

✓ Jan Beck sent 10/15/05 ✓ to comm. 15  
Feb. 1, 2005

Sirs:

When I read in today's Post Register the article which you submitted allowing the price raise, it came as quite a shock! To explain, in yesterday's paper, there was an article written by Paul Menser, a staff writer for the Post Register, which is enclosed & needs to be explained by you.

To us, this is highway robbery for the citizens of Idaho. Had we known this when we moved here five years ago, from Shelley, we would never considered using natural gas.

We aren't asking for help, but it's the principal of the thing & it makes us feel you didn't do your homeworks before allowing this to happen. We are on a set income, which is low, and we will get by cutting corners, but we wanted you to do some explaining after you had the enclosed clipping.

Margie P. Diemeier  
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**JEERS** to Intermountain Gas Co. When it comes to helping the people most affected by rising energy costs, this company is downright stingy.

Intermountain Gas wants another rate increase — 27.6 percent — to cover rising natural gas prices. Intermountain Gas is merely passing along its own costs — without collecting additional profits. But if the Idaho Public Utilities Commission agrees, this would be the third increase in three years — a combined jump of 86 percent — for the utility's 250,000 Idaho customers.



Some people won't be able to pay it. Idahoans understand that. Intermountain Gas' own customers have increased their contributions to Project Share to \$25,314 this year from \$9,214 in 2003. Along with Project Warmth, the program helps low-income people pay their heating and energy bills.

Yet the utility's contribution to Project Share has been flat — \$5,000 a year. The company actually cut its donation to Project Warmth in half to \$2,500 since 2003. By some estimates, its overall support to low-income Idaho families comes to just \$1,500.

And Intermountain Gas provides virtually no help for low-income people who need it to weatherize their homes.

Piquing the IPUC's interest — the staff wants the commission to investigate — is the following comparison:

- Intermountain Gas shares the equivalent of 3 cents per customer toward Project Share and Project Warmth.
- Avista, which serves northern Idaho, donates 31 cents per customer.
- Utah Power and Light provides 22 cents per customer.
- Idaho Power donates 13 cents per customer.

And remember, this is a regulated monopoly that makes a guaranteed profit in good years and bad.

✓ Ben Ack  
sent 10/5/05

✓ To Comments  
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INT-G-05-02

**Jean Jewell**

**From:** Jean Jewell  
**Sent:** Monday, October 03, 2005 8:41 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell  
**Subject:** FW: Complaint acknowledgement

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

From: Ed Howell  
Sent: Saturday, October 01, 2005 6:31 PM  
To: Front; bev; barker@puc.idaho.gov; Ed Howell; Tonya Clark  
Subject: Complaint acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Saturday, October 01, 2005  
5:30:43 PM

Name: edward ash  
Street\_Address: 247 N. Bliss  
City: wendell  
State: id  
ZIP: 83355  
Home\_Telephone: 208-536-1954  
Work\_Telephone:  
E-Mail: ecash@cableone.net  
Home\_Business: Home  
Business\_Name:  
Business\_Street\_Address:  
Business\_Phone:  
Complaint\_Company: inter moutain gas  
Local\_Provider:  
Contacted\_utility: No  
Complaint\_description: Interesting to think that the Hurricanes destroyed everything isnt it?  
One news correspondent, noted that the supply of gas would probably only affect East of the Mississippi.  
Interesting to note that the 2 Major gas lines from canada, and alaska havent even been considered??  
<http://www.hydrocarbonprocessing.com/events/LNGMapPoster.jpg>  
This shows most of the MAIn plants in the US.

but I really dont think they set the pipelines to run the WHOLE length of the US, from alaska and canada.  
So why the price increases..

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** Ed Howell  
**Sent:** Friday, September 30, 2005 1:59 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark  
**Subject:** Comment acknowledgement

WWW Form Submission:

Friday, September 30, 2005  
12:59:28 PM

Case:  
Name:  
Street\_Address:  
City:  
State:  
ZIP:  
Home\_Telephone:  
E-Mail:  
Company:

Comment\_description: I believe that the motto for intermountain gas is (WORTH ASKING FOR) but I believe that it is time to call it what it is (A DEPLETING RESOURCE THAT IS GOING TO COST YOU AND ARM AND A LEG). I imagine that is not going to happen anytime soon that there will be any effort to address the problem of using fossil fuels that are running out either. As long as there is a dollar to be made it will be business as usual and a lot of excusses about the cost.

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To: Public Utilities Commission  
Fr: Harry & Lena Dennis  
Re: Rate Increase

Although we are aware that Int. Gas is facing increased costs as a result of recent natural disasters we also know that their profits are sufficient to "weather the storm."

Users should not bear the major burden for such disasters. Let the large corporations live with less profits and even some deficits at times like this. Those of us on fixed incomes find it most difficult to bear the increased energy costs that are coming our way.

Thank you..

Harry & Lena Dennis  
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