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Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 4:18 PM
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Name of Utility Company: Idaho Power
Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: I am writing to support a reasonable contract length for new solar development projects in Idaho. A 2-year contract for a solar power project renders it almost impossible to finance any substantial project. A 2 year contract will essentially put an end to solar development in Idaho.

We need reliable, low-cost power, and solar can provide that. The cost of coal will skyrocket with current and coming environmental regulations. That's why utilities nationwide are retiring their coal plants and replacing them with renewable energy.

If utilities have "excess power", they should eliminate the most polluting generation and replace it with the cleanest power, i.e. solar and wind.

Reducing renewable energy contracts from 20 to 2 years sends all the wrong messages about Idaho's commitment to clean energy. When utilities build new power plants or transmission lines, they get decades to pay them off. It's unfair to demand energy developers play by different rules.

The Idaho Energy Plan, revised by our Legislature in 2012, ranks energy efficiency and renewable energy as priorities in meeting Idaho's future energy needs. If this plan is anything more than just words, we should be encouraging new solar development, not trying to kill it.

Renewable energy, especially solar power, will be needed more than ever as our utilities inevitably phase out their use of coal-fired generation. Solar can and must be the primary replacement for our dirty coal power.

A healthy renewable energy sector in Idaho means new jobs, economic stimulation and millions of dollars in new tax revenues for state and local governments. And that all takes place here so we're not exporting our energy dollars to states where our coal plants are located.

Idaho Power Company needs to realize the world is changing, and needs to rethink their business model. If they are going to have a monopoly on selling power, they should play by fair rules. Otherwise, other power producers should be able to sell power to the highest bidder.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho POver
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Comment: Dear Commissioners:

We must move away from fossil fuels to stave off the worst of global climate change. Now is not the time to quash Idaho solar and homegrown climate solutions. Climate change is urgent and solar is a locally based climate solution and one that grows our local economies.

Idaho needs clean energy to protect our air, water, and climate. For the sake of our children and grandchildren, the country has to stop burning coal.

Idaho must stop using electricity generated by coal, and Idaho utilities need to reduce and eventually eliminate use of coal. One of the most cost effective ways to do this is to let PURPA work and free market economies compete.

Idaho utilities say we don't need the electricity but this ignores the detrimental effects of burning coal. We need to promote clean energy. Southern Idaho has some of the best solar resources in the country and money spent on solar stays in the state, boosts the economy and tax base, while providing jobs for Idahoans. Money spent on coal power leaves our state and provides none of these benefits. Reducing contract length will stymie the growth of Idaho's tremendous solar resources.

Changing the rules to reduce contract lengths that independent power producers from 20 to 2 years will discourage growing Idaho's clean energy economy. There are better ways to Idaho electric utility concerns than to effectively quash renewable energy.

We need to promote, not discourage the growth of our clean energy economy. The proposal by Idaho Power threatens the viability of the 8.5 megawatt solar farm in Ohio Gulch, in Blaine County. This project will provide jobs and help with energy independence for the area.

Please maintain the 20-year contract timeframe and reject the proposal to change it to two years.

Sincerely,
Steven Wolper
Blaine County

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Name of Utility Company: Avista
Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: My house has been run by solar for the last 20 years. I am concerned that decisions concerning the health of the environment are made by those who are mainly concerned by keeping competition out so that they can corner the money. Make a decision that is ethical and keep solar a viable energy source in Idaho. We so often look like ignorant hicks. Though unfortunately when making choices for money over responsible care of the planet we're on a par with many other states. Let your conscience guide you.

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Name of Utility Company: O.P.M. Enterprises Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: This is not the way to boost the future of Idaho! This, as far as I am concerned, is just another form of monopoly. IPP's have the right to 20 yr. contracts as much as the big Utilities. There is no future for Idaho without small business!

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Jean Jewell

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

Comment: I am a homeowner who has solar cells installed on my property, and I'm appalled at the continual actions taken by Idaho Power to squelch the development of solar power in Idaho. Our state is a prime market for the development of solar and wind energy, but Idaho Power's corporate interests are putting profits above the public interest. We desperately need to move away from the use of fossil fuels, which are completely unsustainable, and move toward the use of renewable energy sources. This will protect our air, water, and land for future generations.

A federal law called PURPA (Public Utility Regulatory Policy Act) requires utilities to buy clean energy that meets certain rules established by the PUC. These Idaho rules define the project size, price for power, and terms for contracts with non-utility power producers. Striking the right balance among these three rules protects customer bills while providing a fair chance to grow Idaho's clean energy sector. In 2012, the PUC adopted a new method—designed by Idaho Power—to ensure that we pay local clean energy projects what we would otherwise pay to utilities for their energy. The PUC allowed utilities to sign 20-year clean energy contracts. That is fair.

However, the Idaho utilities—Avista, Idaho Power, and Rocky Mountain Power—have now asked the PUC to change the long-term contract rule. Instead of 20 years, the utilities want to limit contracts to 2 years. Short contract periods will stop all new clean energy development in Idaho. Independent power-producing companies cannot finance a project, designed to last for 25 years or longer, with a 2-year contract.

When utilities build a power plant or transmission line, they ask us customers to repay them for as long as the project operates—often 20 to 30 years or more. Idaho's clean energy businesses should get the same deal. That's only fair.

Sincerely,
Laurie Kuntz
Boise, ID

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

Comment: Climate change is real and solar power is a locally-based climate solution that grows our local economies.
Idaho needs clean energy to protect our air, water, and climate, thereby ensuring the health of our citizens. Coal use has got to stop.

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

Comment: I believe that it's past time for Idaho to move past the use of coal and other fossil fuels for energy production. We'll soon be seeing regulations that will phase out these types of energy production, anyway, so we might as well lead the pack in solar & wind energy.

The producers of renewable energy need our support- they need longer-term contracts, in order to finance their operations. This would encourage a larger marketplace of producers, and inevitably make for better pricing for the customers of Idaho Power.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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

Comment: Please do NOT shorten contracts for Idaho independent power producers. This would unfairly limit research possibilities for these companies. We desperately need to move from fossil fuels to renewable energy and need to provide renewable energy companies every break possible rather than making development more difficult for them.

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

Comment: Please deny Idaho Power's request to drastically shorten the contract length for independent power producers from 20 to 2 years. We need to shift our energy sources from coal to clean sources of energy like solar. Shortening the contract length for independent power producers will discourage the transition to clean energy sources. Climate change is a problem that we need to address right now and the solution to the problem requires that we stop depending on coal for electricity.

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

Comment: Idaho needs clean energy to protect air, water, the climate, and health

Please move away from polluting fossil fuels to clean energy and “require every public utility to maintain and operate its line, plant, system, equipment, apparatus and premises in such manner as to promote and safeguard the health and safety of its employees, customers and the public.’

Idaho utilities say we don’t “need” the electricity. But unlike fossil fuel resources burdened with increasingly volatile fuel costs and regulatory uncertainty, the cost of solar today will only get cheaper as fossil fuel electricity generation gets more expensive.

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Name of Utility Company: Idaho's electric utility Acknowledge public record: True

Comment: ????????????

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

Comment: How much money is being given to our politicians by this company... This is a bad idea, we need to encourage all types renewable energy. If this means Idahopower makes a few less pennies, so be it.

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