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Dear Sir/Madam,

As a concerned citizen, renewable energy generator, and former Boise City Councilman, I am writing to strenuously object to the proposal put forward by Idaho Power to close its net metering tariff (Schedule 84) and replace it with new tariffs for new solar customers. Not only will this discourage new adopters of renewable energy resources, but it will empower Idaho Power to exert its influence on the PUC to eventually increase tariffs for CURRENT users of solar and other renewable energy sources. Such an increase in tariffs would be the equivalent of a legal "taking".

My wife and I installed a solar system in 2015, and my decision to do so was largely based on the payback period which I calculated based on current electricity rates in Boise and the life cycle of the system. Increasing the tariffs on solar energy production for current users will dramatically alter the payback period and reduce the present value of these systems.

Idaho Power is behind the curve when it comes to encouraging renewable energy. They are in fact discouraging it with this proposal, thereby facilitating the deterioration of air quality in the Treasure Valley and harmful changes in our global climate. Idaho Power should be in the vanguard of solar adoption, as we are uniquely situated to take advantage of abundant sunshine. We must move away from carbon-based energy production as much and as quickly as possible. Please do not allow us to slide backwards into the fossil fuel tar pit that has already caused incalculable harm to our environment and quality of life. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Diane Holt

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Sent: Sunday, September 17, 2017 5:11 PM
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Comment: I believe that fair rates are needed for solar generating customers.

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Diane Holt

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Company

Comment: We do not support the proposal from Idaho Power Company for changes to net metering rates; particularly we are concerned about creating a distinct net metering class of customers. The procedures outlined in Idaho Power's recent letter to existing net metering customers leaves a great deal of uncertainty in our minds. And for future renewable customers, the questions regarding Idaho Powers plans and commitment to renewable energy abound. We had hopes that Idaho Power would be a regional leader in conservation and green energy. In fact, when we got solar panels on our roof, we talked with Idaho Power staff on at least two occasions to ensure we understood the commitment of the utility and how net metering would work. And already they are proposing changes. We ask the PUC not approve these changes. If anything, a separate study should be conducted for the most inefficient nonrenewable users of power. Even then, we would not set up a separate rate structure but would do the study based on the data the company has access to without rate segregation. Thank you for listening to your public. Susan Giannettino

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