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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power Company

Comment: I ask that the Public Utilities Commission deny IPCo's request to create new customer classes for Residential and Small General Service net metering customers.

My wife and I, residing at 420 E. Crestline Drive, Boise, ID 83702, are customers of Idaho Power Company ("IPCo" or the "Company"). In October 2016, at a net cost of approximately \$11,000 (after tax credits and deductions), we installed a 4.83 kilowatt photo-voltaic system on our roof, together with an inverter, a net meter and other equipment complying with IPCo's specifications. In 2017 our solar system produced 54% of the electricity we consumed. We earned net metering credits from the Company—by providing more power to the grid than we received in a given month—of 6 KWh in April and 176 KWh in May, 2017, for a total credit of 182 KWh for the year. Thus, we remain net users of IPCo-supplied electricity and in 2017 produced credits totaling two percent of our total usage of 12,220 KWh. We are not supplying energy to the grid on a net basis. It appears that the minor accounting entry—accounting for a small credit in two months—is the only thing that distinguishes us from those IPCo customers who do not have net meters.

IPCo has offered no rationale for separating net metering customers into their own class, much less imposing additional charges on them. According to the Company's figures, "an average net metering customer is 26 percent less expensive to serve than an average standard service residential customer." Direct Testimony of Stacy Donohue, Case No. IPC-E-17-13 (December 22, 2017) ("Donohue"), pp. 4-5, citing IPCo (Aschenbrenner direct testimony, Ex. 10, p. 11). According to Donohue, "[n]et metering lowers costs to serve because it reduces capacity and energy costs the Company would otherwise incur to serve that load." Donohue, p. 5. Aside from the illogic of IPCo's proposal, the Company has conducted no cost of service study to justify separating net metered customers into a separate class, and this alone should disqualify the proposal. The Commission should deny the current request. It is premature without a cost of service study, and it appears the Company could not substantiate it even if such a study were conducted.

The Commission should direct the Company to investigate and report back on how it can become a partner in promoting rooftop solar, and in pursuing more community solar projects. The Commission should enter rulings that encourage this. IPCo's present proposal goes the opposite direction.

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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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Comment: The Commission work to keep solar affordable, encourage innovation and increased access to solar and wind energy; protect consumers' right to install solar panels without unfair charges or fees; and deny Idaho Power's request for a new net metering customer class.

Solar energy is a significant economic resource as part of the renewables domination over power. Solar will account for 64 percent of the new generating capacity. The cost of solar will come down. (resilient cities)
The key growth in renewables is expected to be rooftop solar which provides opportunities for consumers and a distributed power framework. It is likely to lead to a revival of economic activity in those places which can enable it. (Resilient Cities) Solar power is here. Even in Idaho where hydropower plays a role in keeping our costs down. However hydropower is based on a natural resource and subject to natural changes and disasters. Solar is more economical and less vulnerble than centralized distribution. Ultimately the Commission's decision is to support the status quo or facilitate Idaho's opportunity to join other geographic areas nationally and internationally in capitalizing on this new economy.

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