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Comment deadline set for Intermountain Gas proposal for new energy efficiency program

BOISE (Aug. 17, 2017) – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has set a Sept. 15 deadline for comments on Intermountain Gas’ proposal to fund a new program that would encourage customers to save energy.

The company’s plan calls for the creation of a billing mechanism that would allow it to recover costs associated with the Energy Efficiency Rebate Program from its residential customers.

The program is expected to cost \$770,000 in its first year, leading to a 22-cent increase on the average residential customer’s monthly bill.

The majority of the expenses (\$600,000 in the first year) would cover rebates issued to customers who enact energy-efficiency measures. These measures include upgrades to high-efficiency furnaces and water heaters, new home construction with Energy Star certification and installation of energy-efficient fireplace inserts.

In addition to helping customers save money through reduced energy use, conservation programs reduce the need for a utility to generate energy or purchase it from more expensive sources, and offset the need to build new generation facilities.

Under Intermountain’s proposal, the Commission would review the program annually to determine whether it benefits all customers, not just those that directly participate. The intent of the Commission’s review would be to establish that all costs are prudently incurred and reasonable, and that all customer bills would be higher without the programs.

The utility has requested that the rate increase take effect Oct. 1, to coincide with the effective date of a proposed decrease to the company’s Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment (PGA).

Intermountain Gas provides natural gas service to approximately 335,000 customers in 75 communities throughout southern Idaho.

Its application for funding the Energy Efficiency Rebate Program and other case documents are available for review on the Commission's website, www.puc.idaho.gov. Once on the website, click on "Open Cases" under the "Natural Gas" heading and scroll down to Case No. INT-G-17-03. As the case progresses, testimony and exhibits from commission staff and other parties as well as customer comments will be posted to the website.

Comments can be submitted via mail or online on the Commission's website. To submit a comment online, click on "Case Comment Form" under the "Natural Gas" heading and enter the case number, INT-G-17-03. Or you can mail comments to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID, 83720-0074.

The company's PGA application is also available online. It is Case No. INT-G-17-05.