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Dear Commissioners:

As a public entity and the largest community college in the state, College of Western Idaho (CWI) supports Idaho Power's request to reduce the length of time for the guaranteed contract(s) for large scale solar and wind generation projects.

The College of Western Idaho currently serves over 20,000 students in its' ten county service region, including the largest populated counties in the state, Ada and Canyon Counties. As the newest and one of the fastest growing community colleges in the country, CWI is dedicated to providing quality, affordable and open access education to students and the communities we serve. This means not only keeping tuition costs low for students, but also maintaining low operational costs. Electrical costs represent a significant portion of CWI's operational cost, and Idaho Power has continued to provide reliable, low cost power that helps CWI meet these demands.

CWI is a strong supporter of the environment and the role that clean energy plays in reducing carbon emissions. We also believe that moving forward and developing new energy sources through wind and solar generation must take a balanced approach. The approach should not place a significant cost burden on rates that will ultimately be passed on to rate payers including CWI and the community we serve.

Obligating Idaho Power to 20 year contracts that guarantee wind and solar power developers pricing and purchase of power, regardless of demand and market conditions, over this long of term does not support a balanced approach. If required to purchase, CWI agrees that contracts should be limited to the shorter two year time frame that Idaho Power is requesting.

We respectfully request that you consider Idaho Power's petition to modify the terms and conditions of future PURPA energy sales agreements.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bert Glandon".

Dr. Bert Glandon  
President, College of Western Idaho



## Jean Jewell

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**From:** KGLAGERGREN@YAHOO.COM  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2015 10:42 PM  
**To:** Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness  
**Cc:** KGLAGERGREN@YAHOO.COM  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Ken Lagergren

Name: Ken Lagergren  
Case Number: IPC-E-15-01  
Email: [KGLAGERGREN@YAHOO.COM](mailto:KGLAGERGREN@YAHOO.COM)  
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Address: PO Box 1241  
HAILEY ID, 83333

Name of Utility Company: IDAHO POWER  
Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: Dear Commissioners:

I strongly DISAGREE with Idaho Power's request to shorten the length of guaranteed contracts for solar power and renewable energy projects. A two year contract would effectively block the ability of the Solar Projects to be able to obtain financing.

Converting from dirty, polluting, global warming coal to clean solar and wind power is essential to the future of this planet.

If the Boardman to Hemingway (B2H) Transmission Line Project is delayed or not completed, then Idaho Power will need the solar power to supplement existing power sources. If the B2H Transmission Line is completed, then if surplus power is actually generated, the power can be sold to other utility companies through the grid system.

Sincerely,  
Ken Lagergren PE

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## Jean Jewell

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**From:** jayalf0@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2015 12:28 AM  
**To:** Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness  
**Cc:** jayalf0@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Judith Foster

Name: Judith Foster  
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Haily Idaho, 83333

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: As a customer of Idaho Power and an advocate of safe and sustainable energy, I believe that long term contracts for wind and solar power generation are crucial for development of safe, clean sustainable and long term affordable energy. Successful businesses need to be able to plan farther ahead than 2 years. The \$35 million a year that leaves the Wood River Valley to Idaho Power to pay for energy generated out of state hurts the local economy and is contributing to one of the largest degradations of the environment in our region. For our communities and our state, Idaho Power needs to evolve its business model to accept the inevitable movement to clean energy. To strengthen our economy now and to preserve a prosperous, healthy future for generations to come, I urge the IPUC to listen to residents, not solely the interests of those clinging to an antiquated paradigm. Thank you for considering my concerns.

Judy Foster

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## Jean Jewell

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**From:** reb\_57783@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2015 9:31 AM  
**To:** Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness  
**Cc:** reb\_57783@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Ryan Baum

Name: Ryan Baum  
Case Number: IPC-E-15-01  
Email: [reb\\_57783@yahoo.com](mailto:reb_57783@yahoo.com)  
Telephone:  
Address: 1309 N 11th Street  
Boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: Dear Public Utilities Commission,

Please maintain the current 20-year contract terms on PPA so that we can support the growth of solar energy development and focus on green energy development and consumption in the state of Idaho. For our community and our state, Idaho Power needs to evolve its business model to embrace the inevitable movement to clean energy. Please help strengthen our economy now and preserve a prosperous, healthy future for generations to come by maintain long term PPA contracts for solar energy development.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ryan Baum

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## Jean Jewell

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**From:** LAGERGREN@CS.COM  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2015 9:57 PM  
**To:** Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness  
**Cc:** LAGERGREN@CS.COM  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Ginna Lagergren

Name: Ginna Lagergren  
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Name of Utility Company: IDAHO POWER  
Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: Dear Commissioners,  
I strongly disagree with Idaho Power's request to limit the contract term to 2 years for solar projects. The company has stated that it does not want to be obligated to buy power that it doesn't need. But in Idaho Power's own words, quoted from their March "Connections" pamphlet, "One of the three coal plants in which Idaho Power is a part owner will cease coal-fired operations in 2020."  
Then the pamphlet goes on to say "Of course, we can't just move away from one source of power without replacing it."  
So it WILL NEED other sources of power and therefore contracts for solar should NOT be limited to less than at least 15 to 20 years in order to insure viable financing for CLEAN ENERGY PROJECTS.  
It is faulty financial planning for Idaho Power to have long term contracts with dirty fuel sources like coal. The PUC would be a good public servant to suggest to Idaho Power that they renegotiate the coal contracts in favor of helping to support the solar and wind projects instead.  
Respectfully,  
Ginna Lagergren

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## Jean Jewell

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**From:** cookeys1@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 14, 2015 5:27 PM  
**To:** Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness  
**Cc:** cookeys1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: sheila keys

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Name of Utility Company: idaho power  
Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: I support solar energy in Idaho.

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