

Jean Jewell

From: Don Crawford [donc@moscow.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2013 12:31 PM
To: Jean Jewell
Subject: Comments re: IPC-E-12-27

To: Jean Jewell
Idaho PUC

Dear Jean,

I am submitting comments to the Idaho PUC regarding Idaho Power's proposal to modify the costs and rules of their solar net metering program. I tried to submit via your web form, but when I hit submit, it will not connect and send my comments. So, I have sent them to you in this e-mail. I understand that my comments will be included in the public record and taken into consideration by the Commission.

Thank you.

Don Crawford
Moscow, Idaho

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Comments for the Public Record on Case # IPC-E-12-27

From: Don Crawford
1988 Appaloosa Road
Moscow, Idaho 83843
donc@moscow.com
208-882-2099

I strongly oppose Idaho Power Company's (IPC) proposed changes to the way it charges customers who participate in the solar net metering program. There are many reasons why this proposal is shortsighted, self-serving and economically bad for the state.

This new set of fees, which is much higher than the fees all other customers pay, will essentially stop all new home solar panel installations in Idaho Power's territory. The choice for partial energy independence will be gone for its customers. It will also cost hundreds of Idaho jobs tied to this emerging industry. This new fee structure is clearly a penalty to net metering customers and is designed to be a strong disincentive to future renewable energy production by individual Idahoans.

Both the short term and long term effects of a change such as this will be negative. This proposal will cost Idaho jobs in the still nascent but steadily growing home solar installation industry, and it will increase Idaho's reliance on purchasing more fossil fuel derived power sources. Idahoans want a choice – and they do not want to be required to pay for an energy portfolio that is continually more expensive, and derived from polluting fossil fuel sources.

No matter what IPC says in public, this proposal is misleading. It is transparent in its design. It is designed to create a self-serving immediate cap on solar net metering at the current level of less than 1% of the total electricity being generated in Idaho Power's territory. This is sad. Other states continue to strengthen and promote their solar energy portfolio standards. The IPC proposal would take us backwards.

Idaho Power's proposed net metering rates will make it financially infeasible for homeowners to generate even a portion of their own electricity. It will also make energy net zero homes and commercial buildings impossible. Importantly, it will do these things without any benefit going to non-net metering customers and, indeed, it will subject them to future rate hikes as Idaho Power has to add capacity to meet

increasing summer peak demand. It should be remembered that net metered solar installations in Idaho provide electricity to the grid when it is most needed, during peak power demand times in the summer months. It is wrong to attempt to eliminate that source of needed, clean power for short term profit.

It is in the long term interest of Idahoans and Idaho industry to diversify the state's electric energy portfolio. Net metering should be a growing component of a broad renewable energy portfolio, in particular because it provides cleanly generated electric power when it is needed most. Therefore, the KWH of power generated by solar net metering should not be capped, especially in this underhanded way. Additional net metering capacity should be encouraged and invested in. The more net metering power customers generate, the better will be the stability and resilience of our power grid. In the long term it will not hurt Idaho Power financially. Most importantly, net meter solar energy production will increasingly help mitigate periods of peak demand.

IPC's net metering proposal is also wrong because it penalizes customers for lower electricity usage. That is a travesty in this world where we should be trying to conserve energy and become more energy independent and efficient. IPC would penalize net metering customers for doing something right. Worse, IPC would then steal the value of any excess power produced by net metering customers by taking their unused credits away at the end of every year, even as IPC benefits from that excess power production. Idaho Power would exploit its net meter customers by taking their power and selling it at summer rates. That is just wrong. To add to the unfairness, huge consumers of electricity could sign up for net metering and pay less than standard customers for the same usage.

This is not, as Idaho Power would have you think, a financial issue, since net metering is only 0.07% of their customer base. It is, instead, an attempt to kill this emerging industry before it can even begin to grow so that the IPC monopoly will always control all production and distribution of electricity. It is that simple, and it is not right.

In summary, IPC's proposal is harmful to Idaho and self-serving to Idaho Power. It is an embarrassment to Idaho. It should be rejected.

