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Comment: Please encourage and continue the current net metering; It is a way to slow climate change one solar or wind powered place at a time.

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The PUC should not give Idaho Power any extra pricing controls over net metering because their claim of high costs and future problems are not valid.

First, the fixed costs that net metering causes are extremely small because we do not use the electrical grid to send our excess energy throughout the Idaho Power system.

Electricity flows to the nearest demand. So my excess solar electricity in the summer goes to my neighbor's homes not on the high transmission lines. My system adds virtually no cost to the overall system. In fact, distributive power like net metering provides help and keeps IDA Corp prices costs lower in peak demand summer loads because that is when IDA Corp would have to purchase power at Spot Market prices. We help adding power at lower retail prices when it is most needed in the summer.

Secondly, giving Idaho Power extra authority to increase net metering prices is wrongheaded. Just because Idaho Power is worried that their outdated business model will struggle in the future with the ongoing changes they need to make. The need for cleaner sources of energy does not mean they should make clean sources like solar net metering customers pay for the change. On the contrary, they should be rewarding net metering customers and work with the solar industry to expand its solar and alternative energy footprint instead of trying to kill it.

Please do not pass IPC-E-17-13 because it gives Idaho Power too much authority to raise prices indiscriminately against the very group that are trying to help curb climate change and keep the air clean for the future. They are no longer just a power company. As a monopoly they have a responsibility to protect the environment and make progressive actions not turn against the new cleaner sources of energy.

As a shareholder in Idaho Power, I know I'll make money as alternative energy expands as a distributive energy source because IDACORP is a monopoly and will always have a profitable result. Since they are a monopoly, it is the responsibility of the PUC to move them forward not backwards to cleaner sources of energy. Passing IPC-E-17-13 will kill solar net metering instead of encouraging it.

Sincerely,  
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