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To Idaho Public Utility Commissioners:

Over the past 14 years, numerous factors have played a role in Southern Idaho's economic development successes, both in both business recruitment and business retention. Every one of the 30+ new or retained industries this region has confirmed over this time is a power user. Some, of course, more than others – from massive manufacturing facilities to companies with just a few employees.

One significant advantage we have found during our economic development efforts, especially when recruiting new business, is the advantage Idaho offers in regards to power rates. Idaho Power's low rates as well as its mix of sustainable energy sources are important hallmarks of our economic development proposals. We believe Idaho Power currently offers a fair mix of renewable energy sources to not only maintain low rates but assure energy reliability.

Should Idaho Power be required to purchase additional energy – although not needed -- from young and unreliable renewable energy sources under an agreement locking them in for several decades, is not only unfair, but will result in a substantial increase in energy rates for our businesses. This rate escalation would certainly make our region less competitive on the economic development field and will have a long-term negative impact to business recruitment.

We believe that two-year contracts are the only fair way to keeps rates in check while slowly growing and managing green energy opportunities. A 20-year demanded commitment would be restrictive, unfair and against free market values. A request from any entity demanding a contract for two-decades would only serve one purpose: to financially support that one entity at the expense of hundreds of thousands.

We strongly request that the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, in fairness to all, support Idaho Power's petition to keep renewable energy/solar contracts to a period of two years.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jan Rogers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jan Rogers
Executive Director