

Two Idaho Utility-Scale Solar Projects Need Your Support

Grand View Solar Project This 80MW solar installation will be constructed east of Boise, between Mountain Home and Grand View. It will be built on 560 acres of farmland that has been out of production for 5 years. This project is scheduled to be completed by December 2015.



Good for the Environment

Here are the details:

- 80MW (megawatts) – this will be the largest utility-scale solar project to be built in Idaho
- 80MW will power approximately 20,000 households
- Over 340,000 solar panels will be used to convert sunlight into electricity
- This technology is quiet, dependable and long-lasting
- Solar power requires nothing to burn; it does not produce ANY emissions
- To compare, 80MW produced by coal power emits:
 - 102,000 tons of CO2 every year (279 tons of CO2 every day)
 - Mercury, hydrocarbons, arsenic, lead, and other toxic heavy metals

Good for the Economy

Idaho Power has signed a 20-year agreement to purchase all the electricity this project will produce. This agreement benefits Idaho Power by helping it meet recent EPA requirements to reduce its overall carbon emissions. Grand View will also benefit the local economy by:

- Providing up to 300 construction jobs for 12 months
- Hiring permanent full-time maintenance specialists
- Estimated \$400,000 a year in property taxes to Elmore County
- 35-year lease payments to the landowners
- Increased local business during construction

What you can do:

Write to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is now taking public comments on this project. **It is very important to contact the PUC, tell them your background, and tell them why you support the Grand View project.**

- Click here for the “Case Comment or Question Form”:
<http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/casecomment.aspx>
- Enter the case number: **IPC-E-14-19**
- Tell the PUC your thoughts on why the Grand View Utility-Scale Solar Project should be built
- Or, you can mail your comments to the PUC in a letter. Their address is listed on the form.

Boise City Solar Project This 40mw solar installation will be constructed south of Boise, at the 20 Mile Farm. It will be built on city land and is scheduled to be completed before the end of 2015.

Good for the Environment

Here are the details:

- 40MW (megawatts)
- 40MW will power approximately 10,000 households
- Over 170,000 solar panels will be used to convert sunlight into electricity
- This technology is quiet, dependable and long-lasting
- Solar power requires nothing to burn; it does not produce ANY emissions
- To compare, 40MW produced by coal power emits:
 - 51,000 tons of CO2 every year (140 tons of CO2 every day)
 - Mercury, hydrocarbons, arsenic, lead, and other toxic heavy metals

Good for the Economy

Idaho Power has signed a 20-year agreement to purchase all the electricity it produces. This agreement benefits Idaho Power by helping it meet recent EPA requirements to reduce its overall carbon emissions. The Boise City Solar Project will also benefit the local economy by:

- Providing up to 300 construction jobs for 9 months; hiring many permanent full-time maintenance specialists
- Increasing local business during construction
- Lease agreement, with annual payments to the City of Boise
- Estimated \$200,000 a year in property taxes to Ada County

What you can do:

Write to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is currently taking public comments on this project. **It is very important to contact the PUC, tell them your background, and tell them why you support the Boise City Solar project.**

- Click here for the “Case Comment or Question Form”:
<http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/casecomment.aspx>
 - Enter this case number: **IPC-E-14-20**
 - Tell the PUC your thoughts on why the Boise City Solar Project should be built
 - Or, you can mail your comments to the PUC in a letter. Their address is listed on the form.
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