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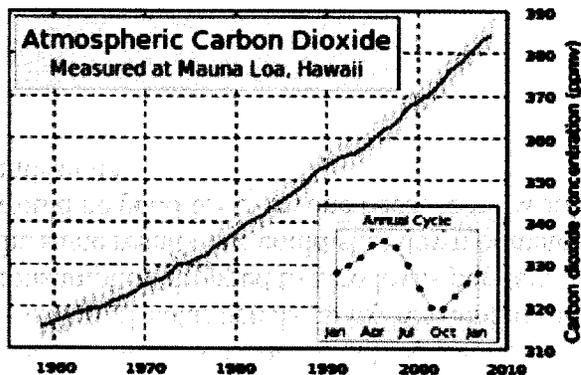
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0074

Dear Commissioners and staff,

Regarding IPC-E-12-27:

I strongly oppose Idaho Power's proposed changes for net metering customers (with the exception that I support raising the net metering cap from 2.9 to 5.8 megawatts).

Scientists around the world tell us the carbon dioxide concentrations in the atmosphere are increasing. The Keeling Curve below illustrates this reality.



We appear to be experiencing the results of this excess CO₂ with hurricanes like Sandy, droughts in the Midwest, fires in the West, and the acidification of the oceans.

We need to reduce fossil fuel combustion. Photovoltaics, converting sunlight directly into electricity, offers society a way to do this.

Let me illustrate how solar panels can reduce the consumption of Idaho Power's dirty energy (energy from three coal-fired and three natural gas-fired power plants). At my home, my electricity consumption was 32 kilowatts hours per day twenty years ago. I made conservation efforts and reduced it to 17 Kwhs per day by 2010. Then in 2011, I installed 21 solar panels on my residential roof (at the cost of \$18,000) and my consumption dropped to zero kwhs per day. If we all installed solar panels and achieved the same results, we could shut down climate-changing coal-fired power plants. This would be good for everyone because we would have cleaner air and less carbon dioxide emissions.

Since Idaho Power's proposed changes discourage the installation of electricity-producing solar panels in southern Idaho, the changes should be rejected.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Reed Burkholder". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Reed Burkholder 323-8355 rburkholder2@gmail.com
6105 Twin Springs Drive
Boise, Idaho 83709

Jean Jewell

From: pinkerton5@q.com
Sent: Friday, February 01, 2013 12:22 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from barbara kemp follows:

Case Number: # IPC-E-12-27
Name: barbara kemp
Address: 3314 Camrose Lane
City: boise
State: ID
Zip: 83706
Daytime Telephone: 2083423387
Contact E-Mail: pinkerton5@q.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I strongly support increased use of solar power in Idaho, the 'sunny state,' including economic incentives for individuals and businesses installing solar generators and panels for private use. Their return on investment in solar energy should be THEIR return, not that of Idaho Power. Resourcefulness, innovations, and efficiencies of using cleaner and abundant energy resources needs to be rewarded and encouraged instead of punished with arbitrary fees. Power bills should be offset in fair proportions. Idaho's sun is a gift to all of us. Let's use it fairly and wisely!

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 75.149.100.142

Jean Jewell

From: jayalf0@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2013 7:19 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Judy Foster follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
Name: Judy Foster
Address: 2270 Winterhaven Dr
City: Hailey
State: Idaho
Zip: 83333
Daytime Telephone: 208 721 2532
Contact E-Mail: jayalf0@yahoo.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

We in Idaho live in a state that has so much sunshine and have a great opportunity to encourage solar energy, not discourage it through unfair compensation and quadrupling service charges. I refer to case # IPC-E-12-27 and Idaho Power. I, like many Idahoans support all forms of renewable energy and ask the Public Utilities Commission to take action to influence Idaho Power Company to encourage rather than discourage solar energy. Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,
Judy Foster

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 68.105.208.44

Jean Jewell

From: davesivertsen@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2013 11:52 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Dave Sivertsen follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
Name: Dave Sivertsen
Address:
City: Meridian
State: Idaho
Zip:
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: davesivertsen@gmail.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:
Why does Idaho Power HATE clean energy?

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 65.129.38.112

Jean Jewell

From: helenneville00@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2013 9:58 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Helen Neville follows:

Case Number: # IPC-E-12-27
Name: Helen Neville
Address: 1620 N 6th St
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip: 83702
Daytime Telephone: 775-813-0269
Contact E-Mail: helenneville00@gmail.com Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I am writing in reference to case # IPC-E-12-27 to give my strong feelings that the Commission should do everything it can to SUPPORT solar power initiatives, not discourage the use of solar power. In a state like Idaho with so much sun, and at a time where renewable energy should be a top priority, I hope the Commission will act in strategic and supportive ways to ensure the continued use and expansion of solar energy in our state.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
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Jean Jewell

From: timandreae@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, February 01, 2013 7:13 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Tim Andeae follows:

Case Number:
Name: Tim Andeae
Address: 403 O'Farrell St
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip: 83702
Daytime Telephone: 208 424-6821
Contact E-Mail: timandreae@gmail.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

This is for Case No. IPC-E-12-27 regarding the change in the rules of the net metering program. First off I'll say I spent quite a bit of money doing research with Aurora Power Design is look at the feasibility of putting solar panels on my roofs. I have several structures on my property. But these changes take much of the incentive away from doing so. I understand we get credits back instead of cash. As I see the more incentive to get people to switch from dirty fuels to clean energy the better - especially considering that solar energy is generated during Idaho Power's 'peak' demand periods. This kind of 'backward' decision making seems greed-based and shows very little vision for the future.

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Jean Jewell

From: svskier@cox.net
Sent: Friday, February 01, 2013 9:14 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Daniel Hawley follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
Name: Daniel Hawley
Address: Box 49
City: Ketchum
State: Idaho
Zip: 83340
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: svskier@cox.net
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

Net metering makes installing solar panels on our roofs financially feasible. Home-based renewable energy should be encouraged. Idaho Power should not be allowed to change the rules to make net metering a losing proposition for it's customers.

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