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Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for this forum to comment on Idaho Powers Proposal and Request. This is a two edge sword that is more like blackmail than a Proposal. The doubling of the Generating Capacity of Non Utility Power is, in my opinion, a small contribution to the Public Good. A non competitive Public Power Company should be doing this type of thing all along to keep their special status.

Net Metering in Idaho is just a window dressing to the PURPA law anyway and to interrupt this proposal as a generous gift to customers is a fish hook for the request for more money for the Power Company and another blow to Net Metering in Idaho.

What exactly are these "Potential Inequality" costs that a Net Metered Customer doesn't recover? How is this going to help the Standard Service Customer (SSC) by adding 4 times the Service charge and a new Basic Load Charge for only the Net Metering Customers? Here are 3 Real Inequalities that Net Metering Customers do not get credit for:

- 1) Avoided Costs of Transmission from out of state Power Plants including Construction Costs.
- 2) Peak Power Rates that are not one KW for one KW.
- 3) Demand Side Management costs.

In summary: Power Companies that are not still in the Dark ages factor in Net Metered Power for future demand and Distributed Generation. Our states neighbors have not only learned how to utilize diverse power sources but are developing standards and technology to deal with some of the problems that occur with putting consumer generated power in to the overall mix. Idaho Power is having a tough time with non typical power sources but they are blaming all their problems on 2 or 3% of the total power mix. The more one looks into the debate over the PURPA laws one only sees Partisan Politics as the underlining issue.

This Request should be denied. Idaho Power may want to study how other Power Providers make Net Metering work.

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