## **BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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IN THE MATTER OF INTERMOUNTAIN GAS COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO ITS COMPOSITE DEPRECIATION RATE

CASE NO. INT-G-11-02 NOTICE OF APPLICATION NOTICE OF INTERVENTION DEADLINE ORDER NO. 32393

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on October 12, 2011, Intermountain Gas Company applied to the Commission for an Order authorizing the Company to increase its composite depreciation rate from 2.96% to 3.07%, effective January 1, 2012. The Company asks the Commission to allow the rates to take effect on an interim basis on January 1, 2012, if the Commission is unable to enter a final order approving the rates by that date.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission approved the Company's current composite depreciation rate (2.96%) in March 2009. That rate is based on a 2008 depreciation study. The Company says it reviews and asks the Commission to update its depreciation rate every three years and that, in this case, it has retained a consultant to update the Company's 2008 depreciation study. According to the Company, the consultant's study indicates that the Company should increase its composite depreciation rate from 2.96% (2.98% when the accrual rates per Order No. 29975 are weighted by December 30, 2010 assets) to 3.07%. The Company says the higher rate would increase the Company's annual depreciation accrual by \$375,337. The Company states that the depreciation rate increase would not increase the Company's prices.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Intermountain requests that its Application be processed by Modified Procedure. The Commission determined to initially issue only a Notice of Application and Notice of Intervention Deadline. Following the intervention period, Staff and the Company and any other parties will convene informal workshops to attempt to resolve Intermountain's request by agreement. Modified Procedure may commence following conclusion of the workshops.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application together with supporting workpapers, testimonies and exhibits, have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Application and testimonies are also available on the Commission's web site at <u>www.puc.idaho.gov</u> by clicking on "File Room" and then "Gas Cases."

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons desiring to intervene in this matter for the purpose of presenting evidence or cross-examining witnesses at hearing must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure 72 and 73, IDAPA 31.01.01.072 and .073. Persons intending to participate at hearing must file a Petition to Intervene no later than 14 days from the service date of this Order. Persons seeking intervenor status shall also provide the Commission Secretary with their electronic mail address to facilitate further communications in this matter.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons desiring to present their views without parties' rights of participation and cross-examination are not required to intervene and may present their comments without prior notification to the Commission or to other parties.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that once the deadline for intervention has passed, the Commission Secretary shall issue a Notice of Parties. The Notice of Parties shall assign exhibit numbers to each party in this proceeding.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Title 61 of the Idaho Code and specifically *Idaho Code* §§ 61-307, 61-502, 61-503, and 61-622. The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq*.

## ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that persons desiring to intervene in this case for the purpose of presenting evidence or cross-examination at hearing shall file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission no later than 14 days from the service date of this Order.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this  $\mathscr{G}^{\neq h}$  day of November 2011.

PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Jean D. Jewell Commission Secretary

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