

To the Public utility Commissioners Edward Lodge, John Hammond, and Eric Anderson

Regarding IPCE-23-14

After holding several public hearings and receiving over 800 different testaments and statements against the changes proposed by Idaho power, you have failed Idaho all her inhabitants, and your country by approving their request to remain an uncontrolled monopoly. This really comes as no surprise, as you pass everything they send your way. Many of the speakers at these events weren't even solar owners, but students and members of the community who also believed in the power of solar, and the clean and cheap renewable energy it produces. By passing this order, you have shown that you have completely lost touch with the people of Idaho. You have shown that you do not care about Idaho's future. You have demonstrated exactly why 82% of Americans want term limits. California and Tennessee have also passed similar changes and the results were awful for everyone, not just solar owners. 70% of solar installations stopped. That means businesses closed, and jobs were lost. That also changed the supply and demand of the area driving up costs for those that still want them installed. After the solar industry died, the states then saw rate increases of up to 30% in some areas. It comes as no surprise to me that Idaho power also requested to increase their rates by about the same amount this year. I do applaud you for only increasing it by 4%, but is that 4% even needed when they are making so much money off privately owned solar power? I wonder how much they would have to increase their rates if all solar owners turned off their panels in protest of this decision.

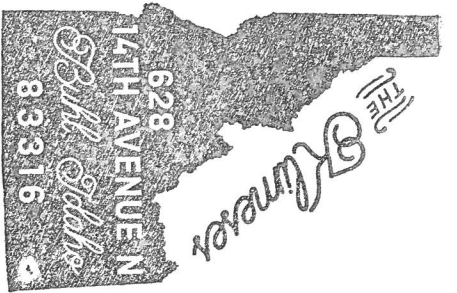
Looking at the rate increases of those states and to the future of Idaho, Power demand is only going to increase. Idaho is exploding with new houses and apartments. There are many more electric cars on the road, and only more to come. We are also seeing an increase in businesses throughout the state. These all use... electricity. How do you expect to supply this increasing power demand? Oregon is removing some of their dams, so hydro power could soon be a thing of the past. Coal is insanely expensive due to several cost factors but is also dirty and causes extensive health hazards. Lava ridge and other wind turbines are heavily scrutinized by congressmen and select cult followers, even though they are very efficient and a low-cost renewable power source. Nuclear is effective, but labor intensive, susceptible to drought, and frowned upon by the general public. And now, rooftop solar has been halted by your ignorance and arrogance. Those panels do not cost the public anything. Nor do they cost Idaho Power anything. That means the construction of these panels does not need to be extended into power bills. The cost of the panels is only seen by the owners who are just trying to invest in their future, not profit from the panels. Instead of an investment, now they have a worthless financial burden and a scarlet A on their roofs that they cannot return. The panels require no maintenance. No building fees to repay. They just sit there and do their job. Idaho power gets to make a profit from that power, and we owners are relatively okay with that. But we don't want to see Idaho power make money off us, and then turn around and send us a bill too. I may have my numbers wrong, but as of now, I will be compensated 2 cents per kw, but that power is then sold for up to

24 cents per kw back to myself and to my neighbors. That means I will have to produce over 10 hours to use one hour. There aren't enough solar hours in a day to compete with that! That means during the day, while I am at work, my solar panels will be producing power that my home won't immediately need. That power will then be sold to my neighbors and their hard-earned money will go to Idaho Power, even though they aren't producing that power. It doesn't matter to my neighbors where the power comes from, so it isn't costing them any extra. In fact, Idaho power charges one cent more for their "Clean energy" so that means they are making even more money off the power I produce. That money should go to me in the form of kwh's that I can use when I need them. I understand and agree a service charge of \$5 as Idaho power is supplying the infrastructure to make this transaction happen, but I don't understand what gives them any right or ability to sell the power I produce, and only give me an ounce of that profit. I'm not even looking for a profit, I just want to break even! This means Idaho power will make a profit off me, and I will have a power bill again, even though I am producing more power than I am using. Please explain to me and the rest of the country how that adds up. I say country because other states are looking at your handy work and taking note.

Next, let's look at Depression and suicidal rates in Idaho. Idaho has some of the highest depression and suicide rates in the country. I'm going to copy a report from east Idaho news. They say the average Idahoan makes \$56,368 per year, but it takes \$58,634 to live in Idaho. It's no wonder so many Idahoans are killing themselves. Prices go up every day, yet incomes are not. Credit card balances and interest rates continue to increase with no hope in sight. One way to help was to install solar panels. My monthly solar panel bill was less than my monthly power bill was. That really helps considering the current state of our economy. Now that you have agreed to Idaho Powers' changes, there is a high likelihood that not only will I have that power bill again, but now they can even charge me more for just being hooked up to the grid. I can't disconnect from the grid because I have minors in the house. That means my \$30,000 investment has become obsolete, and it's your fault. I will now have a solar bill, power bill, and an increased connectivity bill. I wonder how many millions of dollars Idahoans have invested to just be disregarded by you three. This disservice to Idaho is not going unnoticed. If you look, you will see that you have made both state and national news. So, congrats on that publicity.

I beg you to please reconsider the case and take into consideration that every person who spoke up about it was against it. Look at how much bad and harm will and has come from it. Please look at the financial strain this will put on Idahoans. Please look at Australia and how 1/3 of their population has solar, and how well it is working for both their economy and their environment. Please look at California and Tennessee and how badly it's affecting everyone. Please look at Oregon and how they denied Idaho Power's requests. How humiliating it is that Oregon, a state that people are trying to leave and come to ours, makes better decisions regarding their utilities. Please try to remember what it's like to be of the working class, going paycheck to paycheck just trying to pay for health insurance and groceries. And lastly, please remember that it's the Idaho People that you serve, not Idaho Power.


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I would not object to Idaho Power, a publicly traded Utility, wanted to change the billing method and approved by you, to affect NEW applications for solar generation. That's not what happened. In my opinion, about 8000 solar producers are affected by the method of billing us. That is not a rate change or increase but rather a material change in the billing calculations. This is a huge difference.

If someone installs a solar generation system under one set of rules and told my bill would be about \$5.20 per month.

Now, Idaho power Company, thinks that we should all understand that this is Okay, and that we should share in all of there expenses.

No, It's NOT OKAY!

When one party wants to change their monetary calculations that is BATE AND SWITCH, and you just approved it.

After reading you ORDER NO.36048 a couple of times I felt compelled to write and say I OBJECT. By approving this change in billing mode you are condoning all that it says.

As a solar producer why do I have to share in their LINE LOSS, Avoided Environmental cost, Fuel Cost Risk, and others? I'm a producer and user of my own generation.

About 8000 customers. WOW!

If there is a way to reconsider, recind and modify your ruling and ORDER to ammend it to affect new applications, starting on a date in the future to determined bu you, to clarify to everyone the rules.

By the way did any of you accuually see their mathmatical time differential fomula? If you have not, why not? I think that is a materal fact in a formula to see how that will affect my monthly bill.

Thank you for reading this and considering us and them.

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