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Attorney for Commission Staff

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)
INTERMOUNTAIN GAS COMPANY FOR) CASE NO. INT-G-10-01
A DECLARATORY ORDER RELATING)
TO THE RESALE OF NATURAL GAS)
) MOTION OF THE COMMISSION
) STAFF FOR AN EXTENSION OF
) TIME TO FILE COMMENTS**

COMES NOW the Commission Staff by and through its attorney of record, Donald L. Howell, II, and respectfully request that the Commission grant the Staff an extension of time in which to file comments in the above referenced case.

On March 4, 2010, Intermountain Gas (a subsidiary of MDU Resources Group) filed a Petition seeking a declaratory order from the Commission. More specifically, the utility sought an Order from the Commission stating that the Commission lacks "economic jurisdiction over the resale of natural gas by third party non-utilities for use in motor vehicles." Application at 1, 2. On April 8, 2010, the Commission issued a Notice of Modified Procedure requesting that interested persons submit comments no later than 28 days from the service date of the Order, or May 6, 2010.

EXTENSION REQUEST

The Commission Staff requests a seven-day extension in which to file comments in this matter. As the Commission is aware, Staff counsel is participating in Ninth Circuit mediation which requires almost weekly travel out-of-state. In addition, all Deputy Attorneys

MOTION OF COMMISSION STAFF
FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

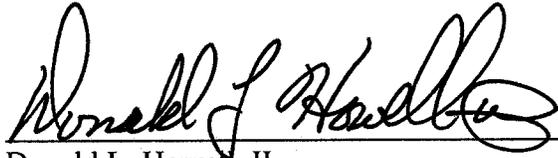
General have been furloughed about one day per week over the past month. As result of these two conditions, Staff counsel will be unable to devote the necessary time to prepare Staff's comments.

Staff believes an extension of seven days will not unduly delay the Commission's review of this issue. Staff counsel has contacted counsel for Intermountain Gas and the Company has consented to the delay. Finally, Staff believes that an extension of seven days will not unduly prejudice any party submitting comments to this case.

PRAYER

Based upon the foregoing, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission grant Staff seven additional days in which to file comments in this matter.

Respectfully submitted this 3^d day of May 2010.



Donald L. Howell, II
Deputy Attorney General

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE THIS 3rd DAY OF MAY 2010, SERVED THE FOREGOING **MOTION OF THE COMMISSION STAFF FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE COMMENTS**, IN CASE NO. INT-G-10-01, BY MAILING A COPY THEREOF, POSTAGE PREPAID, TO THE FOLLOWING:

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