

Diane Holt

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Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2018 12:30 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Noelia Caloca

Name: Noelia Caloca
Case Number: *IPC-E-17-13*
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Telephone:
Address: 3819 Meadow Ave
Caldwell Idaho, 83605

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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Diane Holt

From: bookpeeps@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2018 12:31 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Thomas Schmidt

Name: Thomas Schmidt
Case Number: IPC-E-17-13
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Telephone: 208-954-3089
Address: 6202 Ethan Pl
Garden City ID, 83714

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Good evening and thank you for this opportunity to comment. It is very hard for me imagine why Idaho Power would need to make this change. It seems like a way to make money off people who would like solar on their homes. Is it possible to provide different scenarios of costs to Idaho Power if 5% or 10% or 25% of the Treasure Valley has solar installed and the costs and savings that Idaho Power might have? I don't feel like I've been given a good argument on the change. Thank you.

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Diane Holt

From: sarahlagrillewilson@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2018 11:14 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Sarah Wilson

Name: Sarah Wilson
Case Number: *IPC-E-17-13*
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Address: 2611 S Trailwood Way
Boise Idaho, 83716

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Idaho Powers net metering program enables local citizens to support Idahos clean energy sector. Supporting this growing sector of our economic reduces the current reliance on out-of-state fossil fuels for roughly 50% of our electricity.

Investing in local solar power keeps more energy dollars in our communities and allows individuals to meet their own energy needs. Individual control and local economic growth are Idahoan values.

Please stand up for these values by maintaining the current net metering program.

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Diane Holt

From: micheliwalker@q.com
Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2018 10:56 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: F. Robert Micheli

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Vale OR - Oregon, 97918

Name of Utility Company: Residence

Comment: Folks: It feels a lot like Idaho Power if far more interested in keeping it's monopoly on the generation of electric power in the Treasure Valley than it is on equity in billing. New solar & wind Power should be granted every incentive possible...it's the real future! Idaho Power needs to lose it's bottom dragging anchor and get on the darn bandwagon!! Bob M

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Diane Holt

From: peggyjo617@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2018 10:43 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Peggy Wilhelm

Name: Peggy Wilhelm
Case Number: IPC-E-17-13
Email: peggyjo617@gmail.com
Telephone: 2084339919
Address: 219 N. Mobley Road
Boise Idaho, 83712

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I oppose rate changes for net metering customers who generate their own electricity because such a policy will discourage socially responsible behavior and promote the interests only of Idaho Power.

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Diane Holt

From: skilpatrick75@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2018 10:28 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Steve Kilpatrick

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Case Number: IPC-E-17-13
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Telephone: 208-462-5121
Address: 24 Cedar Lane
Garden Valley Idaho, 83622

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: In the spring of 2017, I purchased from Auric Solar and had installed an 8-panel solar system. Idaho Power came to my residence at 24 Cedar Lane, Garden Valley, Idaho and approved my system for net-metering.

In December of 2017, I received a letter from Idaho Power explaining upcoming changes in 2018. The letter which I did not retain because it was favorable to me stated: If my solar system was installed prior to 2018 I would be "grandfathered" in with regard to net metering from 2017. I took this and face value and trusted Idaho Power. Now they seem to be doing a bait and switch with old and new net metering rules. I will be contacting Auric Solar and Idaho Power to try and get another copy of the letter sent in December 2017. Respectfully, Steve Kilpatrick

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Diane Holt

From: jwilhelm@boisestate.edu
Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2018 10:30 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Jeffrey Wilhelm

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Case Number: IPC-E-17-13
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Telephone: 2084339919
Address: 219 North Mobley Drive
BOISE ID, 83712

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am against the new proposed rate changes for onsite generation/net metering customers.

This sends absolutely the wrong message to the public and is a policy that will undermine innovations that are helpful to the environment. There ought to be active policy encouragement for citizens to generate their own energy instead of policies that discourage this socially responsive behavior.

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Diane Holt

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Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2018 10:50 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: David Beverly

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Case Number: IPC-E-17-13
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Telephone: 2085151400
Address: 2333 West Sheridan Ave
Nampa ID, 83686

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: It is the American way to cry for regulation, rather than rise to the challenge of competition. Idaho Power uses solar energy, does that mean they are subsidizing the rich? My use of solar power serves to reduce the generation load which Idaho Power is falling behind on anyway.

