

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF INTERMOUNTAIN</b>	)	<b>CASE NO. INT-G-23-06</b>
<b>GAS COMPANY’S APPLICATION FOR A</b>	)	
<b>DETERMINATION OF 2022 ENERGY</b>	)	<b>NOTICE OF MODIFIED</b>
<b>EFFICIENCY EXPENSES AS PRUDENTLY</b>	)	<b>PROCEDURE</b>
<b>INCURRED</b>	)	
	)	<b>ORDER NO. 36058</b>
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On October 6, 2023, Intermountain Gas Company (“Company”), a subsidiary of MDU Resources Group, Inc., applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) for an order designating \$3,364,641 of 2022 Energy Efficiency expenditures as prudently incurred. The Company filed its 2022 Energy Efficiency Annual Report concurrently with its Application.

On November 15, 2023, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Intervention Deadline. Order No. 36002. The city of Boise City intervened. Order No. 36032.

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

**BACKGROUND**

In 2017, the Commission authorized the Company to establish the Energy Efficiency Program (“EE Program”) for its residential customers. Order No. 33757 at 35-37. The purpose of the EE Program “is to encourage upgrades to, or use of, high efficiency natural gas equipment.” Rate Schedule EE. On July 27, 2017, in Case No. INT-G-17-03, the Company requested authority to implement a funding mechanism for the EE Program. The Commission approved the Company’s requested funding mechanism of an Energy Efficiency Charge (“EEC”), and ultimately approved Rate Schedule EE, Rate Schedule EEC, and Rate Schedule EEC-RS.

In Case No. INT-G-19-04, the Commission required the Company to conduct a third-party Evaluation, Measurement, and Verification (“EM&V”) study. This was meant to “review and update the avoided cost calculation with the Energy Efficiency Stakeholder Committee” (“EESC”). Application at 4. It was also meant to regularly monitor and update the EE Program incentives. *See* Order No. 34536.

In Case No. INT-G-20-04, the Commission granted permission for the Company to implement a Commercial EE Program. This established a way to fund energy efficiency upgrades under Rate Schedule EEC-GS (“EEC-GS”). The Commission instructed the Company to create

an EM&V plan. Additionally, the Company was instructed to submit an Annual Commercial EE Program Report. This report must include representatives from the GS-1 rate class in its EESC. Finally, the Commercial EE program was to be regularly monitored and updated.

### **NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE**

YOU ARE HEREBY 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, 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 the person supports or opposes the Application. Persons who would like a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments and explain why written comments alone are insufficient. **Persons shall have until February 22, 2024, 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. Persons submitting a comment by e-mail must provide their name, address, and the Case Number under which they are commenting. Persons submitting a comment by e-mail also acknowledge that submitting a comment in an open case constitutes a public record under *Idaho Code* § 74-101(13), and all information provided by such person is available for public and media inspection.

If computer access is unavailable, then comments may be mailed to the Commission and Company at the addresses below. Persons submitting a comment by mail must provide their name, address, and the Case Number under which they are commenting. Persons submitting a comment by mail also acknowledge that submitting a comment in an open case constitutes a public record under *Idaho Code* § 74-101(13), and all information provided by such person is available for public and media inspection.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company must file any reply comments **by March 15, 2024.**

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**

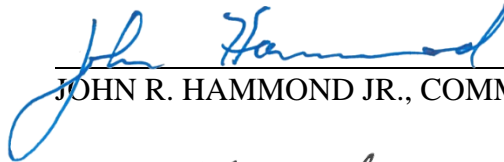
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company's Application be processed by Modified Procedure. Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by February 22, 2024. The Company must file any reply comments by March 15, 2024.

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.

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DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024.

  
ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

  
JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER

  
EDWARD LODGE, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

  
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Interim Commission Secretary

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