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## Intermountain Gas files request to lower natural gas rates

**BOISE, IDAHO – December 22, 2011** – Intermountain Gas Company (Intermountain) filed a request today with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to lower natural gas rates for customers. Intermountain is filing an interim purchased gas adjustment (PGA) because the price of natural gas continues to decrease.

Intermountain is requesting that rates be reduced by an average of 4.5 percent. Based on average weather and usage, residential customers using natural gas for space and water heating will save an average of \$2.24 or 4.4 percent per month. Commercial customers, on average, would see a savings of \$10.99 or 4.8 percent per month. If approved, the rate reduction will take effect on February 1, 2012.

“We are pleased to make this filing in light of the extremely favorable natural gas pricing environment. If approved, this marks the fifth consecutive price reduction for our customers over the last four years,” said Frank Morehouse, Executive Vice President and General Manager for Intermountain. “Natural gas not only continues to have superior reliability, availability and environmental attributes, but also enjoys significant competitive pricing advantages versus competing fuels and energy sources.”

Even at these favorable price levels, Intermountain continues to urge all its customers to use energy wisely. Conservation tips and information on government payment energy assistance are provided through bill inserts and on the company’s website ([www.intgas.com](http://www.intgas.com)). The website also outlines a number of programs to help customers level out their energy bills over the year, as well as tips to help them minimize the potential impact that cold weather may have on their energy consumption.

The PGA request is subject to public review and approval by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. A copy of the application is available at the Commission offices and on both the Commission’s and Intermountain’s websites.

*Intermountain Gas Company is a natural gas distribution company serving approximately 312,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers in 74 communities in southern Idaho. Intermountain is a subsidiary of MDU Resources Group, Inc., a multidimensional natural resources enterprise traded on the New York Stock Exchange as “MDU.” For more information about MDU Resources, visit the company’s website at [www.mdu.com](http://www.mdu.com). For more information about Intermountain, visit [www.intgas.com](http://www.intgas.com).*

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