If I can find another source of electricity, which is less expensive than the monopoly provides why should I be punished? Why should I pay for that which I am not receiving?

The idea projects out further to charge a rate as if I were using incandescent lights because I use LED to conserve.

The projected growth of the Treasure Valley outstrips generation capacity. This begs for solar to aid in closing the gap between need and generated power which is on the near horizon.

This measure will serve only to add to the burden Idaho Power faces and cost those who use less to pay more. To knuckle under to the monopoly will subvert the free economy model we live under and stifle innovation.

The phone industry grip on market share is based on providing a better solution of the need than other companies. Why is Idaho Power any different? This measure will place the burden of power squarely on the little guy where it should not be.

If passed, everyone, except the power companies will lose.

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Subject: Case Comment Form: Daniel Appel

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Case Number: IPC-E-17-13
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Address: 4190 N. Waterford Pl.
Boise Idaho, 83703

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I strongly recommend that the PUC resist taking any action that would adversely effect development of renewable energy sources. I believe that the Net Metering program should stay with current retail rate for credit on customer's account. The PUC should consider a facilities fee for Solar Power generators usage of the Grid system as an alternative.

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Diane Holt

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To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Theresa Williams

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Case Number: *IPC-E-17-13*
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Address: 202 Apache Dr
Hailey Idaho, 83333

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Idaho Powers net metering program enables local citizens to support Idahos clean energy sector. Supporting this growing sector of our economic reduces the current reliance on out-of-state fossil fuels for roughly 50% of our electricity.

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Diane Holt

From: Hanchans@juno.com
Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2018 9:52 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Jeremy Hanson

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Case Number: IPC-E-17-13
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Address: 12554 W. Castlewood Dr
Boise ID, 83709

Name of Utility Company: ID Power

Comment: I just activated my solar panel system this month which we signed for last November. It is a large system which should provide 100% offset on an annual basis. One of the major factors in our decision was the 1:1 credit ratio. Since lawmakers have made it ILLEGAL to be off grid, if this ratio changes we will be ROBBED every month of our excess production.

I see two possible outcomes to this change. Solar companies will develop a system add-on to existing systems to "shut down panels" in order to not have excess power fed back to the system. ID Power will not be allowed to free-load off the solar systems that families spend their own money to purchase.

The second outcome is that families will no longer purchase large systems so they won't ever overproduce. This will ultimately affect the overall supply of electricity for the area and keep rates high for customers.

My question is: Why is ID Power allowed to keep rates artificially high at the expense of families and small businesses?

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Subject: Case Comment Form: Curtis Fisher

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Address: 23 N Hastings Dr, Nampa
Nampa ID, 83687

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I oppose this rule change requested by Idaho power. The cost of maintaining the power distribution network is fixed into the billing and is proportional to the amount of power a customer uses. If I have the ability to feed power back into the system, those costs should actually decrease for the utility. Otherwise, if I choose to only burn a 60 watt light as my power consumption, does that mean that there is a wealth transfer taking place because I don't use much power? The wealth transfer takes place at the federal and state levels when subsidies are rewarded to people and especially UTILITIES that install renewable energy systems. This is because the new systems are not economically feasible to the average home owner, and this is largely due to the fact that as long as there is federal and state money to be had, no manufacturer/installer is going to try and bring the price lower. This proposed rule change appears to be nothing more than an attempt by the utility companies to recover some of the money that they are losing to people installing their own systems. I agree that the application of incentives for renewable power is broken, and probably corrupt, but this rule change would make it even more so.

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From: kpdouglas@centurylink.net
Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2018 9:23 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Kurt Douglas

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Address: 3303 W CRESCENT RIM DR
Boise IDAHO, 83706

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Penalizing net metering customers who generate energy from renewable sources is the wrong thing to do. Promoting the use of residential solar power generation helps reduce the need for costly non renewable power generation. It also reduces the costs of dealing with the health issues and clean up issues that pollution from non renewable energy generation causes. In fairness, net metering users present a much lower load to the existing grid and should not be expected to pay a higher rate than other users. Please do not unfairly punish and deter net metering users.

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Diane Holt

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Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 5:07 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Linda Karl

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Case Number: *FPC-E-17-13*
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Telephone:
Address: 600 Hubbard Ave
Coeur D'alene Idaho, 83814

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Investing in rooftop solar to control energy bills while supporting Idahos clean energy sector is important to me. Please maintain the net metering program as a simple and fair means to enable Idahoans to meet their own energy needs.

