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Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
P. O. Box 83720  
Boise, Idaho 83720

RE: Rate hike request  
Intermountain Gas Company

Dear Sirs:

I read with interest in the newspaper dated August 16, 2008, of a request for a rate hike based on a volatile market. As I read the article, I learned that costs have not gone up yet but might go up.

This is a request based upon an event that MIGHT happen in the future but has not happened yet. The request to fund a possible increase would be like asking the taxpayers to increase their taxes in case we go to war with Russia, since the political environment is also very volatile.

Please be sure that only profit/loss statements and increased costs at the source are the only reasons that customers will "buy" for a rate increase.

Thank you,

*Don & Ardyce Buckmaster*  
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