

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF</b>	)	<b>CASE NO. INT-G-23-04</b>
<b>INTERMOUNTAIN GAS COMPANY’S</b>	)	
<b>REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO</b>	)	<b>NOTICE OF APPLICATION</b>
<b>CHANGE ITS PRICES</b>	)	
	)	<b>NOTICE OF</b>
	)	<b>MODIFIED PROCEDURE</b>
	)	
	)	<b>ORDER NO. 35910</b>

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On August 14, 2023, Intermountain Gas Company (“Intermountain” or “Company”) applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) for new rate schedules that will reduce its annualized revenues collected through the Purchased Gas Cost (“PGA”) by about \$86.9 million. If approved, the Company represents that the typical residential customer would see a monthly decrease of \$11.96, or 19.3 percent, and the typical commercial customer would see a monthly decrease of \$72.88, or 24.4 percent.

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

**BACKGROUND**

The Company’s rates include a base-rate component and a gas-related cost—PGA—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 Company’s PGA is a Commission approved mechanism that adjusts rates up or down to reflect changes in the Company’s costs to buy natural gas from suppliers—including changes in transportation, storage, and other related costs. The Company defers these costs into its PGA account and then passes them on to customers through an increase or decrease in rates.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company seeks to pass through various changes in gas-related costs from: (1) firm transportation providers; (2) a decrease in the Company’s Weighted Average Cost of Gas (“WACOG”); (3) short-term debt interest expenses from 2022-2023; (4) the customer allocation of costs related to the PGA; (5) temporary surcharges and credits related to purchases and interstate transportation costs; (6) benefits from the Company’s

management of storage and firm capacity rights; (7) the sale of liquefied natural gas through its Nampa facility; (8) recovery of in-person customer payment fees' that were deferred; and, (9) over-refunded Residential Energy Efficiency fund recovery. *Id.* at 4. The Company also asks to end the temporary surcharges and credits established in Case No. INT-G-22-04.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the proposed reduction in annualized revenues will not impact the Company's earnings.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the proposed WACOG in the Company's Application would change from the \$0.52808 per therm currently included in rates to \$0.30455 per therm—a decrease of approximately \$98.5 million in natural gas costs compared to those currently included in rates.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company included about \$17.5 million in additional transportation costs due to increases in associated rates. The Company anticipates the increase in transportation costs will be offset through access to less expensive gas with the additional transportation it secured for supply from the Aeco basin in Alberta, Canada.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company's Application includes descriptions of all components that make up the PGA along with exhibits that show the summaries of all price changes by customer class and proposed tariffs.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the proposed tariffs 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](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). Click on the "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.

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 19, 2023, 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](http://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 21, 2023.**

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. Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by September 19, 2023. The Company must file any reply comments by September 21, 2023.

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 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 2023.



ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

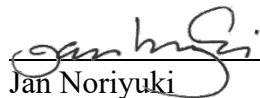


JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER



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