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RE: Removal of GSS and EAC Rates from Questar Gas Company's Tariff

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Economic Development Corporation of Utah we want to express our board's unanimous support for the removal of GSS and EAC rates from Questar Gas Company's tariff. Additionally, EDCUTAH would like to be included as a party to deliver testimony in this PSC hearing process.

This is an exciting time for Utah. As a state, we face many extraordinary opportunities, including the potential for greater economic growth and prosperity, particularly in our State's rural communities.

However, due to the GSS and EAC rates leavied some rural customers are currently paying up to 35 percent more for gas service than their neighboring communities. This clearly is a disadvantage when it comes to economic development. The elimination of Questar's tariff fees will not only assist these areas in building upon their economy, but a one rate schedule would be more efficient to administer.

Rolling extension charges into one general rate schedule will have a minimal impact upon other customers. While the typical customer may see a two tenths of one percent increase, the State overall will reap the benefits. This type of cooperation and compromise is an important part of Utah's development. Similar plans, like 1998's HB 180, which increased Questar gas prices a couple of cents each month per customer, have helped to provide gas service to Panguitch, Cedar Fort and Brian Head and helped jumpstart the local economy.

We strongly encourage the Public Service Commission approve the proposal to remove GSS and EAC rates from Questar Gas Company. Adoption of this proposal will be a stepping stone to further economic growth and vitality.

On behalf of our 230-plus members, thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

Sincerely,

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