

Jean Jewell

From: secretary
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2013 4:40 PM
To: Barb Barrows; Jean Jewell
Subject: FW: Case comment for case # IPC-E-12-27

From: Justin Belcher[SMTP:JKBELCHER@GMAIL.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2013 4:40:54 PM
To: secretary
Subject: Case comment for case # IPC-E-12-27
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Your web form is having some issues (<http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>). Will you submit the below case comment for me? Here is the information requested by the form:

Name: Justin Belcher
Address: 1417 Ridenbaugh St, Boise, ID 83702
Email: jkbelcher@gmail.com
Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: [y]

I request that the IPUC deny Idaho Power's proposal to modify rates, service charges, and reimbursement policies for its net metering customers. As a community member and a future solar customer I find the proposed changes to be an offensive abuse of the Idaho Power monopoly that would discourage the adoption of technologies that are healthy for our environment. From discussions with net metering customers and local small business owners it is clear that the proposed pricing changes would stifle adoption of small-scale wind turbines and solar panels.

Renewable energy sources are a vital step towards sustainable living in our growing world. Idaho has the opportunity to fuel the development of local renewable energy companies by supporting the adoption of renewable energy sources. Net metering customers are community heroes who have paid significant upfront investments to get renewable technologies moving in their infancy. The proposed pricing changes would not only significantly deter future adopters, it would punish those early adopters who have worked so hard to get Idaho moving in the right direction. We need billing policies that *encourage* the adoption of renewable energy in its infancy, NOT discourage it. The IPUC would be stagnating local business opportunities and punishing technology development by approving these pricing changes.

In Idaho Power's claims of cost increases, which are questionable, they have disrespectfully chosen not to report the benefits provided to them by net metering customers. The time of maximum power generation by home solar customers, which is during the direct heat of summer, coincides exactly with peak demand requirements on the main power supply by thousands of air conditioners. The solar customers are actually HELPING the community by providing power exactly when it is needed. Likewise they are HELPING Idaho Power by curtailing costs that stem from the facilities, infrastructure, and fuel supply that exist to meet peak power demands.

The failure to acknowledge community benefits afforded by the net metering customers, and the questionable claims of cost increases due to the existence of net metering customers, reflect a weaselly attempt to stifle local small business and maximize profits with no benefit to the community. Accepting these changes would be

critically damaging to the progress that everyday people have made towards a sustainable Idaho future. Please don't punish these early adopters for their contributions. Please encourage business development in Idaho in the renewable energy sector. Please deny Idaho Power's proposal in case IPC-E-12-27. Thank you.

Jean Jewell

From: sandymudge@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2013 4:57 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Sandy Mudge, MD follows:

Case Number:
Name: Sandy Mudge, MD
Address: 521 W. Union St.
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip: 83702
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: sandymudge@gmail.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I do not support penalizing customers who produce their own energy by raising rates. We should be encouraging solar energy and responsibility instead.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 173.227.230.114

Jean Jewell

From: k9e9m@hotmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2013 4:53 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Elisabeth Kuper follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
Name: Elisabeth Kuper
Address: 680 S Clearwater Ln Apt 201
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip: 83712
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: k9e9m@hotmail.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:
Dear Idaho Public Utility Commission:

I was hoping leave a comment regarding Idaho Power's proposal to increase rates for customers that are using solar energy systems. I feel very strongly that this is the wrong thing to do. As our country continues to look for cleaner and more sustainable energy sources, those who use these types of resources should not be punished. Customers should be charged for the energy they use, not for the energy they create through solar power. I feel this will be detrimental to the use of alternative energy sources, in addition to crippling those currently working in the solar energy field. Our government and utility companies should encourage the use of alternative energy and its development, not seek to end it's use with rate increases.

This issue has immediate impact on current customers and small businesses in Idaho. Additionally, decreasing the use of alternative energy sources will impact citizens of this state in the years to come due to its environment and economic impacts. Decreasing our reliance on oil and other non-sustainable resources (such as coal) will only happen if we support the use of alternative sources of energy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Elisabeth Kuper MD

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IP address is 199.99.195.10

Jean Jewell

From: docmcgarry@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2013 2:52 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Sean McGarry follows:

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

Please describe your comment briefly:

Idaho Power customers should not be penalized for producing their own electricity. Our state, like many others is faced with a growing energy crisis and needs to be focused on promoting new and innovative ways to produce clean energy. In a time when wise utilities are encouraging as much development of alternative energy sources, Idaho Power is attempting to halt development of a valuable resource. Do not allow Idaho Power to push us backward in time. In a time where we are starved for energy during peak hours during the summertime, solar power is a perfect complement to the system - producing optimally at the exact time that our system needs it most. Yet Idaho Power would penalize customers for developing this resource, making it virtually prohibitively expensive. We should be encouraging development of this resource and planning for the future, not penalizing those who do.

