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Dear Commissioners;

I Would like to know why Intermountain Gas needs a rate increase at time. Last year my gas bill, using the same amount of therms as the year before raised 39% I would think that would be enough of a raise for some time. I live in Meridian and know there are a lot of seniors that live here that are on fixed incomes as I am and there is no way we can cut our bills any more, we keep our thermostat 67 or 68 degrees, we have insulated our homes as well as we can afford, we close off rooms that we don't use, we turn down our heat at night to 62 degrees and use extra blankets to keep warm enough to sleep. I would sure appreciate you commissioners giving us seniors a little concern as we are having a very hard time making ends meet.

Thank you Very Much

Ralph & Carol Gentry

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