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NEWS RELEASE: Commission is accepting written comments on natural gas utility application to adjust rates.

BOISE (Aug. 28, 2024) – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is accepting written comments on an application from Intermountain Gas to decrease the rates it charges customers.

The utility is asking for commission approval to change rates effective Oct. 1, 2024, that reflect changes in its purchased gas adjustment (PGA) costs. The rates include a base-rate component and a gas-related cost, which is the PGA component. The base rate component is designed to cover the utility's fixed costs to serve customers. These costs include expenses for equipment and facilities to provide service. The PGA is a commission-approved mechanism that adjusts rates up or down to reflect changes in the utility's costs to buy natural gas from suppliers, including changes in transportation, storage and other related costs. Intermountain Gas defers these costs into its PGA account and then passes them on to customers through an increase or decrease in rates.

If the utility's application is approved by the commission, a typical residential customer's monthly bill would decrease by \$6.69 or 13.14 percent, and the typical commercial customer's bill would decrease by \$33.26, or 14.46 percent. The commission can approve, deny or modify the application.

Written comments are being accepted until Sept. 11, 2024. Comments are required to be filed through the commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To submit comments using the commission website, please visit puc.idaho.gov and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number INT-G-24-04 when filling out the form. The commenter should also include their name and address. If using e-mail, comments are required to be sent to the commission secretary and Intermountain Gas at the e-mail addresses listed below. Commenters should include their name, address and case number INT-G-24-04. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission and Intermountain Gas at the addresses listed below. Those submitting comments through the mail are required to include their name, address and case number INT-G-24-04.

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Additional information on the utility's application is available at: puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7353.