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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** Ed Howell  
**Sent:** Friday, May 07, 2004 1:38 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Friday, May 07, 2004  
12:37:34 PM

**Case:**

Name: John Gearrey  
Street Address: 2012 Kerr St  
City: Boise  
State: Idaho  
ZIP: 83705  
Home Telephone: 208-344-7568  
E-Mail: Gearrey@Msn.com  
Company: Intermountain Gas Company  
mailing\_list\_yes\_no: yes

Comment\_description: We heard on the news last night that the gas company wanted another increase in the rates (Which would only cost the average household about \$6.00 a month). Wasn't the 33% percent they received last year enough, the older people are having a hard time paying their bills right now. When is this going to stop. We believe that 33% increase should cover anything in the for seeable future without another raise. Our paychecks haven't seen a raise in quite a few years, let's be fair about this. This household say NO on any more raises in the near future for Intermountain Gas Company. Case No. INT-G-04-02

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*INT-G-04-01*

## Jean Jewell

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**From:** Jean Jewell  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2004 9:07 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell  
**Subject:** FW: Gas rate hikes

-----Original Message-----

**From:** larry spurling [mailto:larryspurling@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 08, 2004 1:52 PM  
**To:** Randy Lobb  
**Subject:** Gas rate hikes

I would like to come out against the rate hike that is being considered for Intermountain Gas Company.

Intermount Gas Company just got a 30 percent rate hike in this past year. Our bill for December 2002 went from \$67 to \$108 in December 2003 for less terms of gas. Now they want a higher rate hike. I ask why.

Within the Canyon County area there are a lot of retired people on a fixed income who cannot afford the rates that are not in place. I for one only got a 2 percent raise in my Social Security benefits for this year. Where I work Monday thru Friday where we work with people on the Energy Assistance program, there are several thousand people whose Social Security benefits are less than \$600 per month and even with the help that they get, they are barely struggling to keep up with the high utility bills that they have during the winter months.

I agree with the population growth within Southwest Idaho has increased tremendously, but as with other companies, they are not making their current customers pay for the expansion that they are going through. If there is such a big increase of Intermountain gas customers, then why are they not making those people pay for the expansion that they are creating, instead of making the present customers pay for the cost of expansion that they are creating.

Being a person that has stock with Northwest Natural Gas and Pacific Power and Light Company I am against the utilities that think that they should have a high profit in order to pay for high stock earnings.

Also why does the executives of Intermountain have to have a huge salary while so many people are unemployed, and with many of them, their unemployment being exhausted because they are unable to find work.

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