Jean Jewell

From: barbcarrussell@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2013 7:38 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Barbara Russell follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
Name: Barbara Russell
Address: 6702 Chippewa Drive
City: Bonners Ferry
State: Idaho
Zip: 83805
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: barbcarrussell@gmail.com Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

Regarding the case IPC-E-12-27, the power companies should not have the right to make it so expensive for an individual to use solar energy to the point that it is nearly impossible. It is a perfect example of why our country is not powered by alternative energies.

it was my understanding that Idaho prides itself on the rights of individuals. Please take a stand for individuals in Idaho that want make individual decisions on the types of energy they choose to power their homes.

Thank you,

Barbara Russell

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 24.117.243.51

Jean Jewell

From: jessavaun@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2013 6:47 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Jessica Hertling follows:

Case Number: # IPC-E-12-27
Name: Jessica Hertling
Address:
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip: 83706
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: jessavaun@yahoo.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

Idaho Power needs to encourage solar and renewable energiees generators. Charging high monthly charges through net metering programs only discourages use of these important outlets.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 207.173.4.142

Jean Jewell

From: gammillfam@msn.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2013 5:00 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Walter Gammill follows:

Case Number: IPC-IE-12-27
Name: Walter Gammill
Address: 483 S. Walnut St.
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip: 83712
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: gammillfam@msn.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

Please do everything you can to encourage solar development in Idaho. Specifically, residential/rooftop solar should be encouraged, and Idaho Power should accept 'back-fed' power from these sources, with credit to the supplier at normal rates.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 70.196.207.23

Jean Jewell

From: al2mcg@q.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2013 3:28 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Al McGlinsky follows:

Case Number: # IPC-E-12-27
Name: Al McGlinsky
Address:
City: Nampa
State: ID
Zip:
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: al2mcg@q.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Co
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I am opposed to Idaho Power's request to change the fees, rate of pay for excess power produced by individuals who have made solar installations on their homes. Instead, the company should value and encourage individuals to take advantage of Idaho's sunshine to reduce that company's need to build additional facilities as the demand grows. On site production by individual home installations also reduces the need for adding transmission lines. Clearly, Id Pwr's proposal will discourage rather than invite future solar investments by individual home owners. Net metering as practiced in most other states is proving fair.

Require Idaho Power Company to serve the general public's interest rather than that of their own.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 70.56.145.29

Jean Jewell

From: y.wright@q.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2013 3:28 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Yvonne Wright follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
Name: Yvonne Wright
Address:
City: Eagle
State: ID
Zip:
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: y.wright@q.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

We are lucky to live in a state that provides so much sunshine. It would be a shame to stomp out small renewable energy generators through excessive fees and poor compensation. Please consider allowing Idaho to harness our sunny days and make Idaho's future one full of renewable energy!

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 67.50.177.90

Jean Jewell

From: vsmith@healthwise.org
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2013 3:19 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Viki Smith follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
Name: Viki Smith
Address: 3831 Sheldon Place
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip: 83704
Daytime Telephone: 208-331-6903
Contact E-Mail: vsmith@healthwise.org
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I am writing because I am aghast that Idaho Power wants to take advantage of their customers who have installed solar panels by quadrupling the monthly service charges and taking the solar-generated power without compensating fairly through their net metering program. Please do NOT let Idaho Power stomp out small renewable energy generators through excessive fees and poor compensation. We need to harness our sunny days and make Idaho's future one full of renewable energy.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 66.162.131.226

Jean Jewell

From: winterbyker@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2013 3:05 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Dawn Winter follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
Name: Dawn Winter
Address:
City: Mountain Home
State: Idaho
Zip: 83647
Daytime Telephone: 2085904133
Contact E-Mail: winterbyker@yahoo.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

Solar power options in Idaho should be encouraged, not disabled through excessive fees and charges.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 64.188.229.152

Jean Jewell

From: mercy2280@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2013 2:38 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Michael R Mercy follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
Name: Michael R Mercy
Address: 6789 N. Hillsboro Pl
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip: 83703
Daytime Telephone: 2089394849
Contact E-Mail: mercy2280@yahoo.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:
Dear PUC Commissioners:

I would ask that the PUC reject Idaho Power's request for:

1. A rate increase that solar users pay for the power they get from Idaho Power
2. A quadrupling of the fees solar users pay to hook up to the grid.
3. Loss of solar credits at the end of the year

Solar power is an important part of moving our power grid to more a environmentally and economically sound source of energy. I do not understand Idaho Power's continuing resistance to incorporating new renewable energy sources into our(the taxpayer and customer's) grid.

