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Honorable Paul Kjellander
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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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Submitted via fax (208) 334-3762

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

Dear Commissioners:

As Executive Director of Idaho Concerned Area Residents for the Environment (ICARE) and Co-Founder of Idaho Residents Against Gas Extraction (IRAGE), I am writing today on behalf of our 700+ members in support of the Grand View solar project.

This past weekend OVER 400,000 people marched through the streets of Manhattan demanding that our elected officials—worldwide—take swift action to combat the potentially catastrophic effects of rampant climate change.

Just today, we learned that the Rockefellers are divesting from their oil and gas portfolios to focus on renewable and sustainable energy production, along with other global investment firms and individual investors. In total, OVER 50 BILLION DOLLARS were removed from fossil fuel production investments and reinvested in projects like Grandview—TODAY!

We have ALL of the tools necessary to put Idaho at the forefront of renewable energy! We know from research that these types of projects are not only good for the communities they are located, but are also job creators—and most of those jobs will go to local citizens. The pay is way above Idaho's minimum wage, and a great many of permanent solar jobs have benefits most Idahoans (especially rural Idahoans) do not have (like health insurance and retirement)!

My understanding is that the Grandview project will generate increased local revenue during the time of its construction, and supply as much as \$400,000 in yearly property taxes to Elmore County for many years to come.

This project is absolutely the right decision for Idahoans, both environmentally and economically. It will produce 80MW of electricity—equivalent to the power used by 20,000 households. Solar power requires nothing to burn; it does not produce ANY emissions. To compare: 80MW of coal power emits 102,000 tons of CO2 a year (279 tons of CO2 every day), as well as mercury, hydrocarbons, arsenic, lead, and other toxic heavy metals.

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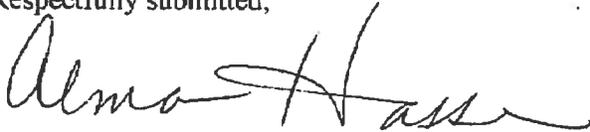
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The Grand View project will be located on 560 acres of unused farmland, and its construction will not create any adverse affects on the local environment. This utility-scale solar farm benefits Idaho Power by helping it meet recent EPA requirements to reduce its overall carbon emissions.

We view the Grand View 80MW solar project as a tremendous financial opportunity for Elmore County, as well as a good business direction for Idaho. We need industry that can supply 300 local jobs for a year, as well as many permanent full-time positions for maintenance specialists.

Once again, on behalf of our members, we urge you to support the Grandview project. It is good for Idaho, it is good for Idahoans, and it is great for the climate!

Respectfully submitted,



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