The PUC staff looked at the details and found no evidence to support Idaho Powers request to segregate solar customers. I agree.

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

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Diane Holt

From: ruprecht@bridgemail.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 5:13 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Judy Ruprecht

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Case Number: *IPC-E-17-13*
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Telephone:
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Twin Falls Idaho, 83301

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Investing in rooftop solar to control energy bills while supporting Idahos clean energy sector is important to me. Please maintain the net metering program as a simple and fair means to enable Idahoans to meet their own energy needs.

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From: elonsdale@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 5:28 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Ed Lonsdale

Name: Ed Lonsdale
Case Number: *IPC-E-17-13*
Email: elonsdale@gmail.com
Telephone:
Address: 2814 N Weaver Cir
Boise Idaho, 83704

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: The decrease in load accomplished by using roof top solar means that Idaho Power will not need to bring new power sources online saving both the company and the consumer the costs of construction and maintenance. To ask users who invest their own time and money to further subsidize IP is simply a step too far. Keep net metering in its current form.

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Diane Holt

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Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 5:41 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Kurt Fesenmyer

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Telephone:
Address: 1507 N 25th St.
Boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Corp.

Comment: I urge the commission to reject IPC's request to place net meter customers into a separate class. IPC argues that the unpaid transmission costs of existing net meter customers results in an unfair subsidy without a) accounting for the benefits of electricity produced by net meter customers such as avoided demand during peak use periods and b) acknowledging the other subsidies for transmission inherent within IPC's uniform rate structure across its customer base, such as the higher per-capita transmission cost required to serve low population density rural areas vs. cities.

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Diane Holt

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Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 6:02 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Eric Smith

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Case Number: IPC-E-17-13
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Telephone: 2083503859
Address: 1714 N. 16th St.
Boise ID, 83702

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: We need to keep net metering as is. If they change the rate this would harm anyone who is helping provide power to cover other users of Idaho Power. By putting the extra they have less to make and generate. The alternative is a solar panel Home being disconnected from the grid and the excess going to waste. Idaho Power benefits from the solar users and they are acting in way that gets them money over paying the people who produce it. Solar is the future don't harm its adoption. Do not change the net metering rules.

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Diane Holt

From: powderskiing1@hotmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 6:03 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: James rosenfeld

Name: James rosenfeld
Case Number: *IPC-E-17-13*
Email: powderskiing1@hotmail.com
Telephone:
Address: PO Box 1195
Ketchum Idaho, 83340

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Idaho Powers net metering program enables local citizens to support Idahos clean energy sector. Supporting this growing sector of our economic reduces the current reliance on out-of-state fossil fuels for roughly 50% of our electricity.

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Please stand up for these values by maintaining the current net metering program.

I recently installed an 8.4K system on my commercial bldg. in Ketchum. The bldg. is net zero with the potential added production to drive an EV 10K miles annually. We need to encourage this kind of energy production to lessen the effects greenhouse gases will play on climate. I regret I will not be driving to Boise to present my opinion in person. I would greatly appreciate your consideration of this very critical issue.

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Diane Holt

From: Nicksstorm@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 6:23 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Nick Nettles

Name: Nick Nettles
Case Number: E-17-13 ~~EPQ-E-17-13~~
Email: Nicksstorm@yahoo.com
Telephone: 208-353-9361
Address: 9352 w Avalanche drive
Boise Idaho, 83709

Name of Utility Company: Idaho power

Comment: It's become painfully clear that solar panels are for the upper middle class and wealthy. The cost shift these folks are putting on other rate payers that either can't afford solar panels or can't install because they are renting is simply unfair. The utility is a regulated monopoly that is allowed to make a return on equity and as such will continue to earn that return regardless of solar penetration. That return however is born by the rate payers that don't have solar. After my last sales pitch by a local solar company it was clear that they only care about the sale and have no regard for treating Idaho power as a giant battery that solar customers pay \$5 a month to utilize. I'm the customer that will be harmed by these solar panel owners require Idaho power to act as a battery with no remuneration for being a giant battery for \$5 a month. It's time for the puc to treat all customers fairly, not just the upper middle class and wealthy that can afford solar.

