

## **Diane Holt**

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**From:** wheelin\_achevy@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2018 8:06 AM  
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**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Christopher Barker

Name: Christopher Barker  
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Company

Comment: I am a current Solar Power Owner in Caldwell, I was the first one to install a solar grid in the City and went through a pain staking process to get it approved and make it easier for others to do the same. I believe that Idaho Power should not be able to increase the Net Metering charge to solar owners only. We pay a \$5/month fee to stay connected into the grid just like everyone else. We should NOT be penalized because we have solar. It is not right to increase the price on a certain group of people and not everyone else.

As a solar owner I paid for my system out of my own pocket. I invested in renewable energy and spent a lot of money doing so. It is not like I am getting a benefit without paying for it. Why should I be penalized for helping the environment.

Idaho power has too much control as it is. They continually raise the rates, increase fees, add more costs to everything, and rarely get declined. They already have a monopoly on the power in our area, it is not like we can shop around for the best rate. I understand natural monopolies and the laws but it is unfair to continually increase fees when Idaho is the largest growing state in the USA and Idaho Power is getting more and more clients making more and more money, yet they want more and more. When will it stop?

Idaho Power has enough power now that they are selling it off to other states, so why do they need to increase fees to maintain the grid when they are getting more money already. Why do they have so much excess power or too big of a grid that they need us to pay for the power they are selling to other states or other entities.

We just had a rate increase, and we had one a couple years earlier. Now they want another one. When does it stop and when does Idaho benefit. Shouldn't we be taking care of Idaho first?

I can guarantee one thing, if the Idaho Public Utilities Commission approves this rate increase it will be approving that the Idaho Public Utilities Commission disagrees with renewable energy and is non-environmentally friendly. All renewable energy is good for the environment, pushing people away from the option by making it more expensive will give Idaho Power more control, and more say so in how you get power. Everyone that uses the grid should pay the same, no matter what. I still use the grid when I can't produce enough power. I still pay my fair share when I need energy. I still pay the monthly subscription fee like everyone else even if I don't use it.

It is unfair and not right to allow a rate increase for only a certain group of people when all the customers use the grid. If you want to have a rate increase, then it needs to be across the board so all users pay their fair share. If you had TV service and didn't use it all month you still have to pay for the monthly subscription. Why is this any different.

Please deny the request to increase the net metering fees for renewable owners only and decline the change in schedules. Make Idaho Power be a fair company and not punish certain individuals that are trying to help the environment.

Thank you  
Chris Barker

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Name of Utility Company: Ms.

Comment: Idaho Power should not be given the ability to establish new schedules for residential and small commercial service customer with on site generation.

Idaho Power is in a unique position where it has a monopoly on power distribution and (prior to solar power generation) has had a monopoly on power production in our area. Their request is an attempt to use their influence to change the rate of return with the end goal of benefiting their business and increasing/maintaining their profits. This request does not take into account the greater public and environmental good that solar producers provide. Additionally, Idaho Power's request does not take into account the many benefits solar producers provide for Idaho Power. One example is that at the time people are using the most power (middle of summer to power their air conditioners), solar producers are adding the most power back into the system to support the grid.

The PUC's purpose is to protect the public from being disadvantaged by the monopolies given to the utility companies in Idaho. It is paramount that the PUC deny Idaho Power's request and put the needs of the citizens of Idaho before the needs of Idaho Power.

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