

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF INTERMOUNTAIN) CASE NO. INT-G-23-07
GAS COMPANY’S 2023 INTEGRATED)
RESOURCE PLAN) NOTICE OF FILING
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) **NOTICE OF**
) **INTERVENTION DEADLINE**
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) **ORDER NO. 36069**

On December 28, 2023, Intermountain Gas Company (“Company”) filed its 2023 Integrated Resource Plan (“2023 IRP”) with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”). The Company requests that the Commission issue an order acknowledging the Company’s 2023 IRP.

BACKGROUND

In 1993 in Case No. GNR-G-93-2, the Commission adopted IRP requirements for local gas distribution companies in response to amended Section 303 of PURPA. Order No. 25342. Since then, the Commission has issued a series of orders over the years governing IRP requirements for local gas distribution companies and directed the Company to file an IRP every two years that includes, among other things:

1. A forecast of future gas demand in firm and interruptible markets for each customer class, which includes the number, type, and efficiency of gas end-users as well as effects from economic forces on gas consumption;
2. An analysis of gas supply options for each customer class, which includes a projection of spot market versus long-term purchases for both firm and interruptible markets, an evaluation of the opportunities for using company-owned or contracted storage or production, an analysis of prospects for company participation in a gas futures market, and an assessment of opportunities for access to multiple pipeline suppliers or direct purchases from producers;
3. A comparative analysis of gas purchasing options and improvements in the efficient use of gas, and an explanation of whether there are cost-effective DSM opportunities;
4. The integration of the demand forecast and resource evaluations into a long-range (at least a five-year) plan describing the strategies designed to meet current and future needs at the lowest cost to the utility and its ratepayers;

5. A short-term (e.g., two-year) plan outlining the specific actions to be taken by the utility in implementing the IRP;
6. A progress report that relates the new plan to the previously filed plan; and,
7. Public participation.

See Order Nos. 27024, 27098, 32855, 33314, 33997, and 34742.

NOTICE OF FILING

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company's 2023 IRP is approximately one hundred and eighty-two (182) pages, with approximately three hundred and forty (340) pages of Exhibits. The 2023 IRP sets forth four substantive sections: (1) Introduction; (2) Demand; (3) Supply and Delivery Resources; and (4) Optimization. 2023 IRP at ii-ix.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED the Company represents that it analyzed residential, commercial, and large volume demand growth and the consequent impact on its distribution system using design weather conditions under various scenarios. *Id.* at 5. The Company represents that forecast demand under each of the customer growth scenarios was measured against the available natural gas delivery systems to project the magnitude and timing of potential delivery deficits. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED the Company represents that the resources needed to meet those projected deficits were analyzed within a framework of traditional, nontraditional and energy efficiency options to determine the most cost effective and operationally practical means available to manage the deficits. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the 2023 IRP and Exhibits 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 website at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the "NATURAL 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, and 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 INTERVENTION DEADLINE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons desiring to intervene in this matter to obtain parties’ rights of participation must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission pursuant to this Commission’s Rules of Procedure 71-73, IDAPA 31.01.01.072-073. **Persons who wish to intervene as a party must file a Petition to Intervene no later than twenty-one (21) days after the date of service of this Order.** Persons desiring to present their views without parties’ rights of participation do not have to intervene and may present their comments without prior notification to the Commission or the parties.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission Secretary shall issue a Notice of Parties after the deadline for intervention has passed. The Notice of Parties shall assign exhibit numbers to each party in this proceeding.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that once the Notice of Parties is issued, Commission Staff (“Staff”) will informally confer with the parties to discuss a schedule to process this case and other issues as may be raised by the parties.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the following persons are designated as the Company’s representatives in this matter:

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ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that persons desiring to intervene in this case for the purpose of obtaining parties’ rights of participation must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission, under Rules 71-73, IDAPA 31.01.01.071-073, no later than twenty-one (21) days after the service date of this Order.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, after the Secretary issues a Notice of Parties, Staff will informally confer with the parties to discuss the appropriate scheduling of this case.

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 24th day of January 2024.


ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT


JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER


EDWARD LODGE, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


Monica Barrios-Sanchez
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