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Diane Holt

From: alidabockino@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 7:14 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Alida Bockino

Name: Alida Bockino
Case Number: *IPC-E-17-13*
Email: alidabockino@gmail.com
Telephone:
Address: 1104 Pine Crest Rd
Moscow Idaho, 83843

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Investing in rooftop solar to control energy bills while supporting Idahos clean energy sector is important to me. Please maintain the net metering program as a simple and fair means to enable Idahoans to meet their own energy needs.

The PUC staff looked at the details and found no evidence to support Idaho Powers request to segregate solar customers. I agree.

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Diane Holt

From: crgains@msn.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 7:23 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Charles Gains

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Case Number: IPC-E-17-13
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Address: 1721 E. Canova Dr.
Boise ID, 83706

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Five Reasons to Deny Idaho Power Company (IPCO) Rate Classification Request

1. IPCO has not provided full justification, intent, use, or purpose of its proposed Rate Category.
2. IPCO's request is verbose and burdensome and needlessly makes work for itself, PUC Staff and the Commission, as well as experts, concerned entities, government agencies, concerned citizens, and businesses - essentially all of its rate-based customers.
3. IPCO needs to conduct a full and complete (business, societal, and environmental) study of the costs, benefits, plans, and projected outcomes of renewable energy sources – no matter who owns the generating capacity. Then, and only then, should they make a well-founded, educated, substantiated request(s) to the Commission. Picking only one small piece (such as IPCO's request to establish a new Rate Category) of the whole picture versus considering all the implications of solar power production promises only to distort the useful purpose of that information.
4. The Commission has nothing to base a decision on. The IPCO request is so vague, so imprecise, so non-specific, and without a clearly defined purpose that the Commission cannot objectively fulfill its decision-making role. Indeed, approving such a poorly formulated request would seem to abdicate the Commission's own responsibilities.
5. IPCO is a hydropower based generator of electrical power. Generated renewable electricity, no matter the source or the owner, allows IPCO storage and control of that electricity because it has the capability and means to store the potential energy. That is, if IPCO doesn't need power, e.g., it doesn't experience demand on its service area grid due to solar input, then, it does not have to release water to its turbines and generators. IPCO controls its hydro generating capacity. By storing the energy provided by renewable sources, IPCO maintains management of generation, release to the grid, timing open market rates and other operating benefits. Said another way, renewable energy helps keep more water behind the dams so IPCO can have discretion in managing its power.

Where are the full and open studies of the above yet unquantified benefits? If more renewable energy were available, is it conceivable IPCO might unburden itself from its partial ownership in the Jim Bridger Plant with all of its unquantified environmental liabilities? Free energy from small solar power producers provides flexibility and an unlimited rate of return to IPCO. The Commission should look at IPCO's avoided costs provided by the renewable energy producers. The Commission should not allow IPCO to only focus on the small, narrowly defined dataset it vaguely alludes to as adding to its overall embedded rate costs.

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From: p_kmontgomery@msn.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 7:41 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Paul Montgomery

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Case Number: IPC-E-17-13.
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Boise ID, 83706

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Comment: What has Idaho Power planned to help the poor transition to solar power?

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Boise ID, 83706

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Comment: What has Idaho Power planned to help the poor transition to solar power?

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From: hshaklee@cableone.net
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 9:20 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Harriet Shaklee

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Case Number: IPC-E-17-13
Email: hshaklee@cableone.net
Telephone:
Address: 906 Marshall Street
Boise ID, 83706

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Commissioners: I respectfully request that you deny the request of Idaho Power to move customers with on-site generation to a new schedule, enabling rate increases for these customers. Somehow, Idaho Power sees these customers as needing to pick up more of the cost of electric power since they are using less of the Idaho Power generated resource. However, an expanding grid of on-site solar and other alternative energy sources can reduce the need for future power generation facilities to be built, thereby saving costs to all who rely on Idaho Power for electricity. Surely a sound cost-benefit analysis is in order before increasing costs to those who are reducing their burden on Idaho Power by generating power on-site. It would make as much sense to charge people more who reduce their use through insulation, use of led lights, and energy star appliances. It is backwards thinking in either case.

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To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
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Address: 906 Marshall Street
Boise ID, 83706

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

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From: hideawayranch@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2018 8:05 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Gregory Mann

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Case Number: *IPC - E - 17 - 13*
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Telephone:
Address: 380 Little Wood Reservoir Rd
Carey Idaho, 83320

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Idaho Powers net metering program enables local citizens to support Idahos clean energy sector. Supporting this growing sector of our economic reduces the current reliance on out-of-state fossil fuels for roughly 50% of our electricity.

