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Honorable Paul Kjellander
Honorable Mack Redford
Honorable Marsha Smith
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
472 West Washington Street
Boise, Idaho 83702

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Re: PUC File No. IPC-E-19-14 Firm Energy Sales Agreement with Grand View PV Solar Two, LLC

Dear Commissioner Kjellander, Redford and Smith:

I would like to add my voice to the many insightful comments you have already received urging your thoughtful deliberation on, and approval of, the Grand View PV 80 MW solar contract. As you know, I have an established record of promoting progressive public policies in the energy arena. The Grand View project represents the latest technological example of such policies. Those policies include ratepayer benefits in the form of stable energy bills, a more reliable and diverse energy resource stack, protecting our environment and all the while promoting a robust economy. The Grand View project does all that and I urge your favorable action.

As Commissioners, I know you are sometimes called on to make tough decisions in the face of much opposition. Fortunately, this is not one of those times. Approval of the Grand View Project should be an easy decision for you. I know the rates offered by Idaho Power are the result of the power company's most sophisticated power cost model using the most up to date inputs. I also know the rates were arrived at in order to maintain ratepayer neutrality. In addition, the project will be paying an integration charge for the costs of bringing its output seamlessly onto the grid.

That said, I want to congratulate you for being part of a long legacy of Commissioners at the Idaho PUC who have helped steer the Idaho energy ship in the right direction. The Idaho Commission has been a leader in so many ways; from rejecting the ill-planned Pioneer Plant, to effective (if at times rocky) implementation of PURPA and the adoption of some of the most effective energy efficiency programs in the country. I hope we can add approval of the Grand View Solar project to the list.

Sincerely;


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