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Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Kenneth Jensen follows:

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Please describe your comment briefly:

I have 2 major comments on the proposed changes to the net metering program.
1st and the most important is that the customer needs to be able to set the yearly date when excess generation will be lost, not Dec 31 like Idaho power proposes since renewable energy production and demand varies customer to customer. In irrigation if solar is used as the generation source, all solar power generated after the pumps are turned of in Sept until Dec 31st would be lost since there is no demand until spring. Residential has a similar problem that highest demands are during the winter and excess generation from the summer months couldn't be carried through the entire winter.
2nd, the proposed high meter charges and demand charges on residential and small commercial net metering is unfair and makes a lot of projects unfeasible. Idaho power hasn't taken into account that with solar generation the customer is putting power back on the grid during on peak hours when wholesale rates are high and taking that power back at night when the wholesale rates are low. This benefit to the power company should be looked into when the PUC sets meter and demand costs along with the benefits of a renewable energy source and less dependence on fossil fuels. With the current proposal large residential users would be better off to apply to be billed under net metering rates(and don't put any generation in) since the kwh rate is so much lower. Please leave the rates for net meter customers the same as every one else along with the meter rate.
Thank you,
Kenneth Jensen

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