

January 29, 2013

Bob R. Farber
50 Archie Creek
Lowman, Id.83637

Letter to ;
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720

RE; Case # IPC-E-12-27

Dear Sirs:

Thank you for allowing my comment on the above case I oppose this action by IPC.& request a public hearing on this matter.

I am a new net metering customer, IPC received my application along with my \$100.00 fee in late November 2012. It was approved and we began producing power into the grid December 6, 2012. To my surprise I received the letter of changes a few days later only to learn that this proposal was in the works for several months before I applied.(Why was I not informed of these proposed changes before they approved my application and took my \$ 100.00 ?)

I find it appalling that they are asking the commission to approve such drastic changes to a small group of people who are trying to make a difference in our environment. It seems their biggest complaint is the small payments to surplus producers they are paying out. I suspect they have spent more on legal and professional consultants than the amount they payout to small producers.

Use it or Lose it? Are they serious? This is outright theft. I believe the present net metering program is just fine and they should be required to keep it in place as is except for the requested increase of total to 5.8 MW.

I believe this request by IPC is in direct conflict with the Custom Efficiency incentive program, **case no. IPC- E – 10-24**. IPC has even said that it is (“one of the company’s most robust and effective programs in its energy efficiency portfolio.”) They also said that it was put in place and designed **to provide financial incentives to commercial and industrial customers for implementing customized energy efficiency measures at their sites to reduce electrical usage**. So out of the 500K + - IPC customers paying into this program they (IPC have spent some **7million dollars to encourage large and small business owners to save power.**) **Why do they object to paying out to about 25-30 of the 350 some odd net meter customers, who produce a surplus, a small amount of dollars?** On one hand they payout Millions to encourage savings and, on the other hand they want to penalize those of us who are producing a small amount of surplus power?

When you look at the whole picture (500K customers compared to 25-30 out of the 350 customers) it seems a little out of balance. I would like to ask the commission to require IPC to supply all the records on this issue and show all interested parties why they need to curtail the net meter program.

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Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns

Bob Farber, Lowman, Idaho 83637 e-mail bobkat@ctcweb.net

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bob Farber". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Jean Jewell

From: mgens@earthlink.net
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2013 6:13 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from M. G. Johnson follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
Name: M. G. Johnson
Address: 2112 N 14th
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip: 83702
Daytime Telephone: 208 345 5968
Contact E-Mail: mgens@earthlink.net
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I totally get how you can't have a business of selling power when you are required to pay the solar power producers the same price as what you are selling power for, the way most net metering works. I also recognize that people that sell their solar over-production to Idaho Power during the day, using the power grid as a huge battery to draw from for electricity to use when the sun isn't out, are getting a free ride. Therefore I understand the need to charge 'something' to connect to the grid from my micro-solar generating plant. There is something else going on here, though, the usual Idaho Power shenanigans, enabled by PUC policy that guarantees a GREAT rate of return on any capital spent to build more generating capacity: micro-solar power injected into the grid during peak demand periods reduces, if not eliminates, the need for additional generating capacity. Because of the guaranteed return on their investment in a new facility, alone, Idaho Power would want to build another carbon-based (or nuclear) generating facility. Building new generating facilities is one of the really clear routes to profits for a privately held utility. It is we, the rate-payers, that get stuck with the increased bill to pay for that increase in Idaho Power's rate base. To the extent that solar kWhrs help avoid costly new generation facilities, the solar net-metering customers are actually subsidizing everyone else! It is absolutely for the benefit of all Idaho Power customers that the PUC should encourage micro-solar production and injection of those surplus daytime kWhrs into the grid. I urge the Commission to consider this benefit to all rate-payers before taking actions that discourage micro-solar production that (effectively) decreases peak power demand.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 75.167.137.156

Jean Jewell

From: sandbrig@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2013 7:22 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Deanie Gilbert follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
Name: Deanie Gilbert
Address:
City: Caldwell
State: ID
Zip:
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: sandbrig@aol.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

Idaho Power needs to support residential small generator solar power, not dissuade home owners through exorbitant fees and poor compensation.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 63.224.241.221

