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Via Hand Delivery

Honorable Paul Kjellander
Honorable Marsha Smith
Honorable Mack Redford

Idaho Public Utility Commission
472 West Washington Street
Boise, ID 83702

Re: Idaho Power --Energy Sales Agreement with Grand View Solar & Boise City, IPC-E-14-19 IPC-E-14-20

Dear Commissioners:

The Sierra Club thanks you for the opportunity to submit comments to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission regarding *Idaho Power Company's Petition to Suspend Solar PURPA Obligations*.

Sierra Club is America's oldest and largest environmental organization. Sierra Club has more than 1.4 million members and supporters nationwide, with 2,000 members in Idaho. Founded in 1892, the Sierra Club has been working for over a century to protect communities, wild places, and the planet itself.

We believe that climate change is one of the greatest threats facing our communities and the planet, and consequently, we advocate for a transition away from traditional fossil fuel electricity generation to renewable energy resources including efficiencies, wind, and solar. Dear Commissioners:

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.

Sincerely,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on behalf of our 2,000 members statewide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Zack Waterman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Zack Waterman
Idaho Chapter Director
Sierra Club

Jean Jewell

From: jbschuyler@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2014 2:50 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: jbschuyler@gmail.com
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Case Number: IPC-E-14-19, IPC-E-14-20
Email: jbschuyler@gmail.com
Telephone: 2083407944
Address: 918 N CALEDONIA PL
EAGLE ID, 83616

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: I want to voice my support for the approval of both of these solar energy developments. Idaho needs needs as much new solar as it can get. There is no question that the state needs new power generation capacity to supply its growing population.

Please vote to approve these projects.

Thank you!

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Jean Jewell

From: duch.routt@positiveenergysolar.com
Sent: Sunday, October 26, 2014 11:08 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness
Cc: duch.routt@positiveenergysolar.com
Subject: Case Comment Form: Duch Routt

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Case Number: IPC-E-14-19
Email: duch.routt@positiveenergysolar.com
Telephone: 208.596.0961
Address: 1820 E 3900 N
Buhl Idaho, 83316

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: Idaho has huge potential to generate its own electricity and be self-independent in meeting its own energy needs. It is time for Idaho to stop following everyone else 5 yrs later and start making a difference in this Union. Energy independence is state security.

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Jean Jewell

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Sent: Monday, October 27, 2014 8:11 AM
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Cc: erodg@yahoo.com
Subject: Case Comment Form: ELIZABETH RODGERS

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Case Number: IPC-E-14-19, IPC-E-14-20
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BOISE ID - Idaho, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: Honorable Paul Kjellander

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and IPC-E-

14-20

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these two projects because they are:

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- Good for ratepayers
- Good for Idaho Power
- Good for our environment

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estimated 150,000 tons of carbon dioxide per year.

I wholeheartedly encourage you to approve these projects.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Rodgers

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