

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF INTERMOUNTAIN) CASE NO. INT-G-24-04
GAS COMPANY’S REQUEST FOR)
AUTHORITY TO DECREASE ITS) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
PRICES)
) NOTICE OF
) MODIFIED PROCEDURE
)
) ORDER NO. 36306

On August 9, 2024, Intermountain Gas Company (“Company”), applied for authority to place into effect new rate schedules for the Company’s Purchased Gas Adjustment (“PGA”) costs, effective October 1, 2024, (“Application”). If approved, the Company represents that the typical residential customer’s monthly bill would decrease by \$6.69 or 13.14 percent, and the typical commercial customer’s monthly bill would decrease by \$33.26 or 14.46 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) the customer allocation of costs related to the PGA; (4) temporary surcharges and credits related to purchases and interstate transportation costs; (5) benefits associated with the Company’s use of storage and certain firm capacity rights; and (6)

benefits related to the sale of liquefied natural gas through its Nampa facility. The Company also asks to end the temporary surcharges and credits established in Case No. INT-G-23-04.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the proposed WACOG in the Company's Application would change from the \$0.30455 per therm currently included in rates to \$0.26839 per therm—a decrease of approximately \$16.5 million in natural gas costs compared to those currently included in rates.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company discussed various transmission issues but noted that it had benefited from savings due to new firm transportation capacity allowing it to access to less expensive gas from 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 Company requested approval of its rate schedules found in Exhibit No. 3 be approved and that “the filing requirement for the Deferred Gas Cost Balance, LNG Sales Cost Benefit Analysis, and Weighted Average Cost of Gas reports be maintained at quarterly frequency.” Application at 13. The Company also requested that the case be processed via modified procedure.

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. 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, 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 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 that it will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure 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 interested in filing written comments must do so by September 11, 2024.** 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 <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, persons must e-mail the comments to the Commission Secretary and all parties 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 the Parties 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 September 18, 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.

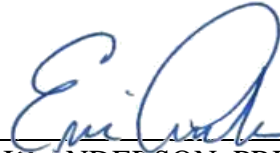
ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company's Application be processed by Modified Procedure. Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by September 11, 2024. The Company must file any reply comments by September 18, 2024.

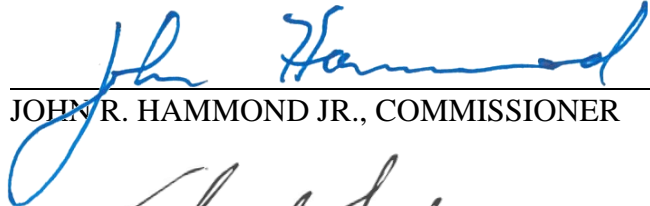
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties comply with Order No. 35375, issued April 21, 2022. Generally, all pleadings should be filed with the Commission electronically and will be deemed timely filed when received by the Commission Secretary. *See* Rule 14.02. Service between parties should continue to be 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 27th day of August 2024.



ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

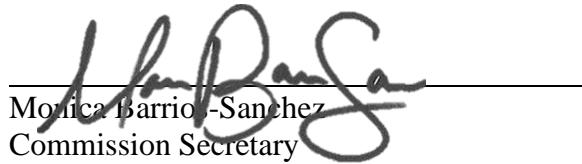


JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER



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