Jean Jewell

From: kristinbarstad38@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2013 5:31 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Kristin Barstad follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
Name: Kristin Barstad
Address: 1475 E.Holly Street
City: Boise
State: Idaho
Zip: 83712
Daytime Telephone: 2083531221
Contact E-Mail: kristinbarstad38@gmail.com Name of Utility Company:
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I'd like to see Idaho Power rethink its proposal to change fees for the consumers using solar panels. When a customer considers going solar, besides doing it because it is good for the environment, we look at the cost/benefit ratio and consider how long it would take for an investment in solar panels to pay off. By increasing the monthly service charge and the Base Load Charge for net-metering customers and decreasing the amount per kilowatt hour these customers are credited, Idaho Power is making it very difficult for solar panels to ever pay off. Idaho Power is aggressively targeting the citizens who are doing the right thing for the environment and creating a disincentive to choosing clean power.

Also, the number of people (353) these fee changes apply to is financially negligible to a huge company like Idaho Power. So, the fee changes appear vindictive on their part.

I'd like my state to lead the way in clean power. We have a beautiful place to live, why can't our policies reflect a commitment to that beauty? I'd like to see the Public Utility Commission look out for the little guy who is doing their part to reduce carbon emissions, and make it easier for all of us to make good choices for Idaho and our future.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 184.99.118.39

Jean Jewell

From: brand1@cableone.net
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2013 4:40 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Blair R. Anderson follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
Name: Blair R. Anderson
Address: 157 Cordova Ave.
City: Twin Falls
State: Idaho
Zip: 83301-8032
Daytime Telephone: 208-421-2351
Contact E-Mail: brand1@cableone.net
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I read in the local News Paper{Times News}an artical concerning a request from Idaho Power for a rate increase on residents who have or are trying to have in the future a renewable energy system for their homes, I very strongly request that you will not allow this 'robbery'to happen. I thought we were supposed to try and reduce our demand on electric consumption? I also ask you to reject Idaho powers attempt to limit wind generation!! Please get the wisdom to do what is right for the people of Idaho!

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 67.61.97.82

Jean Jewell

From: eileen_thuesen@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2013 4:21 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Eileen Thuesen follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
Name: Eileen Thuesen
Address:
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip:
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: eileen_thuesen@yahoo.com Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

Please do not allow Idaho Power to pressure you into reducing or eliminating the financial incentives for small solar energy generators. We need to encourage solar, not discourage it.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 96.18.99.233

Jean Jewell

From: gpoorman54@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2013 3:31 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Gayle B. Poorman follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
Name: Gayle B. Poorman
Address:
City: Meridian
State: Idaho
Zip: 83646
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: gpoorman54@yahoo.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:
Dear Commissioners:

I am strongly in favor of the continued development of solar power in Idaho. Idaho has abundant sunshine. I think we should take advantage of this abundant resource, and wish our utilities, state and local government would provide more incentives to solar and wind power development.

My family built our home in Meridian, Idaho. We have solar panels on our roof that are solar/thermal panels. They serve as a preheater to our domestic hot water system and thus save energy and the cost of heating water for our home. These panels save us about one third on our electric bill each month, even in winter, and we have enough storage capacity to last through cloudy days. We would very much like to install photovoltaic panels on our home, but the cost of a system to supply enough electricity to power our home exceeds the payback we could incur. We would like there to be more incentives to install solar power systems so we, and more families like us, could afford them.

Thank you.
Gayle Buhner Poorman

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 74.202.214.74

Jean Jewell

From: sondrah.66@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2013 2:56 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Sondra Hackborn follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
Name: Sondra Hackborn
Address: 3405 Crescent Rim Dr.
City: Boise
State: Idaho
Zip: 83706
Daytime Telephone: 331-1540
Contact E-Mail: sondrah.66@gmail.com
Name of Utility Company: ID Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I believe ID Power should be encouraging the use of solar power. Business models change as new technologies develop and ID Power needs to change their model to allow solar power to become more prevalent in our society.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 65.129.57.176

