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RE: ADV 1539

Commissioners Decker and Tawney,

I am an Idaho Power customer that is in installing solar on my home. The project started last November and we are still waiting for final inspection. I am very concerned about Idaho Power's proposed changes to net metering, both for my solar system and for those in my community that want to go solar. I urge you to take adequate time to review the proposal and either decline their proposal or make significant improvements.

My solar system - when finalized – will provide me with energy independence and bill savings. I like that I can produce my own clean energy and that I know where it comes from. I made a personal investment in order to have that self-reliance and save on my energy bills. Especially in a time of high inflation, customers should be allowed to reduce their energy bills by installing solar.

I'm also upset that Idaho Power's proposal would be retroactive and impact customers like me. Idaho Power signed a contract with me and I expect them to uphold the provisions of that contract, including the rates. Their proposal would change the savings I was counting on when I made the investment to go solar.

Lastly, I am disappointed that this proposed change does not have more time for public input. I would have liked to attend the workshop but was unable to due to the last-minute scheduling. It would be good to have a longer process.

Thank you for your consideration of how this change would affect customers like me who invested their own personal funds to create their own solar energy. I urge you to modify or decline Idaho Power's proposal.

Sincerely,

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