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From: rhodes.csak@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2018 8:40 AM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Robert Rhodes

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Case Number: *IPC-E-17-13*
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Telephone:
Address: 5299 E. Understory Avenue
Boise Idaho , 83716

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: We just installed 11 panels on our house. Beyond the incentive to invest in clean energy, we were also attracted to the Federal and State tax incentives encouraging their installation. Finally a selling point was the current arrangement with Idaho Power - which I now see is under review. Our investment by the way was \$18,000. I cannot attend tonight's meeting in which Idaho Power is seeking to alter the above arrangement. I will trust you to give it its proper weight against the backdrop of the importance of weening ourselves from oil for the sake of the environment. Thanks for your time, Robert Rhodes

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Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 4:38 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Katy Fry

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Address: Silverado Real
Careywood Idaho, 83809

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

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From: HUGHES.BOB@AMNISOPES.COM
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To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: ROBERT M. HUGHES

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DRIGGS ID, 83422

Name of Utility Company: FALL CREEK

Comment: Idaho Power is proposing policies that would unfairly discriminate against customers who produce part of their own energy from solar panels. If approved, this will stifle the growth of Idaho's clean energy economy. We must continue to have the right to offset our energy usage though generating our own electricity from our own roofs, just like we have the right to increase home and auto energy efficiencies.

Idaho Power alleges that customers who produce part of their own energy from rooftop solar panels are are not paying for their fair share of the electrical grid infrastructure. The Company is asking the IPUC to approve a plan to put us into a separate customer class -- a first step towards charging us different rates. However, I believe we have the right to offset our electricity use without discrimination.

Although net metering programs elsewhere have been shown to save ratepayers money, Idaho Power has yet to conduct any comprehensive cost-benefit studies. Creating a new rate class for net metering customers now is premature and discriminatory.

Please deny Idaho Power's request to create a new customer rate class

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Diane Holt

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: With most of the world doing everything they can to lower the personal "carbon footprint". Why am I being punished for going total solar at my new home in Emmett (Just moved here 13 months ago). Please explain to me why if Idaho Power gets my excess electricity (and the power company sells back on the grid) should I pay extra or loose any credits'.

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Diane Holt

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Idaho Powers net metering program enables local citizens to support Idahos clean energy sector. Supporting this growing sector of our economic reduces the current reliance on out-of-state fossil fuels for roughly 50% of our electricity.

Investing in local solar power keeps more energy dollars in our communities and allows individuals to meet their own energy needs. Individual control and local economic growth are Idahoan values.

Please stand up for these values by maintaining the current net metering program.

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Diane Holt

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Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2018 3:17 PM
To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Michael Cantrell

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Name of Utility Company: Self

Comment: In considering Idaho Power's application to create a separate rate class for people who install power generating equipment on their homes or businesses and seek to "net meter" for excess production, it seems to me that there are two important factors to be accounted for and balanced.

First, I acknowledge that because I can generate excess power and feed it into the grid for a later credit against power I consume out of the grid, I am using the grid in lieu of a bank of batteries and as a consequence I am saving a substantial amount of the cost of a self-contained home power generation facility. However, this savings of battery cost is not reflective of or even directly correlated to the costs Idaho Power incurs in supplying the grid because Idaho Power has to supply the grid whether I generate power or simply consume it. Nonetheless it is true that there is a cost associated with creating and maintaining the grid that is available to serve as my "battery" and that Idaho Power may not be recapturing this cost through what it can currently charge. I appreciate that to cover this unrecovered cost, Idaho Power might end up seeking a rate increase that gets passed on to the rate payers who are not net metering.

Second, our investment in power production works to reduce the amount of power that needs to be generated by Idaho Power with the effect that our capital expenditure reduces the capital expenditure required of Idaho Power and will consequently save rate payer from rate increases needed to build new or replacement production capacity.

In other words, while we are getting the benefit of the grid as a "battery" the power consumers are getting a significant cost savings generated by our investment in power production which is saving an investment that would otherwise be incurred by Idaho Power and passed on to consumers. This being the case does not seem to me to be unfair or unreasonable that rate payers should effectively subsidize home producers by supplying the "battery" because home producers are bearing the capital expense to provide power production that Idaho Power would otherwise incur and then seek to pass on to consumers.