Jean Jewell

From: cunningham139@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2013 2:56 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Carol Cunningham follows:

Case Number:
Name: Carol Cunningham
Address:
City: Saint Anthony
State: Idaho
Zip:
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: cunningham139@yahoo.com
Name of Utility Company: Rocky Mountain Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:
I think we should do more green energy. It may cost more to do it but the power company needs to encourage it not discourage. Sounds like to me that they just want to pocket more money for themselves.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 174.126.55.236

Jean Jewell

From: fabulis00@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2013 1:16 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Mike Stambulis follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
Name: Mike Stambulis
Address: 1805 North 7th Street
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip: 83702
Daytime Telephone: 208-559-8067
Contact E-Mail: fabulis00@gmail.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I am very concerned about Idaho Power's action regarding their fee structure for solar panels.

At such a crucial time in our environment, everyone should be encouraged to find renewable sources of energy and reduce our reliance on fossil fuels. It is my opinion that this reduction in fossil fuels is best accomplished by multiple small scale projects such as home solar arrays augmented by the large sources of Idaho Power.

However, their proposal to increase the rate solar users pay for the power they get from Idaho Power and quadruple the fees they pay to hook up to the grid discourages the solar market. It not only seems mean spirited but an inappropriate use of their monopoly on power production in the area.

It is exactly these cases that the PUC is supposed to set up and protect consumers. I urge you to deny Idaho Power's request and help our country move away from fossil fuels and towards renewable energy.

Thank you for your support!

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 164.165.173.219

Jean Jewell

From: garysegers@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2013 12:35 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Gary Segers follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
Name: Gary Segers
Address:
City: Boise
State: Idaho
Zip: 83714
Daytime Telephone: 2088695363
Contact E-Mail: garysegers@gmail.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:
Reed Burkholder wanted to take advantage of Idaho's abundant sunshine and installed solar panels to the roof of his home. Now Idaho Power wants to quadruple his monthly service charges and take his power without compensating fairly through their net metering program. We need to encourage solar not discourage it through unreasonable fees and charges.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 71.20.35.172

Jean Jewell

From: dianepeck@cableone.net
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2013 3:43 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Diane B. Peck follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
Name: Diane B. Peck
Address:
City: Boise
State: Idaho
Zip:
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: dianepeck@cableone.net
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

We should be able to utilize solar energy in Idaho. It is crazy not to rely on this resource versus traditional energy sources.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 24.119.90.152

Jean Jewell

From: 8boltstotal@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2013 2:15 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Robert Phelps follows:

Case Number:
Name: Robert Phelps
Address:
City: Kuna
State: Idaho
Zip: 83634
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: 8boltstotal@gmail.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I am writing to voice my opposition to Idaho Powers net metering proposal in their attempt to detour the installation of solar power in Idaho.

Thank you,
Rob Phelps

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 75.174.125.13

Jean Jewell

From: scott.earthpower@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2013 1:50 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Scott Moore follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
Name: Scott Moore
Address:
City: Meridian
State: ID
Zip:
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: scott.earthpower@gmail.com Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:
Dear Commissioners:

I'm in opposition to most of the proposed changes IPC is requesting to the Net Metering Program.

Within the last 3 month I have installed 2 Net Metering projects, solar at my home and micro-hydro at my small business. All of the proposed changes except for the capacity increase will be financially detrimental to me. If these new proposed changes were effect before, I would not have invested or installed either project.

I don't agree with the logic of Mr. Larkin's position that is unfair to regular IPC customers to 'supposedly' indirectly support cost associated with the Net Metering program due to crediting power at retail rates. The Net Metering program effectively has the same effect as IPC Energy Efficiency Program that is intended to reduce customer power consumption. The biggest difference is that Energy Efficiency Program is significant larger in dollar cost compared to the Net Metering and is directly billed to regular customers that don't receive any direct benefit. Mr. Larkin recent testimony in IPC-E-12-24 argued that the cost incurred to regular customers was a good investment to keep the overall rates down from avoided power usage. This seems contradictive His testimony on Net Metering.

