

# Elmore County Board of Commissioners

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August 11, 2014

Honorable Paul Kjellander  
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**Re: Idaho Power – Energy Sales Agreement with Grand View PV Solar Two, LLC,  
IPC-E-14-19.**

Honorable Commissioners:

We are writing you to express our support for Grand View Solar Project located in Elmore County between Mountain Home and Grand View. We are fully supportive of economic development and would like to express our support for this form of economic development in Elmore County.

Please let us know if you have any questions for us or if there is anything we may do to assist with this project approval.

Sincerely,

Elmore County Board of Commissioners

  
Albert Hofer, Chairman

  
Franklin Corbus, Commissioner

  
Wesley R. Wootan, Commissioner





## City of Mountain Home

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I am pleased that 560 acres of nearby unused farmland will be put to such good use. This utility-scale solar farm benefits Idaho Power by helping it meet recent EPA requirements to reduce its overall carbon emissions. The construction of this solar project will not adversely affect the local environment, and it will produce electricity with no emissions whatsoever.

This utility-scale solar project gets our full endorsement—it helps the economy, and it also helps the environment.

Thank you,

Tom Rist  
Mayor  
City of Mountain Home



**Economic Development Office  
City of Mountain Home  
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Thank you,

Paula Riggs  
Economic Development Director  
City of Mountain Home

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## Idaho State Senate

### SENATOR BERT BRACKETT

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This forward-thinking project gets my full endorsement – it helps the economy, and it also helps the environment.

Thank you,

Handwritten signature of Bert Brackett in black ink.

August 13, 2014

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Dear Commissioners:

I'd like to voice my support for the Grand View Solar Project. Not only is this project good for the environment and the Idaho economy, it will finally bring Idaho in line with the prevailing energy production methods being implemented nationwide. Idaho has had a great start with renewable energy with their history of hydropower but there is so much more that can be done. Bringing on more solar projects will help us become an energy leader in America.

Solar power is dependable and renewable. Unlike coal and natural gas, which are quickly depleting, solar energy is readily available. Solar does not produce emissions and there is no cost for the "inputs," unlike coal. Solar energy provides energy independence and security.

In addition to its environmental benefits, bringing utility-scale solar to Idaho brings money and jobs within our borders. Unlike the coal and natural gas plants that Idaho Power supports in *other* states, the Grand View Solar Project and others like it would provide jobs for Idahoans. Solar is one of the fastest growing industries in the nation and we need to get on board before it's too late.

Solar power is the future of energy production and it's time for Idaho Power to move forward. Every day it becomes more and more clear how risky and dirty coal plants are and yet Idaho Power clings to them. New regulations are forcing them to rethink their business and their customers want clean energy. It's imperative to support projects like this for many decades to come. It's time to bring utility-scale solar to Idaho.

Thank you,



Sally Hunter

Tuesday, August 12, 2014

Honorable Paul Kjellander  
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Dear Commissioners:

Today, I read Idaho Power's submission to the PUC for the Energy Sales Agreement with Grand View in its entirety and would like to provide comments as an Idaho Power stockholder of 54 years, as a former Electrical Engineer and Program Manager with Hewlett-Packard of 32 years, and as a mother of two children who will inherit the earth we leave them.

To prove that I actually read it, I will note that section 10.1, Metering, contains an extraneous comma after the word "shall". Other than that, I was impressed by its careful, complete, compliant and innovative terms of agreement, as well as by the cooperation between Idaho Power and Grand View to bring Idaho's first Solar Power QF on-line. This is truly an epic moment, and I could not be more proud to support it.

I support this project wholeheartedly because:

- It is good for ratepayers
- It is good for the economy
- It is good for Idaho Power
- It is good for our environment (for us and our children)

It is good for ratepayers. Idaho is blessed with some of the best solar resources in the United States, and solar energy is poised, as electronics did, to only get better and cheaper. Contrast this with coal, which will only get scarcer and more expensive. I am thrilled to see Idaho Power incorporating solar power into their resource mix. This will be an opportunity for both Idaho Power and Grand View to learn and to improve future solar projects.

It is good for the economy. Grand View will provide up to 300 construction jobs for 12 months, after which it will employ maintenance professionals. This will create additional local jobs and business opportunities in the Grand View area to support solar workers. Landowners will receive up to 35 years of payments, and Elmore County will add \$400,000/year to its tax receipts.

It is good for Idaho Power. Idaho Power must find a way to profit in the era of solar, wind, hydro and megawatts to meet its power obligations. Coal prices will only rise due to government regulations

internalizing costs that were formerly externalized (i.e., cleanup). This is an opportunity to learn how to do that.

It is good for our environment. As a mother, I think every day about the impact of Climate Change upon my children's life even after I am gone. The sooner we stop burning coal, the better. This is the first and largest solar utility-scale project to be built in Idaho! The 80MW generated will power an estimated 20,000 homes and reduce the need for coal burning. It will also reduce the mercury, hydrocarbons, arsenic, lead and other toxic heavy metals generated in the process of burning coals, improving the health of Idaho and Nevada or Wyoming residents. From a Climate Change perspective, this removes an estimated 102,000 tons of carbon dioxide per year. My children thank you for this!

I wholeheartedly encourage you to approve this project.

Sincerely,

*Lisa A. Hecht*

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