

## **Diane Holt**

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Comment: Ref. Solar energy rate class change.

I oppose the creation of a new rate class for net metering. Idaho power says that they charge a flat fee for maintaining the power grid and know that it is not adequate. They make up for it by higher rates per kW. I suggest that the flat rate be adjusted for all grid users and if they want to create new rate classes, let them do it for the low income qualifiers that they say the artificial flat fee is intended to protect instead. Also, they quote dramatic growth percentages of solar energy in the state. Easy to do when the actual number of systems is only 1,400.(+/-). They really need to promote alternative energy not work on ways to destroy it. They are being short sighted in their "solution". When the costs become a negative for me, I will simply disconnect and install a battery system. Those costs are coming down quickly. While the scale is much different, projected costs are .04 per kW in Australia.

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