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Comment_description: Regarding the proposed gas hike request: "The \$67.6 million raised from the increase would be passed through directly to the company's gas suppliers. Intermountain Gas's earnings would not increase as a result of the proposed rate hike."

I believe one of my concerns (and those of some of my colleagues) is that Intermountain Gas behaves like it is exempt from the constraints of the current economic situation and the resulting business practices of today.

For example, many business in the valley have had to take several methods to eliminate internal costs including reducing their labor force and/or salary reductions and/or wage freezes. Intermountain Gas's proposal is (again) to simply "pass on the expense increases to the consumer" without considering internal methods to reduce their own expenses.

Many consumers have already "stretched their dollar" in this economy by trading in for more fuel efficient vehicles, riding their bike to work, during down their thermostat, improving home insulation, etc. I believe we as consumers are reaching a breaking point. At what point does Intermountain Gas go through this tough economic situation with the rest of America?

Sincerely,
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