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Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Ron Marquart follows:

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According to case # IPC-E-12-27, Idaho Power wants to increase charges on residents who have renewable energy installations (ie. Solar Power) for their homes. A monthly service charge increase from \$5 to \$20.92, and a basic load charge increase of 1.48 cents per kWh for residents with renewable energy installations is being proposed. And, Idaho Power does not want a public hearing to boot on its Modified Procedure!

These high increases on top of the already high up front cost to install renewable energy sources will discourage citizens from supporting renewable energy. America needs to encourage, not discourage, renewable energy. Hydro-dams have limited life spans and fracked natural gas for power generation is a limited resource. We need long-term thinking on this issue—not short-term thinking! I am making a strong request to the Public Utilities Commission to deny this rate charge increase.

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A Comment from steve kohntopp follows:

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To: PUC Commissioners:

I am recommending that Idaho Power's request to modify their Net Metering Service be denied. It has been apparent Idaho Power has been against almost all forms of alternative energy since PURPA was initiated by the federal government. In some areas their resistance has been justified, but in attempting to modify their administration of Net Metering Idaho Power has gone too far. According to Idaho Power there are about 350 Net Metering customers that they want to penalize for generating more electrical energy than they consume in a year. These Idaho Power customers were initially encouraged to invest substantial dollars into alternative generation equipment like solar panels and wind turbines in the hope of offsetting their personal high power costs and paying for their investment. If their generation exceeded their consumption in a given year that was even better. Why didn't Idaho Power object to this accepted practice at that time? Idaho Power's website says, 'The Net Metering program helps to promote the use of renewable energy and reduce electric demand on the electric system. Net Metering is part of a suite of options offered to customers to promote renewable energy and energy efficiency.' As Idaho Power likes to say these types of alternative energy sources are not reliable in generating a steady supply of electricity, not unlike Idaho Power's generation of hyro power, even with minimum stream flow agreements, in drought years. These small power generating producers and customers of Idaho Power are limited to a maximum 25 Kw system for net metering and they do not know from year-to-year how many dollars their costly investment will return to them. Now Idaho Power wants to take a socialist approach to consfiscate the value of any surplus energy that may be generated and place it into their coffers without having to pay anything for the extra power that their customers generated. I did not hear Idaho Power saying they would send out a rebate check to all of their customers including the Net Metering customers for this free energy windfall. It obviously will be entered in their profit margin to ameliorate the value of their stock on the exchange. Idaho Power is trying to renege on their original agreement after the Net Metering customers have already invested their hard earned dollars in an attempt to become energy self sufficient. It is inherently wrong that Idaho Power now wants whine and complain to the PUC to correct this issue by using the excuse that it is unfair to their customers. If the PUC sides with Idaho Power, Idaho Power should be required to reimburse their Net Metering customers whose risk venture capital was spent in hopes of a fair return. As a monopoly power utility company that trades on the New York Stock Exchange and is investing heavily in building new power lines from Wyoming to bring into Idaho electricity generated from their own coal fired plants cannot convince me that they do not need to buy or generate

more electricity. As an Idaho Power customer I would rather pay for Idaho generated electricity. Their request smells of greed and a desire to eliminate any competition, even from their own Net Metering customers. I urge the Idaho PUC to deny Idaho Power's request.

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Our utilities will need to build new thermal generating facilities to meet growth, at huge expense, unless we can balance growth of consumption with growth of renewables—much of which can be done by individuals and businesses, instead of by the utilities. Any way you look at it, power costs will probably continue to rise—it becomes a matter of having a rate structure which encourages Renewables and Conservation rather than burning more coal and gas—and which encourages individuals to do more of the investment in energy production and energy efficiency improvements.

From my point of view, increasing base rates for net metered-systems discourages the growth of renewables use, discourages RE business growth, and is way premature, since Idaho's RE industry is so tiny! Don't do it.

You should be looking at how rate structures should evolve over time to increase the use of renewables and conservation, and how utilities must evolve over time to be good service providers in a more sustainable world, with a more varied energy production base.

Sincerely,

Charles Woodward

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