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Name of Utility Company: Grand View Solar Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: After reviewing Idaho Power's submissions to the PUC for the Energy Sales Agreements with Grand View Solar and Boise City, I would like to register my support for these projects.

I support these projects wholeheartedly because they are:

- Good for ratepayers
- Good for the economy
- Good for Idaho Power
- Good for our environment (for us and future generations)

They are 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 get better and cheaper. Contrast this with coal, which will only get scarcer and more expensive. I am thrilled to see Idaho Power incorporating Idaho-generated solar utility-scale power into their resource mix. This will be an opportunity for both Idaho Power and the Grand View and Boise City providers to learn and to improve future solar projects.

They are good for the economy. These projects will provide an estimated 450 construction jobs for 12 months, after which they will employ maintenance professionals. This will create additional local jobs and business opportunities in Idaho to support solar workers. Landowners in Elmore County will receive up to 35 years of payments, and Elmore County will add over \$400,000/year to tax receipts. The U.S. solar industry employment grew 53 percent from 2010 to 2013, per a Solar Foundation 2014 report. Idaho can and should share in that growth!

They are good for Idaho Power. Idaho Power must find a way to profit in the era of solar, wind, hydro and energy conservation + demand reduction to meet its power obligations. Coal prices will only rise due to government regulations internalizing costs that were formerly externalized (i.e., cleanup), leaving Idaho Power with stranded costs. This is an opportunity to learn how to do that.

They are good for our environment. Per the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), carbon dioxide emitted now will continue to disrupt the earth's climate for hundreds of years after we are gone. The sooner we stop burning coal, the better. These are the first and largest solar utility-scale projects to be built in Idaho! The 120 MW generated will power an estimated 30,000 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, Nevada and Wyoming residents. From a Climate Change perspective, this will remove an estimated 150,000 tons of carbon dioxide per year. For this, we and future Idahoans thank you!

I wholeheartedly encourage you to approve this project.

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