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Idaho Public Utility Commissioners
RE: IPC-E-15-01
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Idaho Public Utility Commissioners,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the 765 members of the Pocatello-Chubbuck Chamber of Commerce I write concerning Idaho Power's request to shorten the length of guaranteed contracts for large solar and wind generation projects. In speaking for many power users I believe that Idaho Power's request is in the best interest of my Chamber membership.

While we support clean energy and believe that Idaho Power currently does a great job of supplying us with clean energy, we do not believe that Idaho Power should have to buy electricity it does not need. One of the great benefits that we have in Idaho is a low cost reliable power supply. Having to buy electricity that is not needed will drive up that cost and remove one of our advantages in the economic development arena. If it is absolutely necessary that Idaho Power must purchase this electricity we agree that contracts should be limited to two years, as the company has requested.

The Pocatello-Chubbuck Chamber of Commerce supports Idaho Power's environmentally responsible and balanced service and its tradition of providing quality, reliable service at a low cost. This issue is important to the Pocatello-Chubbuck Chamber of Commerce, and it's good for Idaho and Idahoans. We ask that you grant Idaho Power's petition to modify the terms and conditions of future PURPA energy sales agreements (IPC-E-15-01).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Mike J. H...", is written over a large, stylized blue oval graphic.

President & CEO
Pocatello-Chubbuck Chamber of Commerce

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March 11, 2015

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RE: IPUC Case No. IPC-E-15-01

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the City of Parma to express our support of Idaho Power's request to shorten the length of guaranteed contracts for large solar power and renewable energy projects. As a public entity, employer, and Idaho Power customer, the City believes that Idaho Power's application is in the best interest of all its customers.

Having access to reliable electricity at a fair price is essential to the operation of the City's infrastructure and a valuable tool for economic development in attracting businesses to locate within our community.

Our residents enjoy the natural environment that Idaho affords and respect the region's clean-energy resources. However, moving toward a clean energy future cannot come at the expense of reliability and affordability. The City of Parma recognizes Idaho Power's efforts to keep power costs in-line with current market rates while striking a balance between the uses of clean-energy and the more reliable sources it already employs.

Limiting the contracts to two-year terms will allow Idaho Power to make the right choices in maintaining a balance that will allow them to continue to provide the quality, reliable services that they strive for. Locking them into 20-year terms could be costly to the company and all of its customers.

The City of Parma respectfully requests that the Idaho Public Utilities Commission grant Idaho Power's petition to modify the terms and conditions of future PURPA energy sales agreements.

Sincerely,


Nathan Leigh, Mayor
City of Parma

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