

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF INTERMOUNTAIN) CASE NO. INT-G-21-05
GAS COMPANY’S APPLICATION TO)
UPDATE SECTION C OF THE GENERAL) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
SERVICE PROVISIONS TARIFF ADVICE)
NO. 21-01) NOTICE OF
) MODIFIED PROCEDURE
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) SUSPENSION OF PROPOSED
) EFFECTIVE DATE
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) ORDER NO. 35200

On September 24, 2021, Intermountain Gas Company (“Company”) submitted Tariff Advice No. 21-01 requesting to revise Section C of its General Service Provisions. The Company seeks authority to update the Allowable Investment Factors, the Service Line Cost per Foot, and the construction overhead charge, all in accordance with Commission Order No. 34735. Application at 1. The Company also seeks to revise language in the tariff to provide additional clarity. *Id.* at 2. The Company requests that the proposed changes become effective December 1, 2021.

At the October 12, 2021, Decision Meeting, Commission Staff stated they need additional time to review the Company’s filing and recommended that the Tariff Advice be processed as a formal case to allow for greater transparency and public input. *See* October 8, 2021, Decision Memorandum at 1. Staff further recommended that the Company’s December 1, 2021 proposed effective date be suspended and that the case be processed under Modified Procedure. *Id.* Staff indicated the Company concurs with the above-mentioned approach, but that the Company requests an additional 30 days after the Commission’s Final Decision on its proposed revisions to implement the changes to its systems and forms. *Id.* at 2.

The Commission now converts the Tariff Advice into an Application, issues a Notice of Application, sets comment deadlines for interested persons and for the Company’s reply, and suspends the Company’s proposed effective date.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company proposes to update the Allowable Investment Factors, the Service Line Cost per Foot, and the construction overhead charge in Section C of its General Service Provisions.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED the Company proposes to revise language in section 4.2(a) of its tariff “to remove the ambiguous reference to ‘Non-discretionary load’ and replace it with the word ‘Gas.’” Application at 2.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED the Company proposes to revise its tariff to “remove the reference to ‘stubs’ in section 5.3 because stubs are not included in the main project cost estimate.” *Id.* Rather “[s]tub costs are included in the average service line cost per foot referenced in section 5.2.” *Id.*

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. These documents are also available on the Commission’s web site at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the “Open Cases” link under the heading “GAS” 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.

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 people desiring to state a position on this Application may file written comments explaining why they support or oppose the Application. Persons who would like a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. **Persons shall have 28 days from the service date of this Order to file written comments.**

Comments must be filed through the Commission’s website or by e-mail unless computer access is unavailable. To comment electronically, please access the Commission’s home page at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click the “Case Comment Form” tab and complete the form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. Comments filed by email must also be emailed to the Company at the email addresses listed below. If computer access is unavailable, then comments may be mailed to the Commission and the Companies at these addresses:

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company must file any reply comments within 35 days from the service date of this Order.

SUSPENSION OF PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

The Company filed its Application on September 24, 2021, and proposed an effective date of December 1, 2021. Given the public interest in having adequate time to comment on this case, the Commission finds it appropriate to suspend the Company’s proposed effective date of December 1, 2021, for a period of 30 days plus five (5) months, unless the Commission issues an earlier order accepting, rejecting, or modifying the proposed requests. *See Idaho Code* § 61-622(4).

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company’s Tariff Advice be processed as an Application as a formal case.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Company’s Application will be processed by Modified Procedure, Rule 201-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204). Persons interested in submitting

written comments must do so within **28 days** of the service date of this Order. The Company must file any reply comments within **35 days** of the service date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Company's proposed December 1, 2021, effective date is suspended for 30 days plus five months or until the Commission enters an earlier order accepting, rejecting, or modifying the Company's requests.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties should continue to comply with Order No. 35058, issued June 3, 2021. 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 18th day of October 2021.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

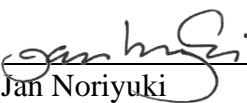


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