

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF INTERMOUNTAIN) CASE NO. INT-G-20-05
GAS COMPANY’S APPLICATION FOR)
AUTHORITY TO CHANGE ITS PRICES) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
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) **NOTICE OF**
) **MODIFIED PROCEDURE**
)
) **ORDER NO. 34776**

On August 14, 2020, Intermountain Gas Company (“Intermountain” or “Company”) requested authority to place into effect on October 1, 2020 new rate schedules that would increase its annualized revenues by \$8.6 million. If approved, the Company’s proposal would increase the price of natural gas for residential customers by 3.66%, increase the price for GS-1 General Service customers 4.29%, increase the price for LV-1 Large Volume customers 5.10%, and decrease the price for T-3 Transportation customers 3.02%, decrease the price for T-4 Demand Charge customers 1.02%, and not change the prices for T-4 Transportation customers.

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

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company’s rates include a base-rate component and a gas-related cost component. The base-rate component is intended to cover the Company’s fixed costs to serve its customers – for example, the Company’s costs for equipment and facilities to provide service – and rarely change. The Commission approved the Company’s current base rates in Order No. 33757, Case No. INT-G-16-02.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the gas-related cost component of the Company’s rates is at issue here. Specifically, with this Application, the Company seeks to change its rates to pass through to customers changes in gas-related costs resulting from: (1) costs billed to the Company from firm transportation providers (including Northwest Pipeline LLC); (2) replacement of long-term segmented Northwest Pipeline LLC capacity received from third parties with firm Northwest Pipeline LLC capacity held directly by the Company; (3) an increase to the Company’s Weighted Average Cost of Gas (“WACOG”); (4) an updated customer allocation of

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gas-related costs pursuant to the Company's Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment ("PGA") provision; (5) the inclusion of temporary surcharges and credits for one year relating to natural gas purchases and interstate transportation costs from Intermountain's deferred gas accounts; (6) benefits generated from the Company's management of its storage and firm capacity rights on various pipeline systems; (7) benefits associated with the sale of liquefied natural gas from the Company's Nampa, Idaho facility; (8) a portion of the costs accrued related to the Company's latest general rate case, Case No. INT-G-16-02; and (9) the recovery of deferred in-person customer payment fees. Application at 4.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the changes to the rates will increase the Company's annualized revenues by about \$8.6 million but will not impact earnings.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company also explains that the proposed rate changes would be allocated to customer classes through its PGA provision.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company provides supporting exhibits that show the overall price changes by customer class. The Company also summarizes price changes and proposed rate schedules and tariff sheets. Application, Exhibit Nos. 1-2.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and supporting documentation have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection. These documents are available on the Commission's web site at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the "NATURAL GAS" icon, select "Open Cases," and click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

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 and specifically *Idaho Code* §§ 61-501 to 61-503.

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.*

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 that it will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the 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 anyone desiring to state a position on this Application must file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission **by September 21, 2020**. The comment must explain why the person supports or opposes the Application. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Application should be sent electronically, unless email is not available, to the Commission and the Applicant at the email addresses reflected below:

**For the Idaho Public Utilities
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Comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via email may do so by accessing the Commission’s home page located at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click the “Case Comment Form” under “Consumers,” and complete the comment form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. These comments must also be sent to the Applicant.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Intermountain must file any reply comments **by September 24, 2020**.

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 the same for formal hearing.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application of Intermountain Gas be processed by Modified Procedure, Rule 201-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204). Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by September 21, 2020. The Company must file any reply comments by September 24, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties should continue to comply with Order No. 34602, issued March 17, 2020. All pleadings should be filed with the Commission electronically and shall be deemed timely filed when received by the Commission Secretary. *See* Rule 14.02. Service between parties should also be accomplished electronically. Voluminous discovery-related documents may be filed and served on CD-ROM or a USB flash drive.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 4th day of September, 2020.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

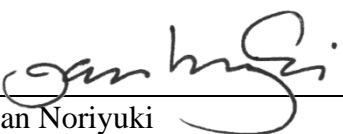


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