

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)
SERVICE PROVISIONS TARIFF ADVICE) ORDER NO. 35279
NO. 21-01)

On September 24, 2021, Intermountain Gas Company (“Company”) submitted Tariff Advice No. 21-01 requesting to revise Section C of its General Service Provisions in its tariff. The Company specifically sought authority to update the Allowable Investment Factors (“AIF”), the Service Line Cost per Foot (“SLCF”), and the construction overhead charge, all in accordance with Commission Order No. 34735. Application at 1. The Company also sought to revise language in the tariff to provide additional clarity. *Id.* at 2. The Company requested 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 to suspend the Company’s December 1, 2021, proposed effective date and process the case under Modified Procedure. *Id.* Staff indicated the Company concurred with the above-mentioned approach, but that the Company requested 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.

On October 18, 2021, the Commission converted the Tariff Advice into an Application, issued a Notice of Application, a Notice of Modified Procedure setting public comment and Company reply deadlines, and suspended the Company’s proposed effective date.

Having reviewed the record, the Commission issues this Order approving the Application.

BACKGROUND

The Company is authorized by the Commission to “file an annual tariff advice to update the [AIF], the [SLCF], and the construction overhead charge.” Order No. 34735 at 9.

THE APPLICATION

The Company proposed to update the AIF, the SLCPF, and the construction overhead charge in Section C of its General Service Provisions. The Company also proposed to revise the 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. The Company also proposed a tariff revision to “remove the reference to ‘stubs’ in section 5.3 because stubs are not included in the main project cost estimate.” *Id.* Rather, as the Company stated, “[s]tub costs are included in the average service line cost per foot referenced in section 5.2.” *Id.* The Company attached sheets to its Application that explicated the proposed changes and revisions.

STAFF’S COMMENTS

Staff reviewed the Company’s Application and concluded that the methods used to update the AIF, the SLCPF, and the construction overhead charge in its tariff were reasonable and consistent with the methods approved in Commission Order No. 34735. Staff believed the proposed revisions to the language in the Company’s tariff were reasonable and should be approved. Staff Comments at 2.

COMMISSION FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

The Company is a gas corporation and public utility, and the Commission has jurisdiction over it and the issues in this case under Title 61 of the Idaho Code. The Company is a Commission-regulated public utility under *Idaho Code* § 61-129 and a gas corporation under *Idaho Code* § 61-117. Based on our review of the record, we find that the Company’s proposed changes to its tariff are reasonable and consistent with our prior orders. We thus find it fair, just, and reasonable to approve the Company’s proposed updates and language revisions to its tariff.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company’s Application for authority to update and revise language in its tariff is approved.

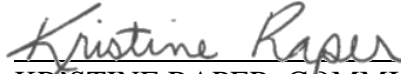
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Company shall implement the changes and revisions to its systems and forms within thirty (30) days of the service date of this Order.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order regarding any matter decided in this Order. Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. *See Idaho Code* § 61-626.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 30th day of December 2021.



ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

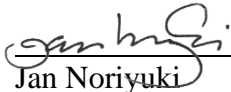


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