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**BOISE, IDAHO – November 5, 2009**

Intermountain Gas Company is requesting the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to approve new Residential and Small Commercial tariffs which would require natural gas-fired equipment installed for the purpose of melting snow on sidewalks and driveways to receive interruptible service.

A service that has increased in popularity over the past decade is the use of natural gas-fired snowmelt equipment, which can impact system pressures at times. Having the ability to interrupt the snowmelt load during periods of high usage ensures Intermountain's ability to provide reliable service to its residential and small commercial customers' space and water heating needs.

Intermountain is seeking to implement new Residential and Small Commercial Interruptible Snowmelt Rate Schedules to govern the use of all incremental snowmelt loads. Existing Residential and Small Commercial Snowmelt customers will have the option of electing the proposed interruptible rate schedules.

This proposal is subject to public review and a decision by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. A copy of the entire text of the proposal is available at the offices of both the Idaho Public Utilities Commission and the Company.

Intermountain Gas Company, a subsidiary of MDU Resources Group, Inc., is a natural gas distribution company serving approximately 305,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers in 74 communities in southern Idaho. For more information about Intermountain Gas Company please visit [www.intgas.com](http://www.intgas.com).

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