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We live in a world where energy is increasingly important. With population increasing we need to do everything we can to encourage new sources to feed the market. Between air quality issues, a finite supply of fossil fuels, and the health/safety, cost and water supply issues that make nuclear power unfeasible, rooftop solar and small scale wind generation remain as some of our best options for creating a future of energy independence and security. As a society with a responsibility to future generations as well as market forces we need to do everything that we can to encourage growth in clean energy markets.

The IRP released by PacifiCorp on April 4 does not do enough to encourage this development. Please consider a re-evaluation of the proposed net-metering rate increases and encourage policies that allow for fair market comparison of all types of power generation. The current rate structure penalizes renewable energy sources like rooftop solar and favors dirty sources of power by not requiring fossil fuel and nuclear projects to fully pay for the mitigation of pollution, land and water usage, and externalities created by their so-called "low cost" production methods. We need to turn the tides and work together to phase out these dirty sources of power and expand our generation potential with a focus on renewables. Thank you for your consideration.

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