

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF INTERMOUNTAIN)	CASE NO. INT-G-22-05
GAS COMPANY’S APPLICATION FOR)	
AUTHORITY TO REVISE RATE)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
SCHEDULE EEC-RS-RESIDENTIAL)	
ENERGY EFFICIENCY CHARGE)	NOTICE OF MODIFIED
)	PROCEDURE
)	
)	ORDER NO. 35507
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On August 10, 2022, Intermountain Gas Company (“Company”), applied for authority to revise the Residential Energy Efficiency Charge (“EEC-RS”) rate schedule, effective October 1, 2022. *Application*. The Company represented that, as of June 30, 2022, the EEC-RS program balance was over-collected, and a rate decrease from \$0.02093 per therm to \$0.01564 per therm was appropriate. *Id.* at 5. The Company explained that energy efficiency participation has grown, albeit at a slower rate than forecast, and that subsequent changes in the rebate programs and rebate amounts in April 2021 could not have been included in the previous forecast. *Id.* at 6-7. The Company requested that this matter be processed by modified procedure. *Id.* at 8.

The Commission now issues this Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure establishing deadlines for interested parties to comment, and the Company’s reply.

BACKGROUND

In Case No. INT-G-17-03, the Commission authorized the Company 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. Order No. 33888. The EE Program is funded by customers via the EE Charge. Both Schedules were implemented and initially became effective on October 1, 2017. In Case No. INT-G-21-03, Order No. 35313, the Commission found the Company’s 2020 EE Program expenses were prudently incurred. In Case No. INT-G-22-02, the Commission authorized an increase in the WACOG, effective August 1, 2022. The Commission also ordered the Company to explore all options to reduce future increases, including adjustments to the Residential Energy Efficiency Tariff. *Id.* at 5.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company's Application proposes a one-time credit of \$4,850,000 of the residential deferral balance to residential customers, and a decrease in the EEC-RS schedule from \$0.02093 per therm to \$0.01564 per therm, effective October 1, 2022. *Application* at 5. The Company represents that an EEC-RS schedule decrease is needed to reflect actual energy efficiency program participation and changes in the rebate programs and amounts.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and Exhibits are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission's office. These documents are also available on the Commission's website at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the "NATURAL GAS" tab, select "Open Cases," and then locate 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. 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.*

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 it will review the case through written submissions under the Commission's Rules of Modified Procedure Rules 201-204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204. 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 persons desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment 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 until September 8, 2022, 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 website at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click the "Case Comment Form" and complete the form using the case number as it appears on the front of

this document. To file by e-mail, the customer must e-mail the comments to the Commission Secretary and the Company at the e-mail addresses listed below. If computer access is unavailable, then comments may be mailed to the Commission and Company at these addresses:

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company must file any reply comments **by September 15, 2022.**


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 Company's Application be processed by Modified Procedure, Rules 201-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204). Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by **September 8, 2022.** The Company must file any reply comments by **September 15, 2022.**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties comply with Order No. 35375, issued April 21, 2022. Generally, all pleadings should be filed with the Commission electronically and will be deemed timely filed when received by the Commission Secretary. *See* Rule 14.02. Service between parties should continue to be accomplished electronically when possible. However, 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 17th day of August 2022.



ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

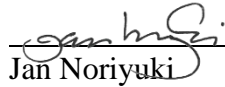


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