact General Rate Case (IPC-E-23-11) will likely have on all Idaho Power customers the PUC should reject Idaho powers proposal regarding Changing Solar rates of return and allow this topic to be readdressed once IPC-E-23-11 is decided upon and there is an understanding of what all customer will be paying going forward and how that impacts fair share.

The PUC has a duty to protect public interest especially because Idaho Power is a monopoly. I hope you all will take to heart the immense responsibility that you bare and instead of doing what a powerful company is lobbying you to do, chose to do what is right for the people of Idaho. "

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Case ID: IPC-E-23-14

Comment: "Dear Idaho Public Utility Commissioners,

I purchased my rooftop solar system to benefit my community and help with our sustainable energy production. It was a great expense to me and my family. We made this purchase expecting to be fairly compensated for the excess electricity I produce. Idaho power receives my electricity at no cost to them. I paid for connection and installation. They receive that electricity free from me, including on their system that was already in place. I rely on net metering to help me pay for my own infrastructure improvements. Amid inflation, rising energy costs and grid instability, it's clear that Idaho Power should be doing a whole lot more to promote rooftop solar. Instead, the utility has submitted a proposal (Case Number IPC-E-23-14) that would make going solar harder and more expensive.

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If changing the current system is necessary, then all currently installed systems, as of today, should be grandfathered in to the old system.

Thank you for your consideration."
