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Sept 10, 2008  
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Just to let you know I don't agree  
with 18% increase for Intermountain Gas.  
Prices for Gas have come down some so I  
think Natural Gas shouldn't raise.

Also I don't think Idaho Power needs  
any more increases now. They have just  
had 1 the 1<sup>st</sup> of summer & I believe I  
back after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. We have heard  
they want another 10%.

We are on a fixed income (retired)  
everything has gone up so much I don't know  
how we can pay more & survive.

Please re-consider both rate request with  
these retired folks in mind. Thanks

Danny and Anna Pearl Rowell  
Caldwell

DANNY J. & ANNA PEARL ROWELL  
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Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
P. O. Box 83720  
Boise, Idaho 83720-0074

Dear Sirs,

Reference an article in the Idaho Statesman on September 10, 2008, concerning an application for a rate hike for Intermountain Gas Co.

It seems that every time one of the utilities have some sort of an improvement issue they want the public to pay for that improvement. When a private business desires to expand, or improve their facility they must finance it on their own, then recover their investment over a period of time from their normal proceeds.

The article in the paper stated, "The money would go to meet natural gas costs and cannot be used to increase the company's profits." Frankly, I find this difficult to believe. If the gas costs more I dare say the increase will also experience same percentage of profit margin as it did to begin with.

There are a lot of people on fixed incomes. Incomes that do not increased when the cost of living increases. There are a lot of folk who have lost their jobs, experienced a decree in their monthly income and some of those folk are even loosing their homes. It only seems right that these utilities need to share in the loss of income with the rest of the business world.

Idaho Power has also asked for a raise in rates. I believe they have asked for 10%. I know it is only 12% that Intermountain Gas is asking for. Groceries, fuel, medical expenses, have all increased also. This adds to the difficulty that many folk are facing today.

Please take all of this into consideration when you consider these requests for increases in fees. Thank you .

Sincerely Yours

*Betty Demster*  
*Louis E. Demster*  
Louis & Betty Demster

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From: monafilipponi@yahoo.com  
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2008 3:18 PM  
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Monica Filipponi follows:

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Case Number: INT-G-08-03  
Name: Monica Filipponi  
Address: 10189 Payette Heights  
City: Payette  
State: ID  
Zip: 83661  
Daytime Telephone: 208-642-3394  
Contact E-Mail: [monafilipponi@yahoo.com](mailto:monafilipponi@yahoo.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Intermountain Gas, Qwest, Idaho Power Add to Mailing List:

Please describe your comment briefly:

I would like to say that we are already paying too much for our utilities. I do not wish to pay more for an 'anticipated' increase in costs, as they may not increase and we will all pay extra anyway. I am going to have to look at even more ways to cut my own bills, after going all summer without using my air conditioning once. I have barely watered my yard enough to keep it alive, and I plan on heating to a bare minimum this winter. I use the lights as little as possible, and am going to make even more cuts to my phone bill. The County raised my property taxes last year, more than doubling them to almost \$6000 and I can barely make ends meet now. My next choice will be selling and moving if it gets worse. I am not the only one who is on this tight of a budget. Also, you may not get many comments on this subject because the comment form is not easy to find. Thank you for considering my comments.

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** wch4842@roadrunner.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 10, 2008 11:30 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Connie Houston follows:

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Case Number: INT-G-08-03  
Name: Connie Houston  
Address: 110 War Eagle Dr  
City: Mountain Home  
State: ID  
Zip: 83647  
Daytime Telephone: 587-4842  
Contact E-Mail: [wch4842@roadrunner.com](mailto:wch4842@roadrunner.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Intermountain Gas Co Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

With most of we retired seniors living on fixed incomes, an increase of 18% to heat our homes is extremely difficult to handle. If we are fortunate Social Security will go up 2 - 3%. That is a long way from 18%. They can pass on cost increases--we can't! Surely the gas company could drive better bargains from their suppliers.

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**From:** dburl79@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 10, 2008 3:50 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from DeWitt Burlingame follows:

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Case Number: INT-G-08-03  
Name: DeWitt Burlingame  
Address: 5510 Willowlawn Way  
City: Garden City  
State: ID  
Zip: 83714  
Daytime Telephone: 208 859-3455  
Contact E-Mail: dburl79@hotmail.com  
Name of Utility Company: Intermountain Gas Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

I have been retired for 18 years and since that time I have had numerous rate increases ( & some decreases) from all utilities.  
This latest request for Intermountain Gas Co. for 18% really hits hard on the retired people, who if all are the same as I am, only get a Social Security increase which does not cover any expense increases. Therefore I suggest that this situation that retirees are in should not be overlooked. Thank You.

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**From:** 2shamrocks@clearwire.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 11, 2008 3:29 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Jim & Susie Geer follows:

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Case Number: INT-G-08-03  
Name: Jim & Susie Geer  
Address: 309 W 2nd St N  
City: Middleton  
State: ID  
Zip: 83644  
Daytime Telephone: 230-3329  
Contact E-Mail: 2shamrocks@clearwire.net Name of Utility Company: Intermountain Gas Add to  
Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

We are on a limited income and a large increase in natural gas will be a hardship for us. Yes they are eligible for an increase but NOT such a huge one. Everyone is suffering from the jump in gas prices, power, food, dr bills, and on & on. We don't understand why rate increases have to be so large. Is this because of the change in ownership??? We would like to demand a 15% increase in our wages but thats not going to happen. We're just going to fall farther & farther behind. We can't walk to work so we'll have to eliminate an expense somewhere else.....how about cutting back to 1 meal a day and 1 load of laundry a week???? Idahoans who earn less than \$60,000 a year NEED HELP!!! And we don't see any on the horizon!

