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Ms. Diane Hanian
Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
472 W. Washington Street
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Re: Case No. INT-G-17-03

Dear Ms. Hanian,

I would like to submit comments on the above listed case.

The proposed DSM Program is not just a rebate program for the customer's benefit. Intermountain Gas customers are also being charged with paying for staffing expenses and administrative/outreach expenses at a total cost of \$777,000 per year. With few customer benefits, this cost if put into place will be a continuing burden on customers. In future years the program will, surely, cost more. At which point, Intermountain Gas will be seeking approval to collect additional funds for the DSM Program.

To me, the actual "benefits" being proposed for customers are very marginal and do not support the very high cost of an additional \$777,000 being collected from customers. And if a customer already has high-efficiency gas equipment, they will pay and subsidize a program they are ineligible to use.

NOT having a DSM Program, Intermountain Gas Co. will not incur any costs that need to be recovered. NOT having a DSM Program, an additional financial burden will not be placed on the Intermountain Gas customers.

We Intermountain Gas Co. customers need to say to the utility company, "Thanks for the DSM offer, but the cost is too high and the benefits too low."

Sincerely,

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