

Diane Holt

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am against the proposal to create a separate classification for customers who install on-site power generation and still connect to Idaho Power's system. (Net-Metering)

There have been no studies or proof that Net-Metering is costing Idaho Power more money.

I recently installed a system at my home to generate power and have remained on the grid. I spent \$20,000.00 for this system. That's \$20,000.00 dollars Idaho Power doesn't have to spend on infrastructure. When I am not using this power, Idaho Power can sell it to my neighbors and I get a credit (which is less than what they charge for electricity). If I use more than I produce I have to pay full price for the power.

I also believe in this era of terrorist attacks, natural disasters, etc. it is wise to disperse production of critical services such as electricity over a larger area to maintain service rather than have one sub-station fail and leave ten's of thousands without power.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I formally ask the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to deny Idaho Power's request to create a new customer class for net metering customers.

While Idaho Power's request "does not call for changes to rates or charges for any customers," the request for a new customer class sets the stage for future rate change requests for this new class of customer.

We grant Idaho Power, as a public utility, a monopoly on the production and distribution of electricity that is intended to benefit all its customers. Current and future net metering customers should not be penalized for installing renewable energy systems, such as solar panels, by having to pay additional charges and fees. We all benefit from customers who install and generate renewable energy systems.

"Idaho Power projects the number of net metering customers to grow to between 6,171 and 7,032 by 2021." And what percentage of growth does Idaho power expect for its standard electric service customers over the same period? As a percentage of its overall customer base, the percentage of net metering customers MAY actually decline and the revenue Idaho Power receives from its new standard electric service customers MAY entirely offset the credits to its net metering customers. Where is that data in the proposal?

We should encourage the use of renewable energy sources like wind and solar now for the benefit of future generations.

Thank you for allowing me to comment on Idaho Power's request.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Comment: IPC-E-17-13

Idaho Power appears to have a double set of standards about the use of solar power. They publicly support solar power with their own solar farms and as a solution to low energy at the end of a line system (Idaho Power's "Connections" article February 2018) however they are not willing to support the individual with net metering. Why the double standard?

If the general public is willing to install energy devices, solar panels, the equivalent of a super sized version of energy efficiency, at their expense, why not let them? Adding distributed energy solar panels allows Idaho Power to increase system capacity without building baseload or peak generating stations and transmission lines. Customer acquired distributed energy is so much cheaper to add to the system compared to fixed units that Idaho Power should be willing to pay the customers for adding generating capacity to the system.

The "Connections" newsletter gives tips on how to save energy, including Idaho Power sending LED light bulbs to customers to save energy, but if a customer wants to go to the ultimate in savings by generating their own power, Idaho Power doesn't like it and wants to create more economic hardships to customers. Where is the justification in that? Idaho Power has submitted two proposals for funds from the VW Mitigation Plan Projects Fund, one for charging stations throughout the state and the other for the purchase of electric forklifts. This seems greedy. They are requesting millions of dollars for company gain from a program they did not have any connection to, but are trying to force their customers to pay extra fees to discourage distributed energy generation. Idaho Power should put their customers first rather than grabbing at money that directly benefits the company.

As quoted from the "Connections" newsletter, "the Company is committed to a smart cost effective energy future." If this is so, then they need to practice this philosophy and incorporate the technology of today by weaning ourselves off the fossil fuels and use the clean renewable energy available to us. Customers are willing to help with the "cost effective energy future", but not if they are being charged with higher fees.

A new rate class is inappropriate and should not be granted.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I ask that the PUC deny the Idaho Power request to end Schedule 84 net metering program and to create separate customer classifications for those who generate electricity at home and those who do not. Idaho Power's petition lists only generalizations and hypothetical costs to the company and to its customers; they have not provided evidence that the costs of distributing surplus power from residential producers exceeds the benefits to Idaho Power from receiving that additional supply. The public interest in maintaining the existing support for distributed power production opportunities outweighs the company's interests in maximizing profits based on its traditional, 20th-century model of centralized production. Idaho Power should be more innovative in responding to the falling costs and rising production of solar power generation.

The Public Utilities Commission was founded by the people of Idaho over a century ago to defend the public interest in the accessibility and affordability of utility services provided by private firms who hold a monopoly on that service. Distributed production from rooftop solar and other means promotes the accessibility and affordability for electrical service throughout the state without significantly harming the viability of any utility company. Federal and state tax laws, even in the wake of recent reforms, reflect that distributed electrical production is a public good that reduces costs and promotes supply of power. To end net metering and to create separate rate classes for this purpose potentially undermines that broadly recognized public good.

