

**DECISION MEMORANDUM**

**TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER  
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**FROM: DAPHNE HUANG  
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**DATE: OCTOBER 31, 2017**

**SUBJECT: INTERMOUNTAIN GAS COMPANY'S APPLICATION TO INCREASE  
DEPRECIATION & AMORTIZATION RATES; CASE NO. INT-G-17-06**

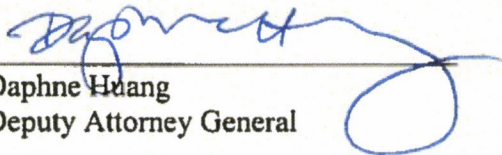
On October 27, 2017, Intermountain Gas Company asked to: (1) increase its composite depreciation rate from 3.05% (3.09% when weighted by December 31, 2016 assets) to 3.18%; and (2) decrease its total General Plant account amortizations from \$2,066,577 to \$1,648,415. The Company proposes the changes – which would not increase the rates it charges to provide natural gas to customers – because the Company's most recent studies show it under-depreciates its assets and over-amortizes General Plant Account Nos. 391, 393, 394, 395, 397, and 398. The Company proposes a January 1, 2018 effective date, and asks the Commission to process the case by Modified Procedure.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Commission issue a Notice of Application and Notice of Intervention Deadline with a 14-day intervention period. After the intervention period, the parties would informally meet to possibly settle any outstanding issues. Staff would then report back to the Commission, and a Notice of Modified Procedure could be issued, if necessary.

**COMMISSION DECISION**

Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Application and Notice of Intervention Deadline of 14 days from the service date of the Commission's Notice and Order?

  
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