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Members of the PUC,

I'm a Idaho Power customer and am commenting in regard to the Sierra Club Petition for Reconsideration.

I'm a farmer and a sole proprietor since 1974. One of my farms is a 600 acre tract on a butte 550 feet elevation above the Snake River which is its source of irrigation water. The cost of pumping irrigation water is the largest expense.

I have participated in Idaho Power's Peak Reward program since its implementation. I have also used and benefited from Idaho Power's Cost Share Program installing energy saving equipment, e.g. efficient pumps and variable speed drives, and replaced worn irrigation parts. I have benefited from both of these programs, and I appreciate Idaho Power's orientation and dedication to increase efficiency and reduce irrigation costs.

This past summer I purchased and had installed a 100KW solar station on an unused pivot corner of this farm. I'm hoping the solar station will produce and off set 12-14 % of the energy this farm consumes. I am excited that the cost of producing solar power is becoming economically feasible. I had planned and now have suspended plans to build an additional solar station in 2021. Idaho Power's desire to change the net metering program has introduced a high level of uncertainty into the future of farm-produced energy. I'm unwilling to blindly invest in solar with no visibility to the future structure of the program.

I am asking the PUC to extend the grandfathering period of the Net Metering Program until further clarity is provided on how issues affecting this program may change. I and my agribusiness friends are ready to invest in producing energy as another way to save money and become more energy efficient. We've believed this is a goal of Idaho Power, but now we're not sure. Like the Sierra Club we'd like clarification on this subject.

Thank you for your consideration.

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