Please keep solar power a viable alternative for individuals. Idaho Power's request is clearly an attempt to gut any attempt at new energy sources (and accompanying reasonable expense) to benefit their shareholders and not monopoly bound customers.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michael Mercy MD

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 66.195.45.100

Jean Jewell

From: pdawson@boisestate.edu
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2013 5:59 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from paul dawson follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
Name: paul dawson
Address: 5180 s forest floor ave
City: boise
State: id
Zip: 83716
Daytime Telephone: 208-589-6641
Contact E-Mail: pdawson@boisestate.edu
Name of Utility Company: id power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

Idaho is fortunate to have abundant wind and solar renewable energy. We should promote the use of this energy and integrate into our infrastructure, not penalize it. It's progress and not regress on this issue.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 65.129.102.83

Jean Jewell

From: teter_pepper@hotmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2013 4:38 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Steven Teter follows:

Case Number: #IPC-E-12-27
Name: Steven Teter
Address:
City: Garden City
State: Idaho
Zip:
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: teter_pepper@hotmail.com Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I think it is unfortunate that Idaho Power is going about undermining private property owners who want to install photovoltaic panels on their own property and be charged by Idaho Power and targeted for being part of the solution and not part of the problem. Idaho Power's strong arm tactics is in defiance of existing state laws and a power grab. (No pun intended) Please rein in this rogue company and their attack on home owners by trying to litigate them to death. Thank You

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 97.121.35.220

Jean Jewell

From: cfernsworth@juno.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2013 3:56 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Claudia Fernsworth follows:

Case Number: 1PC-E-12-27
Name: Claudia Fernsworth
Address: 8088 W Pocono Lane
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip: 83714
Daytime Telephone: 208-853-1526
Contact E-Mail: cfernsworth@juno.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

To reduce our overall energy use footprint, it is important to encourage all low impact forms of energy. This includes solar of any kind--commercial or small generators. People who are doing the responsible thing by installing solar panels should be encouraged to do so, not discouraged by financial penalties.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 174.19.116.172

Jean Jewell

From: Ronald0807@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2013 3:04 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Ronald Fritz follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27.
Name: Ronald Fritz
Address: 2516 S. Hwy 95
City: Coeur dAlene
State: ID
Zip: 83814
Daytime Telephone: 2086590485
Contact E-Mail: Ronald0807@aol.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I think it unfair for Idaho Power to want to change higher monthly service charges to homes that have installed solar power systems. How can this be allowed to happen? The people that are putting in the solar power are trying to be good citizens and I think we should assist them in moving toward alternative energy forms.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 72.171.192.120

Jean Jewell

From: nancytroi@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2013 2:58 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Nancy Morfin follows:

Case Number:
Name: Nancy Morfin
Address: 1000 Beulah Rd
City: Troy
State: Idaho
Zip: 83871
Daytime Telephone: 2086518138
Contact E-Mail: nancytroi@yahoo.com
Name of Utility Company: Clearwater Power Company
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

We have installed solar panels at a great expense and should be able to use them without penalty and be reimbursed for the power we contribute to the Idaho Power Grid. It is so important that we use all the renewable resources that we can as the world will be running out of non-renewables in the future.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 68.189.102.132

Jean Jewell

From: mkopin@winntel.net
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2013 2:07 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Marie Kopin follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
Name: Marie Kopin
Address: 1111 Elm
City: Mt. Pleasant
State: MI
Zip: 48858
Daytime Telephone: 989-772-9453
Contact E-Mail: mkopin@winntel.net
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Company
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I think it is a crime that a local utility company, such as Idaho Power, charge citizens very high rates for service charges when they use solar power as their choice of energy. I understand Idaho Power also does not pay for extra solar power which is generated. I fear that if this policy continues, it would go for any other alternate forms of energy. 1. It means electric companies could and would form monopolies 2. There would be an increase of potentially destructive nuclear plants and dirty air polluting coal fired plants endangering our environment because other forms of energy were discouraged 3. Homeowners would become discouraged to use a safe and non-polluting way to generate energy for their own use, and extra 'clean' energy to share with others.

I want to see Idaho Power encourage solar energy use, not discourage it.

