

**POSITION STATEMENT OF GARFIELD COUNTY FOR REMOVAL OF GSS  
TARIFFS**

January 15, 2007

To whom it may concern:

Garfield County has been paying a tariff to Questar for many years now. When natural gas was proposed to this area, it was understood and believed that growth and development of this county would allow this tariff to either be forgiven or substantially reduced. Unfortunately and due to no fault of our own, Garfield County has not developed to a point where the tariff has been removed from our resident's and the County's monthly bills. At this point, we are mostly only paying interest on this tariff and because we are not seeing a substantial growth in our area we will suffer financially for many years to come if this tariff is not removed.

The main industry in Garfield County is tourism and our residents (usually both husbands and wives) generally work two or more jobs due to the lower rates of pay that are available in this area. Also, many residents can only find work in the seasonal resorts that are closed from October until April thus making their income situations even more difficult when they are unemployed, especially in the winter time when gas rates generally increase.

It is difficult to attract businesses to this area due to the climate, due to lower income families, and due to the real possibility that substantial growth may not be coming to the area anytime soon. It makes it even more difficult to attract new businesses when representatives from prospective industries learn of the tariff and learn they will be paying more each month to have a service which may be less in other areas.

Because of these difficulties we respectfully ask the Commission to allow this tariff to be removed from our County. If this were to happen, we are confident our future economic endeavors would look substantially brighter and it would certainly benefit our resident's financial hardships. If you have any comments, questions or concerns, please feel free to contact myself or the other commissioners at any time.

Sincerely,

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Clare M. Ramsay  
Garfield County Commissioner