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**From:** grega11977@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 29, 2009 2:10 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Greg Antonini follows:

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Case Number: INT-G-09-02  
Name: Greg Antonini  
Address: 2423 Sunshine  
City: Boise  
State: Id  
Zip: 83712  
Daytime Telephone: 208-345-6901  
Contact E-Mail: [grega11977@aol.com](mailto:grega11977@aol.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Intermountain Gas Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

Concerns regarding rate increase. Is the company managing its gas purchases efficiently?  
1. Rocky Mountain gas is overly abundant and prices in the area are significantly below Henry's Hub postings. The prices have been in the mid \$2 range for a while. Furthermore, short term purchase prices are significantly lower--it is almost being given away in some areas. City Gate prices for Idaho are about a dollar higher (Which brings up the question is the gas price quoted by Intermountain City Gate? If so why are their distribution costs so much higher than other companies in other states?) 2. When prices were this low back in 2001-2002 the retail price was down closer to \$7 or even less. Why during low demand season is Intermountain Gas paying so much or not forward purchasing in such a way as to make their average price substantially below the \$4.8+ they are using.  
3. Given we do not have a decontrolled market as is present in other states what incentive does the company have to minimize purchase costs? If they have such a high fixed tariff rate what does the PUC do to encourage lowest price purchases or to penalize overpaying?  
In short I believe the reduction is not enough given current market conditions and question the gas purchasing methods done by the utility and approved by the PUC. I would encourage a larger increase and a large incentive for lower price costs during the economic downturn/gas-glut period.  
Thanks

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IP address is 75.167.162.190

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**From:** hlclosborne@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 29, 2009 9:33 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Hubert Osborne follows:

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Case Number: ?? rate decrease *INT-G-09-02*  
Name: Hubert Osborne  
Address: 4199 E Switzer Way  
City: Nampa  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83686  
Daytime Telephone: 208-467-4928  
Contact E-Mail: [hlclosborne@aol.com](mailto:hlclosborne@aol.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Intermountain Gas Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

I would encourage you to accept the proposal to lower rates. I do not have enough information to comment on whether it is too much or to little. No doubt the company will justify their position.

On another subject what is being done to set the rates for natural gas that will be used for transportation.

I favor the way Utah has done it with the company providing the infrastructure and all rate payers paying for capitol costs as all will benefit from cleaner air and use of domestic fuel

Thank you for your consideration  
Hubert Osborne

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**From:** bwolfinger@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2009 2:57 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Brad Wolfinger follows:

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Case Number: *INT-G-09-02*  
Name: Brad Wolfinger  
Address: 2616 N. 30th St.  
City: Boise  
State: ID  
Zip: 83703  
Daytime Telephone: 208-334-8163  
Contact E-Mail: [bwolfinger@gmail.com](mailto:bwolfinger@gmail.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Intermountain Gas Add to Mailing List: *no*

Please describe your comment briefly:

For the last several years, consumers have paid outlandish prices for gasoline and natural gas. These increased prices, we were told, resulted from increased demand. We are told that supply was low due to high demand, and that drives up prices. Well, if this fundamental supply and demand equation truly drives prices, then there should be, without question, a reduction in price of natural gas prices for home heating. We have an absolute glut of natural gas, last I heard it was something like the largest supply since 1990. This abundant supply should allow for prices to fall if the fundamentals of supply and demand, and capitalism for that matter, actually apply to the petroleum industry. For too long, the consumer has seen their prices rise due to 'demand' but not fall after demand drops and supplies rise. This price reduction better take place or Intermountain Gas is simply robbing it's users.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>  
IP address is 164.165.237.20

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