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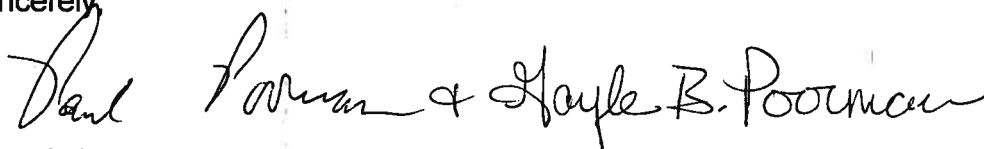
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
472 W. Washington
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Greetings:

We are contacting IPUC to express our dismay at Idaho Power's efforts to classify net-meter customers as higher rate payers. This is discriminatory and singles out people who are trying to reduce their energy consumption. Idaho is an extremely productive state when it comes to solar energy potential. Long sunny summer days coincide with high power demands from irrigation and air-conditioning, making a perfect match for solar energy. IdaCorp's efforts to disincentivize homeowners from installing rooftop solar flies in the face of common sense. Local energy production reduces the needs for high voltage transmission lines bringing power in from hundreds of miles away, wasting energy with each mile of line. Rooftop solar installations reduce the need for Idaho Power to burn coal, a horribly dirty fuel, both in terms of mercury and sulphur dioxide emissions, but also in the amount of greenhouse gasses that are emitted during combustion. We strongly urge IPUC to deny Idaho Power's request to charge net-meter customers a higher rate per kWh. We also hope that IPUC will encourage IdaCorp to take on a more futuristic view and embrace more renewable energy technology that would work to reduce the roughly 50% of energy production coming from coal in their portfolio.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Poorman & Gayle B. Poorman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Paul & Gayle Poorman