I would also point out that nothing in this balancing of benefits accounts for the environmental benefit I have conferred upon my community by bearing the expense to add clean energy production to help meet local power needs. This benefit while not insubstantial is admittedly hard to quantify. That does not mean however that there is no benefit nor that the Commission should disregard that benefit. There is ample precedent over the years demonstrating the Commission's power to require Idaho Power to provide programs to reduce power production needs even though in the final analysis the cost of providing these programs gets factored into the rate setting process.

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Diane Holt

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Solar power is one way to minimize our carbon footprint and it is needed NOW. Those of us who can afford to contribute do so with the whole planet in mind and it helps the power company as well. Please only change the system so that it encourages/enables ALL people to adopt this energy source. This would entail Idaho Power to do a "cost of service study" so we know all the information to change rates for the good of all.

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Diane Holt

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To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Paul Thompson

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: My partners and I are working on bringing a business to Idaho that has 150 employees in 2 other states installing Residential Rooftop photovoltaic systems. Distributed renewable energy is the future of the electrical grid nationally and in Idaho. Idaho will lose out on growth by killing Net Metering or penalizing net metering customers and force customers into micro-grid and off-grid solutions and thereby waste the significant tax payer investment in the grid. Distributed grid solar at the consumer level will also eliminate the significant charges Idaho Power levees consumers for demand and consumption tiers - giving individual consumers more options and autonomy regarding their bills - lowering cost contrary to Idaho Power's propaganda in the Idaho Statesman. Their argument has been used consistently by nearly every utility in the country and it conveniently ignores free electricity that they get from net metering customers and Power Factor improvements to the grid from Distributed grid hardware. Saying nothing of the impact of not burning coal or killing Salmon...Distributed grid uses existing infrastructure and building so impact is minimal on Idaho's natural resources.

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Diane Holt

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To: Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Matthew Evans
Subject: Case Comment Form: Rodney Burks

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I own a 9kW solar system and I am opposed to an increase in fees to generators of power like myself. When Idaho Power states the use of the power infrastructure is not being adequately paid for by generators like me, I wonder what they do with the extra power I am adding to the electric grid. If it's only resold at the current rate to Idaho Power users exclusively, then I agree. However, when power is sold to NV, WA, CA or wherever else Idaho Power redirects excess production, I'd say they are being fairly compensated. The extra power entering the grid from a customer investment in solar power systems like myself, did not receive one penny from Idaho Power. So in reality, we've saved Idaho Power the expense of building additional production to meet these extra demands of power use.

If Idaho Power claims they have excess power generation and don't need additional power production, why do they offer a program credit to customers who allow Idaho Power the ability to shut down HVAC systems use at peak demand times? I am part of this program and I think it's approximately \$5 to \$7 a month.

My investment in solar power is an attempt to produce 50% of my needs. It is also my desire to eliminate the need for additional or current dams that have decimated the runs of salmon. If hundreds of millions were not spent by the utilities to keep these runs alive, the salmon would be extinct.

It's ironic that Idaho Power is concerned about a very small industry like solar, when I would bet the expense they have in maintaining the salmon runs, thus the justification for dams, has more affect on the power rates than any surcharge they want to tax to the solar industry.

Rodney K Burks

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Diane Holt

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: 1. I attempted to enlist in Idaho Power's Irrigation Peak Rewards program to be told I would not be a participant because my irrigation pump wasn't big enough. Hence, an Idaho Power program for larger, wealthier landowners over smaller, less-wealthy landholders? Now, all of a sudden we're worried about solar power cheating economically challenged rate payers?

2. Solar Power is at it's most productive on sunny hot summer afternoons exactly when electricity demand is at it's peak. Why shouldn't Idaho Power pay solar power producers extra for this valuable contribution? Perhaps it might be considered an offset to the "subsidy" poorer ratepayers are contributing.

3. Alternative power sources should eventually drive electricity rates down thus providing a real & tangible benefit to poor folks. Or, is cheaper power not really supposed to be on the agenda? Bob M

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Diane Holt

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Believing that we all have a responsibility to care for our resources, I invested in a solar system to heat and light my home. I believe with my new installation of photovoltaic panels I am near "net zero". In making the decision to install solar I relied on your fair net metering program. I ask that the current program continue in order to foster responsible investments in solar by other homeowners and businesses.

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