

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: INTERMOUNTAIN GAS COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR
AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT A COMMERCIAL ENERGY
EFFICIENCY PROGRAM AND FUNDING MECHANISM; CASE NO.
INT-G-20-04.

On August 3, 2020, Intermountain Gas Company ("Company") applied for authority to implement a Commercial Energy Efficiency Program and Funding Mechanism. The Company represents it has developed an equipment-based program for commercial customers predicated on a Conservation Potential Assessment ("CPA") performed by Dunsky Energy Consulting and input from its Energy Efficiency Stakeholder group. *Application* at 4-6. The Company requested an effective date of October 1, 2020.

On September 3, 2020, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Intervention Deadline ("Notice") setting a 21-day intervention deadline. *See* Order No. 34771. The Commission also suspended the Company's effective date for a period of five months and 30 days. *Id.* at 4. The Idaho Conservation League ("ICL") filed a Petition to Intervene on September 17, 2020. The Commission granted ICL's Petition to Intervene on September 29, 2020. *See* Order No. 34790. On September 30, 2020, the Commission issued a Notice of Parties.

APPLICATION

The Company asserts the proposed Commercial Energy Efficiency Program focuses on saving measures in three end-use sectors identified in the CPA: HVAC, commercial kitchen appliances, and hot water savings. *Id.* at 6. The Company also requests authority to formalize a mechanism to recover costs incurred in the administration and delivery of the proposed Commercial Energy Efficiency Program through a proposed Rate Schedule EE – GS. *Id.* at 7.

The Company also requests authority to revise existing tariffs to add a commercial component to its Energy Efficiency Program. *Id.* at 9.

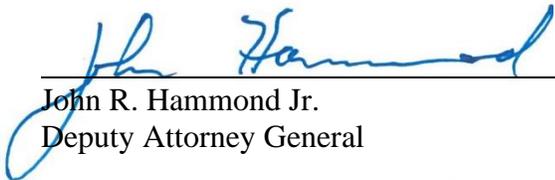
The Company represents it notified its GS-1 customers about the Application through a Customer Notice and a Press Release sent to daily and weekly newspapers, and major radio and television stations in the Company's service area. *Id.* at 10. The Company requests that the Application be processed by Modified Procedure and proposes an effective date of October 1, 2020, for the Commercial Energy Efficiency Program, Energy Efficiency Charge, and other changes to associated tariffs, coincident with the effective date of the price change related to the Company's annual Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment. *Id.* at 9-10.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has conferred with the Company and ICL and have agreed to the proposed schedule subject to Commission review and approval. The parties propose that the Commission issue a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure and set a January 26, 2021, comment deadline for interested persons and a February 9, 2021, reply deadline for the Company.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure and set a January 26, 2021, comment deadline for interested persons and a February 9, 2021, reply deadline for the Company?



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