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Comment: PURPA increase requested by Idaho Power is absurd. I agree with and quote the Boise Weekly's facts below. Not to mention the high water year we are currently experiencing and savings by users. There is no basis for any increase or demand increases.

The chart has a long, steady line stretching for decades before rising rapidly as it reaches 2014 and 2015. With the exception of the numbers and data, the chart looks exactly like a hockey stick. Hydro projects have supplied nearly 200 megawatts of power since 1982, enough electricity for nearly 130,000 homes—the template used by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission is 1 MW hour can serve approximately 650 average residential homes for one hour. Wind projects have added another 627 MWs but only in the past few years. Contracted and proposed solar projects would add nearly 2,000 MW hours beginning in 2016 or enough power for about 1.3 million homes. Hence, the steep incline.

"Now keep in mind that we usually talk about megawatts around here," said Donovan. "Idaho Power's entire system operates somewhere between a minimum of 1,000 MWs and maximum peaks of 3,200 MWs. That's the entire load across our territory: about 24,000 square miles.

"Now look at these PURPA contracts," he said, pointing to the graph. "We already have, under contract, 400 MWs that will be coming in from new solar projects next year. Then on top of that there's another 900 MWs from proposed contracts. To put that in perspective, that's larger than our entire Hells Canyon three-dam complex. It exceeds the total load on our system."

Therein lies Idaho Power's argument: The company is required to buy the power, but it insists that its customers don't need it, which is why the utility filed IPC-E-15-01 with the commission. Idaho Power wants to knock down its required purchases by reducing the currently mandated 20-year contracts with PURPA providers to two years.

Please save the customers from biased and misconstrued Idaho power corporate statistics. One suggestion would be to hire people who need jobs, not requiring a 4 year degree to be a secretary or administrative assistant.

Sincerely,
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