



Help Save Local Solar Power in Idaho!

What's Going On?

Idaho Power is trying to limit locally-owned solar power through its recent proposals at the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. The company intends to cut compensation rates and raise fees, generating greater profits to its shareholders at the expense of locally-owned rooftop solar affordability, climate resiliency, and local economic benefits. These changes are designed to attack local solar owners' yearly power bill savings from multiple angles. **We will fight back and demand fair compensation rates and fees for all Idahoans!**

Idaho Power's Plan

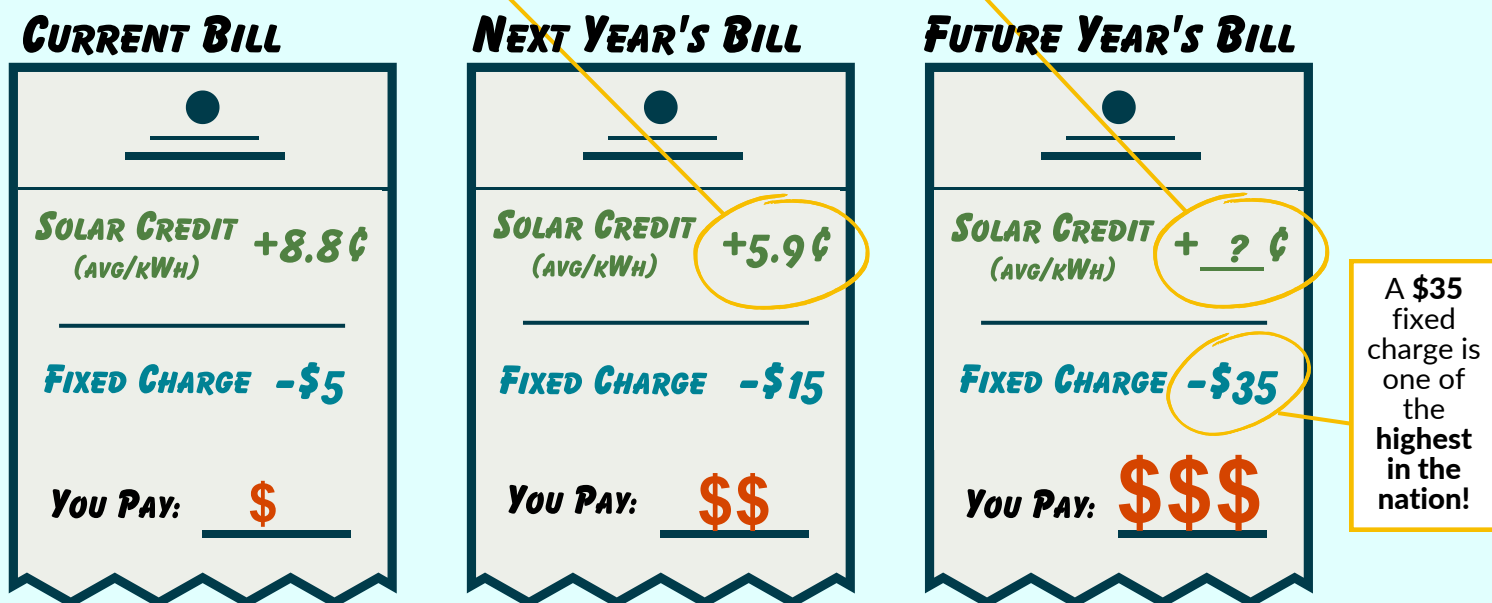
In the first year, Idaho Power plans to:

- **Slash the solar Export Credit Rate** from an average of 8.8¢ to 5.9¢/kWh, resulting in up to a **34% reduction in annual power bill savings** for most systems *Affects systems installed or modified after Dec 2019
- **Triple the fixed Service Charge fee** on all residential power bills from \$5 to \$15/mo *Affects ALL ratepayers

These changes are significant and would make solar power far less affordable for Idaho families, farmers, businesses, schools, and communities. *And things would only get worse in future years.*

Experts have calculated that this should be at least an avg 6.5¢/kWh

Idaho Power's proposal allows it to **further decrease** Export Credit Rates **each year**, creating price uncertainty and discouraging solar ownership



The Issues With Idaho Power's Proposals

Idaho Power's proposals are not fair to local solar owners.

- Idaho Power is **using biased and inaccurate data and methods** to determine solar compensation rates, ignoring the **full range of values** that rooftop solar has on **our grid, communities, and environment**.
- Local solar owners should be **compensated fully and fairly** for the **energy and benefits** they provide.
- Only 2% of Idaho Power customers have solar, an emerging market that **shouldn't be unfairly stifled**.

Idaho Power's proposals would further disadvantage low-income customers.

- It's already incredibly difficult for low-income customers and communities to own and benefit from local solar power. Increasing fixed charges and decreasing solar credits would **only add additional barriers**.
- Higher fixed charges always **disproportionately impact low-income families** as low energy users
- The federal Inflation Reduction Act outlines the importance of centering low-income communities and communities of color in our country's transition to clean energy. **Idaho Power's proposed changes would take Idaho a step backward** from this national goal.
- To combat the climate crisis while advancing racial and economic justice, **we must work to make local solar energy more accessible, not less**.



Benefits of Rooftop & Community Solar



Rooftop and community solar allow for greater freedom, choice, and opportunity

- Our state's energy future needs a combination of utility-scale and local clean energy to shine.
- Affordable rooftop and community solar open the doors of clean energy to all Idahoans.
- Local solar lets people exercise their right to meet their own energy needs with on-site power.
- Idaho Power has a 100% Clean Energy goal—it should offer fair programs that allow customers to be a part of that transition (including in ID cities that have adopted similar clean energy goals).
- Small-scale local solar benefits Idahoans, not just big utility companies. When big utilities create large-scale solar projects, corporate shareholders pocket 10% profit every year.



Rooftop and community solar build resilience

- Local clean energy systems provide grid security and reliability while protecting our climate and public lands from catastrophic events like wildfires.
- Rooftop solar can lower electric bills for families across Idaho and help keep rates low for everyone by curbing the need for the utility to build new power plants & power lines.



Rooftop and community solar create jobs and benefit the local economy

- Local solar is the best value for our state's clean energy future, with comparable prices and better overall value than utility-scale projects.
- Local solar can create up to 30x more jobs than utility-scale solar projects.



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