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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Idaho should be growing clean energy options to reduce our reliance on out-of-state fossil fuels. The net metering program is the only means for individual Idahoans to invest money in their own locally generated clean energy.

The Idaho PUC staff looked at Idaho Powers documents and found no reason to segregate solar customers. Instead, I ask the PUC to direct Idaho Power to consider the full range of costs and benefits that arise when customers avoid utility power and meet their own needs with local clean energy.

Because I cant choose my utility, I rely on the PUC to ensure fair programs. Please maintain the current net metering program.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Regarding the current net metering case I am asking the Commission to deny Idaho Power's application to move customers with on-site generation to a new schedule. Without fully considering the costs and benefits associated with distributed generation there is no evidence to support the need for this change. The majority of studies investigating the value of distributed renewable generation have determined that it provides great value to the grid and other customers. Before any changes to the current net-metering situation are considered it is in the public interest that the commission assure that the full range of costs and benefits are studied in a manner that fairly accounts for the benefits in addition to the costs.

Sincerely,
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Comments regarding Case No. IPC-E-17-13

Members of the Idaho PUC,

During the summer of 2015 I decided to invest in a 7.26 kW roof top solar array for my house. The cost of my system was roughly \$39 000, for which I took out a loan and on which I will continue to pay for several more years. \$39 000 is roughly half my annual salary and is a major expense in my budget. I made the decision to proceed with my project after careful cost and ROI consideration. Idaho Power's requests in front of this commission in their current form would drastically de-value my investment and are fundamentally unfair. The proposed changes would have caused me not to proceed with my solar array. If new rules/rates are necessary – and it is debatable if they are – let's have a grandfather clause that permits current net metering customers to keep their plan under the terms and conditions in effect when they applied for their Off-Site Power Generation permit. This would allow new customers to make an educated financial decision BEFORE they make large investments.

I question if new rates and rules are necessary in the first place: A 2017 study conducted by Berkeley Lab (Electricity Markets & Policy Group) shows that solar power affects utility companies with electricity prices equal to the national average very little. It only caused power rates to increase or decrease 0.5 cent/kWh. Energy efficiency and natural gas prices have a far greater effect on power rates than solar power. Is Idaho Power considering rate increases for people who decided to install energy efficient appliances? Idaho Power encouraged and incentivized more efficient windows in the past! Is the company now seeking to penalize these home owners as well? Energy efficiency affects electrical rates far more than solar power.

Idaho Power is more interested in maintaining its monopoly in the power market in our State, than in integrating clean, green and emissions-free power generation into its long term energy plan. Past actions by Idaho Power (law suits and lobbying efforts on legislators) clearly demonstrate that the Company is more dedicated to its bottom line than to find a balanced long term energy approach that benefits all Idahoans.

In conclusion, I request that the current net-metering rates and plans remain unchanged. If that's not possible, there should be a grand-father clause, exempting current net metering customers from rate and plan changes.

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Comments regarding Case # IPC-E-17-13

Idaho Public Utility Commission

In 2015 my husband and I decided to make a very substantial investment in solar power for our residence. I was initially quite skeptical because the cost was almost \$40,000. However, there were two factors that played into the decision to proceed with the project; the long term payoff, and Idaho Power's supposed support for clean energy sources.

Obviously, the Idaho Power net metering structure was crucial to the long-term investment return calculation. It is reprehensible that people were encouraged to make these large investments in solar power to and then have the whole thing turned upside down within a couple years, nice bait and switch maneuver. Idaho Power is more concerned about their profit margin than in environmentally friendly power, power that someone else paid to install. Following this line of thinking Idaho Power should be instituting surcharges for energy efficiency appliances, weather proofing, wind power, and lowering the thermostat. They should also be thinking about how alternative energy helps them meet power needs during high usage time. Or, maybe thinking about how they need to change their business model as the world desperately looks for, and turns to renewable energy sources.

In conclusion, I request that the current net-metering rates and plans remain unchanged, at least for current net metering customers who made these substantial personal investments in clean energy.

Sincerely,

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