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NEWS RELEASE: Idaho Public Utilities Commission, Idaho Power schedule workshops on design of net-metering study

BOISE (Oct. 19, 2021) - The Idaho Public Utilities Commission and Idaho Power have scheduled online public workshops to share information on the potential design of a study to examine the costs, benefits and compensation of extra energy that is generated by Idaho Power customers who have solar panel systems.

In addition, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission will host a telephonic public hearing to take verbal testimony on the potential design of the study.

A net metering program allows Idaho Power customers to pay an independent contractor to have solar panels or other systems installed on their homes or property and then receive credit from Idaho Power for the surplus energy they deliver to the company. On Dec. 20, 2019, the commission granted legacy treatment to customers who had installed, or submitted an application to install with a financial commitment, an on-site generation system under Schedules 6 and 8 (Case No. IPC-E-18-15, Order No. 34509.) If an application was filed by this date, customers had until Dec. 1, 2020, to complete and connect the installation. Customers who made a financial commitment but had not submitted an application to Idaho Power had 30 days from Dec. 20, 2019, to submit an application to the company. Customers in Schedule 6 and Schedule 8 are residential and small general service customers.

Schedule 84 defines the terms for commercial, industrial, and irrigation customers who are participating in net metering. In Case No. IPC-E-20-26, Order No. 34854, customers in this schedule were given legacy treatment under the same conditions as customers in Schedules 6 and 8 above.

The commission also issued an order directing Idaho Power to do a comprehensive study of its net-metering program for customers.

Idaho Power will host an online public workshop on Wednesday, Oct. 20, at 6:00 p.m. (Mountain Time) to share information on the potential design of a study. To participate, please visit

<https://idahopower.webex.com/idahopower/onstage/g.php?MTID=ee7facc6b894bb4fdf8360eb69>

[9851953](#). At the next window, please enter event number 2598 994 4136 and this password: Power123. To participate over the phone, please call 1-650-479-3208 and enter access code 2598 994 4136. At the workshop, the public may ask Idaho Power staff about the proposed design of the study and how they may participate in future proceedings.

Idaho Public Utilities Commission staff will hold an online public workshop on Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 6:00 p.m. (Mountain Time) to share information on staff's analysis of the proposed design of the study. The public may ask staff questions during the workshop. To participate online, please visit idahogov.webex.com and enter meeting number 2450 964 1384 when prompted. At the next window, please enter your name, e-mail address and this password: OctoberWorkshop. To participate over the phone, please dial 1-415-655-0001, and enter meeting number 2450 964 1384 when prompted.

The commission will also hold a telephonic public hearing on Thursday, Oct. 28, at 6:00 p.m. (Mountain Time) to take verbal testimony from members of the public and customers of Idaho Power. For those who want to call in and listen only, please call 1-800-920-7487, and enter participant code 9877 951#. For those who want to call in and submit verbal testimony, please call 1-800-920-7487 and enter participant code 6674 832#.

Depending on attendance and public interest during the telephonic hearing, the commission may impose a five-minute cap on each caller's testimony to ensure those wanting to submit testimony have the opportunity to do so.

The commission is accepting written comments on the proposed design of the study. Comments are required to be filed through the commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is unavailable. To submit comments, please visit the commission's homepage at www.puc.idaho.gov. Please click on the "Case Comment Form" on the upper left side of the page and complete the form using case number IPC-E-21-21. Comments are required to be e-mailed to the commission secretary at the e-mail address listed below. In addition to submitting comments to the commission secretary, comments must also be e-mailed to the individuals listed below. If computer access is not available, comments may be mailed to the commission and the individuals listed below.

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