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IP address is 75.94.10.149

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**From:** m4007s@rmci.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 11, 2008 4:07 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Michael Sullivan follows:

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Case Number: INT-G-08-03  
Name: Michael Sullivan  
Address: 11851 W. Stillwater Dr.  
City: Boise  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83713  
Daytime Telephone: 658-0683  
Contact E-Mail: [m4007s@rmci.net](mailto:m4007s@rmci.net)  
Name of Utility Company: Intermountain Gas Co.  
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

I would hope that any increase in customer charges is based on actual known cost not on anticipated cost. What method would be used if costs do not reach the requested increase? Do not allow the new owners of the Gas Company to start their tenure with increase after increase like the power company (Idaho Power) does!! Vote No!!

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IP address is 67.72.98.45

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**From:** DaveandMarge@GMail.Com  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 11, 2008 4:35 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from David & Marjorie Woodruff follows:

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Case Number: INT-G-08-03  
Name: David & Marjorie Woodruff  
Address: 9726 W Toni St  
City: Boise  
State: ID  
Zip: 83704  
Daytime Telephone: 2083752990  
Contact E-Mail: [DaveandMarge@GMail.Com](mailto:DaveandMarge@GMail.Com)  
Name of Utility Company: Intermountain Gas Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:  
We object to gas rate increases!

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**From:** bnl@bdhsi.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 11, 2008 7:20 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Brad Kingsford follows:

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Case Number: INT-G-08-03  
Name: Brad Kingsford  
Address: 5971 Ruth St  
City: Chubbuck  
State: Id  
Zip: 83202  
Daytime Telephone: 208-637-1717  
Contact E-Mail: [bnl@bdhsi.com](mailto:bnl@bdhsi.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Intermountain Gas Co.  
Add to Mailing List:  yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

A monthly increase of 18% when natural gas prices are falling as we speak. Is the natural gas being delivered to my home going to a better quality? Is it going to burn cleaner? I don't think so. My wages are not going up 18% per month and I don't know anyone's who is. I think this amount of an increase is highway robbery and it is only being done because it CAN be done. The gas company employees don't deserve any more of a raise than I do and I can't just tell my employer that my wage will from now on be 18% higher.

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**From:** fireflyidaho@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 11, 2008 6:57 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Angela Richardson follows:

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Case Number: INT-6-08-03  
Name: Angela Richardson  
Address: 6938 Ashland Dr  
City: Boise  
State: ID  
Zip: 83709  
Daytime Telephone: 440-0133  
Contact E-Mail: [fireflyidaho@gmail.com](mailto:fireflyidaho@gmail.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Intermountain Gas Add to Mailing List:  yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

While I understand the need to plan for future raises in prices, the proposed Intermountain Gas price increase of 15-18% seems over-the-top! I would not be opposed to a small increase, say 5% which is consistent with current cost of living but the increase requested by Int Gas is excessive. I am also suspicious of this large increase since I understand Int Gas has been bought by an out of state company. In talking with my neighbors I have found a very consistent agreement with the above. I hope you will take these thoughts into account when you make your decision. Thank you for your time.

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**From:** deang@ida.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 11, 2008 6:23 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from dean [groesbeck/deang@ida.net](mailto:groesbeck/deang@ida.net) follows:

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Case Number: INT-G-08-03  
Name: dean [groesbeck/deang@ida.net](mailto:groesbeck/deang@ida.net)  
Address: 13392 N Hawthorne Rd  
City: Pocatello  
State: ID  
Zip: 83202  
Daytime Telephone: 237-4144  
Contact E-Mail: [deang@ida.net](mailto:deang@ida.net)  
Name of Utility Company: Intermountain Gas Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

As a retired fixed income resident of the State of Idaho I oppose the above referenced natural gas increase of 15 to 18% percent.

I have two question regarding this increase. Does this increase have any relationship with the increase of new home construction and their demand for natural gas, is this the supply issue? Further, explain the increase in the cost of transportation, where? and how?

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**From:** plewfran@isu.edu  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 11, 2008 6:17 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Dr. Franklin J. Plewa follows:

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Case Number: INT-G-08-03  
Name: Dr. Franklin J. Plewa  
Address: 243 S. 20th Ave.  
City: Pocatello  
State: ID  
Zip: 83201  
Daytime Telephone: 208 282-3550  
Contact E-Mail: [plewfran@isu.edu](mailto:plewfran@isu.edu)  
Name of Utility Company: Intermountain Gas Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

I find the Intermountain Gas rate increase to be excessive and ridiculous. At a time when many families are finding great difficulty in making ends meet they demand a 15-18% rate increase! If granted, can you please tell me how the state will monitor whether the funds from the increase are used for salaries or the purchase of equipment? Perhaps Gene Fadness and the IPUC will personally conduct an audit?

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IP address is 134.50.5.138