The request to mandate smart inverters does not require any change to net metering or customer classification. It is inappropriate to include a simple technology update within this petition to change the fundamental structure that promotes broader accessibility and affordability of electrical power in Idaho.

Thank you for your consideration of public comments in this case.

Sincerely,
Kevin Marsh
Pocatello

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Diane Holt

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I am opposed to Idaho Powers proposal to segregate net-metered customers into different groups. Net-metered customers have already undertaken a significant expense building peak-power generation capacity for ID Power. Penalizing net-metered power producers by altering the 1:1 net metering rate is short sighted.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Rooftop solar power is increasing in Idaho, bringing clean energy and jobs to Idaho communities. By charging people more for their own solar power installations it could have the potential of harming Idaho's economy. I believe a cost-benefit analysis done by an independent party should be carefully considered.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: I support solar power in Idaho and oppose the plan to change the net metering policy or to raise rates for users generating solar power. Solar power reduces pollution and the impacts of climate change and Idaho should promote development of further solar resources.

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Diane Holt

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: We urge Idaho Power to keep net metering for home solar installations as it is at present. We believe solar production of electricity is the best for our planet.

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Diane Holt

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Name of Utility Company: Clearwater Power

Comment: I do not understand why Idaho Power believes that electric customers with solar, wind or micro-hydro are not paying their fair share and why Idaho Power trying to put these customers into a separate rate class thus limiting the number of customers who can use alternative, clean power sources.

Clean energy is the way to proceed. Solar and wind power reduce air pollution which causes human illness, climate change, higher rates for health care and air and water pollution.

Net metering will enable more homeowners to use alternative power sources. Instead of causing a problem, why can't Idaho Power become part of the solution and get on board with solar power and net metering.

Let's try looking ahead for a change instead of keeping our heads in the sand.

Thank you.
Alida Bockino

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: If we get billed for line fees, somebody neutral needs to have oversight as to how the fair number is calculated.

Also - if we're going to get billed for line fees, we should be able to use our extra power credits to offset the fees. Or we should get paid out for the extra power we put into the grid.

Also - if they're going to make everything "fair" they should use a schedule so that the power produced during the day is valued appropriately compared to the (cheaper) power used at night.

Thank you.

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Ketchum Idaho, 83340

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Please, please, please do not make it difficult for those doing the right thing by harnessing the sun, wind and geothermal, by charging people money for doing what is right. Those that have made the step to help the environment should not be punished, but rather rewarded. It takes a lot of money to invest in solar and that should suffice. Greed is not good.

Thank You,
Hillary Anderson

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Name of Utility Company: ID Power

Comment: I am opposed to the creation of a new rate class for home solar power customers. This proposal will discriminate a tiny fraction of IDP customers. Justification, for this proposal, seems, to be based on maintenance of the grid infrastructure, wherein it oddly does not recognize the vast difference in grid infrastructure between urban and rural customers. This targets customers choice for self-security with rooftop generation of power.

Before IDP can justify such a harsh penalty against the tiny minority of its customers, the PUC should mandate a third party derived cost-benefit analysis. Additionally, such measures will hurt hundreds of Idaho jobs, prolong reliance on Mercury laden coal power pollutants that harm our young and old alike, not to mention adding toxins to rivers and streams. I do not understand this companies reliance on 19th-century coal and at the same time stifling a technology that will benefit the entire citizenry and economy in the long run I ask the PUC to stop the attempt by IDP to shift costs to a tiny minority and address the benefits of rooftop solar on all ratepayers with a broad cost-benefit analysis. My family wants to install solar on my Nampa home very soon, this is worrisome and I strongly oppose its passage. Thank You for taking our comments.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Company

Comment: Idaho Power should not treat solar generators different than other rate payers. Every month I get a bill from Idaho Power promoting conservation. This saves the company a lot of money. Solar energy by its own customers does the same by avoiding the need for more generating and distribution facilities. Plain old common sense tells us this. Idaho Power should be looking at ways to promote solar generation, not less! They need to re-look at their economic models. Thank you.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Please deny Idaho Power Company's petition to segregate customers who use alternative energy sources. The reasons are as follows: 1) Idaho Power has not completed a cost-benefit analysis of rooftop solar, which does not put the PUC in a position to make informed judgments about cost-shifting. 2) It will save jobs. Rooftop solar is increasing in Idaho, bringing clean power and jobs to Idaho communities. 3) Idaho Power's new rate class threatens Idaho's solar industry and customers.

Please do the right thing for southeast Idaho.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power

Comment: Idaho Power should be encouraging the adoption of renewable energy at the local scale and should be moving away from operations that block major waterways and impede fish passage on Idaho's rivers. Dividing customers into different classes will discourage the develop of electrical production in local communities.

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