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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P O Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0074

IPC-E-12-27

Note pertaining to case number IPC-E-12-27

Dear Idaho Public Utilities Commission,

I live in Boise, Idaho. Obtaining electricity for heating or cooling our house, cooking, heating water, are all very necessary and important to me. Also important to me is to be as "green" as possible. I believe we need to be looking to the future and thinking about how we can support innovation and clean energy – innovation that will have positive impacts for the earth and future generations of Idaho Power customers.

I do not have any solar panels on my roof (though one day I hope that is more of an option in Idaho - more affordable) so I do not net meter with Idaho Power

I know that we have dams that create hydro-electric power, but we also obtain energy from other sources. I am uncomfortable paying Idaho Power for the dirty energy coming from its 3 coal-fired and 3 natural gas-fired power plants.

I think we need more incentives to install clean power – to incentive people making these important decisions – incentives for innovation. This should be our goal. Thus I am willing to spend a little extra on my power bill to support photovoltaic installations. I hope one day that the roof of every house, every office building, every parking garage has panels that create electricity to power our city and state! Wouldn't that be a great day, but we need help to make this happen.

Thank you for your time and concern,



Marcus J Schlegel

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Boise, ID 83712

Jean Jewell

From: bokejean@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2013 1:01 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Jean Bokelmann follows:

Case Number:
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State: ID
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Daytime Telephone: 208-232-7264
Contact E-Mail: bokejean@gmail.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

Idaho Power proposes to change their policy with regard to Net Metering to reset the account on December 31st of every year. Idaho residents have invested thousands into solar systems under current Idaho Power policy which allows consumers to bank their generated power (a summer activity in Idaho) to last through the winter (to at least April or May when reasonable power generation may resume). The new proposal appears to me to be a breach of contract with those who have made such an investment and essentially would steal from them the leftover power they had generated to try to get through the winter. This would be like taking all the potatoes out of a farmer's root cellar that had not yet been consumed by mid-winter. It makes no sense unless looked at from a self-serving business perspective. It is not in the public interest. It is not 'more fair' to the regular Idaho Power customers who also would benefit from the increased power generated by solar panels at peak hours, buffering against drought years, reducing need for polluting coal (even 'clean' coal).

If Idaho Power is allowed to proceed with their plans, the response by the public, I believe, would be two-fold. First, a class-action suit. Second, henceforth nobody will invest in grid-tied solar to give Idaho Power free energy. As batteries improve, more people will go off-grid. Although I currently don't generate enough power to last through the winter, I will be looking into going off-grid with my solar if and when I decide to add more panels.

Respectfully submitted.

Jean Bokelmann

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 67.60.200.26

Jean Jewell

From: bethelandi@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2013 11:42 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Beth Landis follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:
Dear Idaho Public Utilities Commission,

I live in Eagle, Idaho. Obtaining electricity is very necessary and important to my survival and I appreciate all that has been done over the years.

I do not have solar panels and I do not net meter. I am uncomfortable paying ID Power for dirty energy from coal fired plants. I think finding creative ways to utilize solar energy is a sustainable path forward. I realize this looks drastically different from models from the past, but individuals who can provide clean energy for themselves and share with others may be the most workable solution. More incentives to install clean power are an excellent idea. I would not mind spending more to support photovoltaic installations. Thank you

Sincerely,
Beth Landis

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