



League of Women Voters of Idaho

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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
472 W. Washington Street
Boise, Idaho 83720-0074

Re: IPC-E-17-13

Dear Commissioners:

The League of Women Voters of Idaho (LWVID) requests that you deny Idaho Power Company's petition to close Schedule 84 and to segregate customers with distributed energy systems. Rather, we request that you order the Company to determine the actual long-term costs and benefits of customer owner distributed generation. We believe creating a separate rate class, which under the Company's assumptions is likely to be punitive, runs counter to state energy policy and other public policy objectives. It runs counter to LWVID and national League positions on energy.

The LWV ID is a statewide, nonpartisan organization that studies an issue and comes to consensus before adopting a position. The state League and the national organization have adopted positions that support policy, legislation, regulation and funding to attain clean air standards, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to increase energy efficiency and reliance on renewable energy resources.

Regulated utilities should act, and be regulated, in the public interest. In the League's studied opinion, it is in the public interest to transition away from polluting, carbon-emitting sources of energy to renewable energy resources. Please require the largest utility in our state to give customers a viable option of how some of their and the utility's electricity generation needs will be met. Distributed generation is likely to be a larger part of the energy future. Idaho Power Company is innovative in developing solutions in other aspects of its business (see Connections, February 2018), and can be innovative in nurturing distributed generation as part of its fuel mix.

Thank you,

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