Thank you,
Marie kopin

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 216.207.207.127

Jean Jewell

From: davidabartle@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2013 1:54 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from David Bartle follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
Name: David Bartle
Address:
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip:
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: davidabartle@gmail.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I support development of solar power and have an interest in doing so at my home and business. I don't understand why Idaho Power is putting up financial barriers to small solar sites. Please do due diligence to understand Idaho Power's real costs to support solar integration. Their desire to change the rules after the game has started should not be granted. A few short years ago Idaho Power was paying farmers not to run irrigation pumps, now they want to punish small scale solar plants that can offset peak summer demand.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 96.18.238.45

Jean Jewell

From: ruprecht@bridgemail.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2013 1:41 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Jeff and Judy Ruprecht follows:

Case Number:
Name: Jeff and Judy Ruprecht
Address: 841 Rim View Lane E
City: Twin Falls
State: ID
Zip: 83301
Daytime Telephone: 208.733.9639
Contact E-Mail: ruprecht@bridgemail.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

Please enable any policy which encourages the use of solar generating electricity installations among your utility customers.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 216.201.66.239

Jean Jewell

From: WilliamG WeissIV [williamweiss2020@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2013 8:11 PM
To: Jean Jewell
Subject: Re: PUC Comment Form

oh well i think you should let the people have there solar energy.

On Tue, Jan 29, 2013 at 1:49 PM, Jean Jewell <Jean.Jewell@puc.idaho.gov> wrote:
Dear Mr. Weiss:

For some reason, the comment field in your comment below is blank. Your input is important to us, and we would appreciate it if you would resubmit your comment with the comment field completed. Our IT department is not sure what might be causing the error. We have received over one hundred comments without a problem, but for some reason, about 10% of the comments have blank comment fields.

We are sorry for the inconvenience, and we thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with us.

Jean Jewell
Commission Secretary
208-334-0338
jean.jewell@puc.idaho.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: williamweiss2020@gmail.com [mailto:williamweiss2020@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2013 12:05 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from William Weiss follows:

Case Number:
Name: William Weiss
Address:
City: Bethpage
State: New York
Zip: 11714
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: williamweiss2020@gmail.com Name of Utility Company: LIPA
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

Jean Jewell

From: slaromero@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2013 12:56 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Sandra Romero follows:

Case Number: IPC E-12-27
Name: Sandra Romero
Address:
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip: 83706
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: slaromero@gmail.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

We live in a state with abundant sunshine. Idaho Power needs to encourage solar development on both the small and large scale. But especially the small. Idaho Power needs to develop policies which make it easier for home owners to get panels on their roofs and hook up to the grid. Home owners should be compensated for any amount of energy input that exceeds their usage. Solar makes sense!

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 71.20.43.142

Jean Jewell

From: steve@swolper.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2013 11:30 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Steven L Wolper follows:

Case Number:
Name: Steven L Wolper
Address: 102 Hyndman Court
City: Ketchum
State: ID
Zip: 83340
Daytime Telephone: 2087881307
Contact E-Mail: steve@swolper.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:
Dear Commissioners,

I believe in alternative energy and I make a \$120 a year Green Power contribution on my Idaho Power bill to support my belief. As a state and a nation we need to encourage development of alternative energy production if we are ever to reach the economies of scale that will bring down the cost of production and transmission.

If this country is going to break its dependence on fossil fuels we are going to have to embrace a multi-faceted approach to make Idaho and our country energy independent. Distributed solar and wind must be two of the sources of energy production and, as important, the transmission infrastructure is already in place.

Sadly, Idaho Power is asking permission from the PUC to impose a new fee structure on home solar PV panel generation. This new set of fees will effectively stop new installations, discourage net metering, cripple a fledgling industry and cost jobs in the process. This proposal is counter to the very reason I make my contribution to Green Power.

I urge the PUC to reject Idaho Power's request for the new fee structure.

Sincerely,

Steven Wolper
Blaine County

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 70.171.132.52

Jean Jewell

From: bark25@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2013 11:03 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Deidra Little follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
Name: Deidra Little
Address:
City: Marsing
State: Idaho
Zip:
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: bark25@yahoo.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

Please support the use of solar power so that it is an affordable and fair option for families!

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 50.37.234.144
