

# Caldwell, Idaho

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To:  
Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0074

March 12, 2015

Re: Idaho Power Co.'s petition to modify the terms and conditions of future PURPA energy agreements

IPUC Case No. IPC-E-15-01

Dear Commissioners:

As the Mayor of Caldwell, I'm writing to you on behalf of our city to support Idaho Power's request to shorten the contract requirement with solar developers. The requirement of 20 year contract that guarantees prices over such a long period is simply unreasonable given the frequent changes in our energy market prices, emerging technologies, and economic growth or recession.

Regardless of whether we all agree with all federal mandates, we are all affected. The requirement of unreasonably long contract lengths would force utility companies to absorb rising costs over the length of the entire contract without consideration of these fluctuations. Thus, the most unfairly affected group would be utility users, to whom the fees would be charged to compensate for excess cost of buying solar energy at rates that do not equitably reflect the market. We appreciate that the Idaho Public Utilities Commission seeks to protect our residents from undue burdens. However, in this case, an undue burden to Idaho utility users will result from the requirement of utility companies to sign such lengthy contracts with solar developers. The requirement is dually burdensome: to the utility company and to the user.

Idaho Power's request to shorten contracts from 20 to two years is a reasonable balance between compliance with federal mandates, protecting utility users, and maintaining sustainability for one of our most valued Idaho businesses. Please grant their request to shorten the contract requirement to a two-year term.

Best,

Garret Nancolas  
Mayor

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## City of Wilder

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March 9, 2015

Commissioners  
Idaho Public Utilities  
P.O. Box 83702 Boise Idaho

Dear Commissioners:

As an Idaho employer and Idaho Power user, the City of Wilder supports Idaho Powers request to shorten the length of these contracts for solar and wind generation projects. We believe Idaho Powers request is in the best interests of all concerned and that of Wilder and its residents.

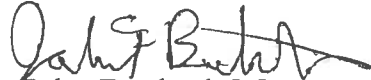
Having access to reliable electricity at a fair price is essential. It's also to the financial health of our residents.

We do not just work here, but live here. Our residents love and respect the clean environment that's essential to our way of life in Idaho. All of us want clean energy, and we are glad to know that a majority of our electricity comes from the regions clean, renewable hydro resources. However moving toward a clean energy future cannot come at the expense of reliability and affordability. The City of Wilder believes Idaho Power recognizes and understands this, and works hard to strike a good balance. The City of Wilder recognizes the company's efforts to keep power costs in line with current market rates, which will benefit our city and our residents.

We do not believe Idaho Power should be required to buy electricity it does not need, these sources decrease the reliability of its service while pushing costs up. If Idaho Power continues to be required to make such purchases, we agree that the contract should be limited to two years, as the company has requested, or less, rather than locking in prices for 20 years.

The city of Wilder supports Idaho Powers responsible and balance service and its tradition of providing quality service at a low cost. It's good for Wilder, it's good for Idaho and for all Idahoans. We ask that you grant Idaho Powers petition to modify the terms and conditions of future PURPA energy sales agreements (IPC-E-15-01).

Respectfully

  
John Bechtel, Mayor  
Wilder, Idaho

## Jean Jewell

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**From:** ted22m@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2015 6:55 PM  
**To:** Beverly Barker; Jean Jewell; Gene Fadness  
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Name: Ted Miller  
Case Number: IPC-E-15-01  
Email: [ted22m@hotmail.com](mailto:ted22m@hotmail.com)  
Telephone:  
Address: PO Box 14  
Fairfield ID, 83327

Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power  
Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: I believe solar power is the best option for a energy efficient future. It is safer and lower maintenance than wind. Non polluting and abundant.  
Also provides power even in partial cloud cover.  
It should be a primary part of our energy supply.  
We should always keep out options open for the future.

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