After learning of the proposed changes and about 350 participate in Net Metering, I requested from IPC the number those customers that generated an annual excess and about how KWhr's total. I was surprised that it took over a week to get the data after being told it would take sometime to pull the data. This seems odd that those numbers weren't already available since most of IPC changes are focused on eliminate those problem customers. I was told that about 29 customers produced about 0.55MWhr's from Dec 2011 through Nov 2012. This seem like a very insignificant issue or cost compare to how much has been invested by the Net Metering customers to generate this Green-Renewable power.

I believe most of these proposed changes will have a very detrimental effect on all existing Net Metering participants as well completely discouraging anyone in the future invest money in small Green power production. These investment already have a very long pay-back period even with tax incentives under the current Net Metering agreement. Unless the cost of Green power drops by a factor of 5 or the cost of power significantly increases, it just won't be worth investing in small alternate power sources.

If these proposed changes other than the capacity increase are approved, It will effective be saying Idaho Power doesn't want to deal with small Green power.

In closing I would request the IPUC deny the Idaho Power request except for the capacity increase or at a minimum hold a public hearing on this matter.

Sincerely,
Scott Moore

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 67.60.156.242

Jean Jewell

From: sienna@whiteofboise.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2013 12:59 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Sienna White follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
Name: Sienna White
Address: 1518 Knights Drive
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip: 83712
Daytime Telephone: 2088619193
Contact E-Mail: sienna@whiteofboise.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:
I don't agree with the logic presented by Idaho Power. The concept of net metering customers 'taking' money from paying customers simply isn't accurate. Idaho Power reaches peak season when solar customers are conveniently at peak production. When Idaho Power goes over its quota it must import power. In the past three years Idaho has imported as much as 52% of energy from overstate. It costs a great deal more to import power as opposed to simply buying it from net-metering customers-- the cost savings easily offset any spurious claims of who's-subsidizing-who. Developing green energy and moving away from coal and natural gas is wise long term as well. I'm worried that people won't understand the incredible impact this decision will have on our future. We cannot let a monopoly set a precedence of crippling independent and renewable energy.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 209.151.52.193

Jean Jewell

From: ndw.jda03@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2013 12:44 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from N Darlene Wright follows:

Case Number:
Name: N Darlene Wright
Address: 161 9th Ave North
City: Twin Falls
State: Idaho
Zip: 83301`
Daytime Telephone: 208-410-0583
Contact E-Mail: ndw.jda03@yahoo.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Company
Acknowledge:

Please describe your comment briefly:

I feel it is very important that we work and having different types of renewable energy in the state of Idaho. In my area we have sunshine at least 75% of the time during the day, so solar would be beneficial to us. I do realize that hydro has stood us in good stead for a long time, but there are only so many dams that we can construct and still have a viable river system. Please consider supporting solar energy in IDaho

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 174.27.56.242

Jean Jewell

From: mwbusby@live.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2013 12:31 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from michael busby follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
Name: michael busby
Address:
City: Fruitvale
State: Idaho
Zip:
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: mwbusby@live.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I believe Idaho Power should work in partnerships with homeowners that want to do the right thing in helping to solve our energy needs. Idaho Power should not be an obstacle or an added expense when people try and lessen their use of on the grid energy. Up to about five years ago I spent most of the previous thirty years off grid and I plan to do so again in the near future, in some mutually beneficial relationship with Idaho Power, if one exists in the future.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 66.232.76.172

Jean Jewell

From: joshuakeeley@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2013 10:00 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Joshua Keeley follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
Name: Joshua Keeley
Address:
City: Pocatello
State: ID
Zip: 83204
Daytime Telephone: 4012076744
Contact E-Mail: joshuakeeley@gmail.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

Reed Burkholder wanted to take advantage of Idaho's abundant sunshine and installed solar panels to the roof of his home. Now Idaho Power wants to quadruple his monthly service charges and take his power without compensating fairly through their net metering program. As an Idahoan, I think this is outrageous. I won't let big utilities like Idaho Power stomp out small renewable energy generators through excessive fees and poor compensation.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 64.134.230.198
