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PUC taking comments on Intermountain Gas long-range plan

BOISE (April 14, 2015) – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is taking comment through May 4 on Intermountain Gas’ five-year plan to meet customer demand. The plan, called an Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), must be filed every two years with the commission.

The company, which delivers natural gas to 290,500 residential customers and 31,000 commercial customers across southern Idaho, does not anticipate any peak-day delivery deficits in the regions it serves over the next five years. Some customers, like those in the Rexburg area, may require use of a portable liquefied natural gas facility to meet customer demand on peak-use days. A number of industrial customers are able to use other non-traditional sources on peak days, such as diesel/fuel oil, coal, wood chips and propane.

Intermountain Gas is the sole distributor of natural gas in southern Idaho, serving an area of 50,000 square miles and a population of 1 million. The company serves customers in 73 communities through a system of more than 100,000 miles of transmission, distribution and service lines. More than 149 miles of distribution and service lines were added during 2013 to accommodate new customer additions and maintain service.

The company is served by the Williams Northwest Pipeline that enters southeast Idaho from Wyoming. From that pipeline, Intermountain has built several laterals, the major ones being the Idaho Falls Lateral from Pocatello to St. Anthony, the Sun Valley lateral from Shoshone to Sun Valley, the Canyon County Lateral, the State Street Lateral in northwest Boise and the Central Ada Area Lateral.

The IRP forecasts a 2.32% rate of growth each year for the next five years in its total residential, commercial and industrial peak-day loads. In 2013, the company experienced a 1.8% growth rate in the number of residential and commercial customers from 2008.

The agricultural economy and the price of alternative fuels strongly influences industrial demand for natural gas. In 2013, industrial sales and transportation customers accounted for 44% of the throughput on Intermountain’s system. Transportation customers are large

industrial customers that use Intermountain Gas's distribution system to buy gas from Intermountain or other suppliers.

The complete copy of Intermountain Gas's IRP, along with exhibits, is available on the commission's Website at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on "Open Cases," under the "Natural Gas" heading and scroll down to Case No. INT-G-15-01. To file comments in the case, click on "Case Comment Form" under the "Consumers" heading and enter the above case number.

Comments can also be mailed to P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074 or faxed to (208) 334-3762.

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