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In 2015 I spent \$39,000 on a solar system. I did so for environmental reasons and because I was tired of Idaho Power's political games with power rates. Every year, Idaho Power requests twice the actual rate increase they really want from the PUC - and they get it every time. Idaho Power is looking for total control of Idaho's power market and does not like small solar producers like myself. This is the reason they are actively lobbying the State Legislature to end tax incentives for solar projects. In recent lawsuits Idaho Power pushed for not allowing energy credits to be carried forward into the next year (energy they already sold to other consumers!!!), charging small producers up to 1\$ per kWh etc - clear indicator that they want to make solar production as unattractive as possible. I invested a substantial amount of money to leave myself less vulnerable to Idaho Power's never ending rate increases. By doing so,



I supported local businesses and the Idaho economy. Idaho Power's latest request jeopardizes my investment and creates uncertainty for people interested in solar energy. Clean renewable energy should be more important than Idaho Power's financial greed. I am asking that the PUC not change the current rate structure and thereby create some stability and predictability for solar producers.

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