Sincerely,
Sean McGarry

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Jean Jewell

From: geoffmaly@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2013 2:47 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Geoff Maly follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
Name: Geoff Maly
Address: 615 W Fort St
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip: 83702
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: geoffmaly@gmail.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I do not think that Idaho Power customers should be penalized for producing their own electricity. Idaho needs to follow the lead of other states (and countries) and focus on producing clean, renewable energy. It is embarrassing that the state would even consider endorsing this reactionary response by Idaho Power to the current energy environment. Please make the appropriate decision and move toward the future, not the past.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 71.220.172.243

Jean Jewell

From: Emily.Looney@fmridaho.org
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2013 2:33 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Emily Looney follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
Name: Emily Looney
Address:
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip: 83706
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: Emily.Looney@fmridaho.org Name of Utility Company: Idaho Public Utility
Commission
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:
Idaho Power customers should be rewarded, not penalized, for producing their own electricity. Idaho is faced with a growing energy crisis and needs to be focused on promoting new and innovative ways to produce clean energy. Solar power is one clear and beneficial way to do this. Local businesses and private home owners should be encouraged and supported for utilizing solar power.

Sincerely,
Emily Looney

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IP address is 173.227.230.114

Jean Jewell

From: wendytereseGrace@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2013 1:16 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Wendy Grace follows:

Case Number:
Name: Wendy Grace
Address: 4872 N Hacienda Ave
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip: 83703
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: wendytereseGrace@gmail.com Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I am a primary care doctor in Idaho. I strongly oppose the recent Idaho Power proposal to increase rates on customers who install solar energy systems. Idaho Power's request would cripple the growth of all renewable energy projects in Idaho, which would in turn increase the threat to our health that fossil-fuel generated energy. Idaho Power customers should not be penalized for producing their own electricity, nor should Idaho citizens suffer worse health as a result. Our state, like many others is faced with a growing energy crisis and needs to be focused on promoting new and innovative ways to produce clean energy. Please reject Idaho Power's request, for the good of our environment and our citizens' health.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 67.60.231.13

Jean Jewell

From: staciamunn@hotmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2013 12:51 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Stacia Munn follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
Name: Stacia Munn
Address:
City: Boise
State: ID
Zip:
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: staciamunn@hotmail.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

It is absolutely absurd for Idaho Power to charge increased rates to customers who install solar energy systems. Especially when these systems could potentially provide Idaho Power with free energy. Idaho Power customers should not be penalized for producing their own electricity. Our state, like many others is faced with a growing energy crisis and needs to be focused on promoting new and innovative ways to produce clean energy.

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

From: jstephenson23@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2013 10:44 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Jeffrey E. Stephenson follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
Name: Jeffrey E. Stephenson
Address: 4872 N. Hacienda Ave.
City: Boise
State: Idaho
Zip: 83703
Daytime Telephone: 301-788-7577
Contact E-Mail: jstephenson23@yahoo.com
Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

It is INEXCUSABLE for Idaho Power to even request an increase in rates for citizens who want to install solar power systems, let alone for the IPUC to consider as legitimate such a special interest motivated penalty tax, which is precisely what it is.

States in this nation need to stop, IMMEDIATELY, engaging in this kind of madness, which clearly and solely serves the interests of a practical energy monopoly, and should be encouraging without fail the creative and ethical efforts of citizens and alternative energy providers to secure energy sources through non-traditional means. The planet's health, and certainly the environmental health of Idaho, should be the primary consideration instead of short-sighted considerations that appeal all and only to special interests with deep, deep pockets. Disgusting.

Most sincerely,
Jeffrey E. Stephenson

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Jean Jewell

From: cottontop_63@hotmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 4:10 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from LF follows:

Case Number: IPC-E-12-27
Name: LF
Address:
City: Boise
State:
Zip: 83706
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: cottontop_63@hotmail.com Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I recently made a career change to the solar industry, an industry that I hoped would allow me finish out my working career in a field that would continue to grow while at the same time providing something beneficial to the community and state. Simply put, if this proposal passes my job goes away.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 205.189.35.5
