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**Citizen Comment to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission**

P O Box 83720 Boise, Idaho 83720-0074; FAX: (208) 334-3762

**Case Number: IPC-E-17-13**

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Additional Message to Idaho Public Utilities Commission:

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Signed: Anders Rognstad Date: 8-19-17

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 6105 Olvera

City: Poe State: Id Zip: 83204

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed: 

Date: 08/18/17

Your Name: Chris Hegman

Address: 450 N 12th Ave

City: Pocatello

State: Idaho

Zip: 83201

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed: Connie Hacking Date: 8/18/17

Your Name: Connie Hacking

Address: 8997 W. Backskin

City: Poe State: ID Zip: 83201

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed: Stevie Macos

Date: 8-19-17

Your Name: Stevie Macos JR

Address: 424 industrial in #c1

City: Pocatello

State: ID

Zip: 83201

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed: Deb Florence

Date: 8/19/17

Your Name: Deb Florence

Address: 137 S 10th AVE

City: Pocatello

State: ID

Zip: 83201

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed: Mike Murphy Date: 8-19-17

Your Name: Mike Murphy

Address: 2218 Douglas St.

City: Pocatello State: ID Zip: 83201

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed: Bobby J Jones

Date: 8-19-17

Your Name: Bobby J Jones

Address: Rt 3 Box 205 AB

City: Blackfoot

State: IO

Zip: 83221

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed: Terran Hunt Date: Aug 19, 2017

Your Name: Terran Hunt

Address: 4910 Comanche

City: Parastello State: ID Zip: 83204

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 8/11/2017

Your Name: Jesse Smith

Address: 1969 Butte St.

City: Pocatello

State: ID

Zip: 83201

Email: j.smith66@hotmail.com

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Please do not move backwards!

Signed: David Delehanty

Date: 8/19/17

Your Name: David Delehanty

Address: 161 S. 16th PL

City: Pocatello

State: IA

Zip: 83201

Email: deledavi@isw.edu

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472 W. Washington

August 31, 2017

Re: Idaho Power's solar rate class change

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I have great concerns about Idaho Power's request to develop a separate rate class for private owners of solar and its accompanying impact on present and future net metering agreements. IP claims a desire to create this separate class in order to "study this segment of customers, providing the data necessary to understand how this customer segment utilizes the Company's system."

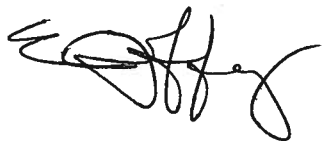
This appears to be fraudulent, as the necessary data could easily be collected and analyzed through present billing and without any change to the rate class. What this request appears to do instead is unsettle the solar industry immediately as well as individuals and businesses who are considering solar to offset their energy demands. With the accompanying uncertainty looming of unknown costs that could be imposed on private power producers, the private cash outlay to install solar becomes more onerous and unlikely.

This negative impact on the growth of private solar installations has proven to be the case in both Arizona and California where the power companies have created new rate classes for a period of time and this "time to study" has proven sufficient to slow the installation of private systems. Why is this good for the customer or the state?

The ultimate concern, of course, is that their present proposal will ultimately open up the opportunity for unknown and unbridled adjustments to future net metering rates as it wouldn't be regulated by the residential schedules. This gives Idaho Power too much leeway to increase consumer pricing before the actual cost to Idaho Power has been proven.

As 12 states in the Northeast have recently come to an agreement to reduce their fossil fuel emissions from power plants by 30%, I am hoping that the PUC will not rush to grant this request that de-incentivizes renewable energy increases at the cost of our environment. Please ask Idaho Power to get their data and analysis in order and return to you when they want to change rates for independent solar producers and their efforts to increase the company's bottom line.

Thank you for your consideration on this issue,  
Elizabeth Jeffrey  
Hailey, Idaho



Aug. 31, 2017

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Public Utilities Commission of Idaho,

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

At a time when our fossil fuel resources are dwindling, (Nelder, Chris. "The End of Fossil Fuel" *Forbes.com*, 7/24/2009. Web. Aug. 31, 2017), and alternative "clean" energy sources are becoming more and more available, it is a shame that Idaho Power has chosen to join a national movement to "de-incentivize" residential solar electricity production. Contrary to IP's claim that the purpose for their request to the Public Utilities Commission is to "study this segment of customers," it is clear that "singling out" residential solar electricity producers is a necessary first step in creating a rate structure designed to "slow or stop" the deployment of solar electricity generating panels on new home construction.

Idaho has long been a leader in alternative energy production and any increase in residential solar electricity production should be applauded not penalized.

The "short-term gain" that IP hopes to realize at the expense to the environment via continued dependence on fossil fuels represents a "short-sightedness" that is abhorrent.

It is my hope that the Public Utilities Commission will deny Idaho Power's request to establish a separate "rate class" for residential solar electricity producers.

Thanks for your attention

Sincerely,  
Robert Lonning  
201 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.  
Hailey, Id  
83333

## **Diane Holt**

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**From:** prbbiz@centurylink.net  
**Sent:** Monday, September 4, 2017 3:10 PM  
**To:** Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Paul Burt

Name: Paul Burt  
Case Number: IPC-E-17-13  
Email: prbbiz@centurylink.net  
Telephone: 208 869-1625  
Address: 1310 Fall Court  
Boise Idaho, 83706

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Net Metering service, as it currently exists, allows small general service customers with on-site generation (solar, for instance) to produce and transmit to Idaho Power their excess electrical production. These customers "sell" their production to Idaho Power at the same rate at which they buy power from Idaho Power, but, only up to the amount of power they buy from Idaho Power during a month.  
(Meaning that small general service customers with on-site generation can never sell Idaho Power more electricity than they buy from Idaho Power; they can only "break even", at best. Thus, the current system, as it is set up, is already unfair.

Idaho Power, with IPC-E-17-13, is trying to make the existing unfair system even more unfair for future small on-site generators.

Idaho Power currently charges small on-site generators a monthly \$5 fee. That should be enough to cover any inconvenience to Idaho Power caused by small on-site generators.

Idaho Power should be encouraging small on-site generators and constructing its own large scale solar generation facilities instead of trying to discourage and deny the future.

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## **Diane Holt**

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**From:** kpebertz@cox.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 2, 2017 11:47 AM  
**To:** Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Kirk Ebertz

Name: Kirk Ebertz  
Case Number: IPC-E-17-13  
Email: kpebertz@cox.net  
Telephone: 2087267750  
Address: PO Box 1901  
Ketchum ID, 83340

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I feel strongly that ID Power's request for a new rate schedule for net metering is discriminatory and harmful for the clean energy industry. The best interests of the public would be served by embracing and encouraging clean energy, not discouraging it.

Please do not allow ID Power to alter their net metering program.

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