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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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| IN THE MATTER OF INTERMOUNTAIN |) | CASE NO. INT-G-19-04 |
| GAS COMPANY’S APPLICATION FOR |) | |
| DETERMINATION OF 2017-2018 ENERGY |) | NOTICE OF APPLICATION |
| EFFICIENCY EXPENSES AS PRUDENTLY |) | |
| INCURRED |) | NOTICE OF |
| |) | MODIFIED PROCEDURE |
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| |) | ORDER NO. 34440 |
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On August 9, 2019, Intermountain Gas Company (“Intermountain Gas” or “Company”) applied to the Commission for an order designating expenses associated with its 2017-2018 residential Energy Efficiency Program (“EE Program”) as prudently incurred.

The Commission now issues this Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure, setting public comment deadlines and Company reply comment deadlines.

BACKGROUND

In Case No. INT-G-17-03, Intermountain Gas received the Commission’s authority to implement: 1) Rate Schedule EE—Residential Energy Efficiency Rebate Program, outlining the offerings of the EE Program; and 2) Rate Schedule EEC—Energy Efficiency Charge (“EE Charge”), establishing a per therm charge to fund the EE Program. *See* Order No. 33888; Application at 4. The EE Program is funded through collection from customers via the EE Charge of \$0.00367 per therm. Application at 5. Both Schedules became effective October 1, 2017. *Id.* at 4. The initial period for both Schedules ran from October 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018 (“Initial Period”). *Id.*

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that during the Initial Period, the Company’s expenditures related to the EE Program were \$1,496,198. *Id.* at 5. Of this amount, \$1,227,650, or approximately 82%, was paid directly to customers for energy efficiency related rebates. *Id.* The remaining \$268,548 was used for labor, program delivery, and a conservation potential assessment. *Id.* at 6.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company's revenues related to the EE Charge were \$1,185,328 during the Initial Period. *Id.* at 5.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that during the Initial Period, EE Program expenditures exceeded EE Charge revenues by \$310,870. *Id.* at 6. The Company plans to defer the balance of the EE Program expenditure incurred during the Initial Period. *Id.* Additionally, the Company will seek adjustment of its EE Charge rate for future periods through a separate application. *Id.*; *See* INT-G-19-05.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and supporting documents have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission's office. The Application and supporting documentation are also available on the Commission's web site at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the "File Room" tab at the top of the page, scroll down to "Open Gas Cases," and then click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .204. The Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on this Application **may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission by no later than December 16, 2019**. The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Application may be mailed to the Commission and the Company at the addresses reflected below:

For the Commission:
Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
PO Box 83720
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For the Company:
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These written comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission’s home page located at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click the “Case Comment or Question Form” under the “Consumers” tab, and complete the comment form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. These written comments must also be sent to the Company at the e-mail addresses listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company may file reply comments, if necessary, by **no later than December 30, 2019**.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set this matter for a formal hearing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission’s jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code, including *Idaho Code* §§ 61-301 and 61-501-61-503. The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission’s Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this case be processed under Modified Procedure (IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .204). Interested persons shall have until December 16, 2019 to file comments in this case.

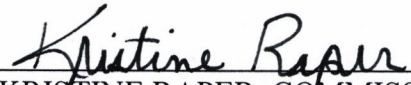
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Company shall have until December 30, 2019 to file reply comments, if any.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this
day of September 2019.

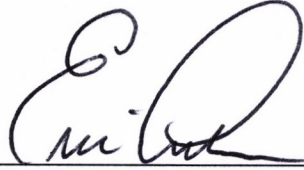
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PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT



KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



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Commission Secretary

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