

## Jean Jewell

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**From:** secretary  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 05, 2013 8:49 AM  
**To:** Barb Barrows; Jean Jewell  
**Subject:** FW: Net Metering: new Idaho Power recommendations

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From: James W. Thomas [[SMTP:THOMASJW@CABLEONE.NET](mailto:SMTP:THOMASJW@CABLEONE.NET)]  
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Subject: Net Metering: new Idaho Power recommendations Auto forwarded by a Rule

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Dear Commissioners,

Please, Commissioners, ask IPCo to re-draft their net-metering tariff proposal ever so slightly.

### BACKGROUND

Last June, we fired up 24 solar panels on my roof, about 5kW capacity. Scott Gates came to the house, we tested the inverter and had a nice chat. Solar is good because those panels are putting energy on the grid during the heat of summer days when Idaho needs it--air conditioners are running full blast and farmers are pumping water big time.

Residential solar projects are reducing amount of high cost spot market power we may have to buy at a rate higher than 7cents/kWhr. Of course, the panels shutdown at night and I use inexpensive coal and hydro power.

This is a HOBBY, to wit:

The cost is around \$25,000.

At 7cents/kWhr my payback period is ~30 years. Hardly an "investment".

I chose this hobby because I just like the idea of my roof generating the energy I use and, as a hobby, it is not life nor limb threatening.

Idaho Power folks explained their recommended net metering tariff. Results:

I appreciate the idea of increasing the customer charge to ~\$21 preventing all rate payers from paying for my wires and my meter.

Since that cost is removed from the energy rate, I appreciate reduction of the kWhr charge to ~4cents/kWhr.

Last summer, I accumulated a \$50 credit and used it in the fall of last year.

Maybe I'll have a net credit at the end of this year? I will frame the small check I might get from Idaho Power.

WHOOOOOPS!

Do I understand correctly that Idaho Power's tariff suggestion says I LOSE that credit at the end of the calendar year? WHAT?

Insult to injury!

So, my daughter's inheritance spent on solar panels for a HOBBY means, if I have a surplus, that Idaho Powers wants it at NO COST?

I am FORCED by IPCo and the Commission to DONATE it to help pay for Idaho Power's overhead? Why don't we do an efficiency study at the company and maybe we reduce their costs by twice as much?

Please help me understand why they don't even want to pay those of us willing to put our own \$\$ into solar for the little bit of surplus that might exist.

Is that Big Business bullying the little guy?

Please, Commissioners, ask IPCo to re-draft their net-metering tariff proposal and allow paying us the small credit we might build up during the year.

Thank you,

Jim

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"The educated mind never returns to its previous state..."

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**From:** stadlersue@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 05, 2013 5:42 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Sue Stadler follows:

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Case Number: 'net metering'  
Name: Sue Stadler  
Address:  
City: Garden City  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83714  
Daytime Telephone: 208-939-7160  
Contact E-Mail: [stadlersue@gmail.com](mailto:stadlersue@gmail.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

The 'net metering' program provides an important incentive toward the development of sustainable 'green' energy. To allow Idaho Power to change the rules after hundreds of people have invested in solar panels because of the net metering program is an unjust change of contract. Allowing Idaho Power to eliminate the incentives provided by the net metering program would also return customers to the 'good ol' days' of dirty power plants. Hydroelectric power will not be sufficient to meet the needs of Idaho's growing population. Idaho Power must look toward the future and endorse policies that promote sustainable sources of energy, moving Idaho toward a time when it's people will no longer have to rely upon fossil fuels and coal plants for energy. Allowing Idaho Power to change the rules regarding net metering would be going backwards.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>  
IP address is 70.196.192.242

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**From:** bluewind@me.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 05, 2013 9:45 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Leah follows:

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Case Number: IPC-E-12-27  
Name: Leah  
Address: Osborn  
City: Oreana  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83650  
Daytime Telephone: 208/8342334  
Contact E-Mail: [bluewind@me.com](mailto:bluewind@me.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

Thank you for allowing me to comment. I am however much less pleased with Idaho PUC. Do you really think that fossil fuels is the fuel of the future. You surely must be blind to the direction of what is long term and renewable. I do not support this case.

Leah Osborn

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>  
IP address is 72.160.28.48

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