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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

In the Matter of the Application of Questar Gas Company to File a General Rate Case

Docket No. 07-057-13

PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF ROBERT H. MCKENNA [RATE OF RETURN]

The UAE Intervention Group hereby submits the Prefiled Direct Testimony of Robert H.

McKenna on rate of return issues.

DATED this 31st day of March, 2008.

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

Direct Testimony of Robert H. McKenna

on behalf of

UAE

Docket No. 07-057-13

[Rate of Return]

March 31, 2008

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF ROBERT H. MCKENNA

| 1 | | DIRECT TESTIMONY OF ROBERT H. MCKENNA |
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| 2 | Intro | <u>oduction</u> |
| 3 | Q. | Please state your name and business address. |
| 4 | A. | Robert H. McKenna, 215 South State Street, Suite 200, Salt Lake City, Utah, |
| 5 | | 84111. |
| 6 | Q. | By whom are you employed and in what capacity? |
| 7 | A. | I am a Senior Consultant in the firm of Energy Strategies, LLC. Energy Strategies |
| 8 | | is a private consulting firm specializing in economic and policy analysis applicable to |
| 9 | | energy production, transportation, and consumption. |
| 10 | Q. | On whose behalf are you testifying in this proceeding? |
| 11 | A. | My testimony is being sponsored by the Utah Association of Energy Users |
| 12 | | Intervention Group (UAE). |
| 13 | Q. | Please describe your professional experience and qualifications. |
| 14 | A. | My academic background is in finance and strategy development and I hold a |
| 15 | | Master of Business Administration from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. I |
| 16 | | joined Energy Strategies in 2007, where I assist private and public sector clients in the |
| 17 | | areas of project development services, market analytics and economic valuation of |
| 18 | | alternatives. |
| 19 | | Prior to joining Energy Strategies, I held various business development and |
| 20 | | strategic marketing roles in multiple Fortune 500 companies. I fulfilled the responsibility |

of strategic and economic valuation of acquisition, product licensing and product

development opportunities incorporating, along with other factors, the impact of

uncertainty on the strategic value to the companies.

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| 1 (| 0. | Have you | previously | testified | before | this | Commi | ssion | ? |
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- 2 A. No, I have not.
- 3 Q. Have you testified previously before any other state utility regulatory commissions?
- 4 A. No, I have not.

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- 5 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?
- 6 A. My testimony addresses the implications of revenue decoupling for Questar Gas

 7 Company (QGC) with respect to rate of return in this proceeding.
- 8 Q. What are your conclusions and recommendations?
 - A. My conclusion is that QGC's Conservation Enabling Tariff ("CET") that provides for revenue decoupling is essentially a hedge position that protects QGC against variations in usage per customer that has been awarded to the company. My recommendation is that the Commission should consider what it might cost a company like QGC to replicate this hedge position in the financial markets and utilize this information to assess the appropriate allowed ROE for the company. Historically, if the annual change in usage per customer per year had been equally distributed around zero percent, with an average annual change in usage per customer of zero percent, one could argue that this hedge position would be free, i.e. the cost of protecting against downside risk would be the same as the lost value from missing out on the upside potential. The historical average decline in usage per customer has not been zero percent, though. Nor has it been equally distributed around zero percent. From 1981 through 2006, the

average annual change in usage per customer has been minus 1.61%. As will be illustrated, purchasing a hedge position that replicates the protection provided to the company by the CET would result in a net cost to the company, given this historical downward trend.

What steps did you take in your analysis to arrive at your conclusion?

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The following steps were taken to conduct the analysis; First, I evaluated the historical trend in usage per customer since 1981. Second, I evaluated what the potential variability in the projected June 2009 net operating income (NOI) published by QGC might be without the CET, given this historical trend in usage per customer. Third, I evaluated what it might cost QGC to purchase a hedge portfolio that replicates the impact of the CET on QGC's NOI. Fourth, I calculated the resulting acceptable ROE after purchasing the hedge position, assuming QGC equity holders were willing to take an adjustment in ROE in exchange for the cost of purchasing a risk-free position relative to change in usage per customer.

What has been the historic variability and trend in usage per customer since 1981?

According to information provided by QGC in its response to Data Request MDR A.4U on March 7, 2008 (spreadsheet MDR A.4 U attach.xls), annual usage per customer has declined from 174.5 Dth per customer for the 12 months ending January 1981 to 108.52 Dth per customer for the 12 months ending October 2007 (Exhibit UAE ROE 2.1). Using information from the full calendar years available, the average annual

decrease in usage per customer over this time period has been 1.61% with a maximum increase in usage of 3.38% and a maximum decrease in usage of 7.33%. An increase in usage per customer was experienced in only 6 of the 25 years represented (Exhibit UAE ROE 2.2).

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What is the potential variability in the projected NOI for QGC, given this historic variability in usage per customer?

QGC has published its revenue requirement, cost of service and rate design model for the test period representing the twelve months ending June 2009 in the spreadsheet QGCMODEL_01_18_08.xls. According to this model, QGC is projecting a NOI of 67,593,225 to achieve an "allowed" ROE of 11.25% for this test period. This projected NOI assumes that QGC receives \$145,894,067 of DNG Volumetric Charges from GS1 customers (Exhibit UAE ROE 2.3). This is the revenue stream protected by the CET. The overall NOI and ROE for the company are of course subject to uncertainty from many sources, one of which is actual annual usage per customer. In the QGC model, it is assumed that usage per customer is 103.10 Dth for the test period. Considering only the uncertainty associated with usage per customer and assuming that all of the historical annual variations in usage per customer are equally likely as representations for potential future variations in usage per customer, QGC's actual NOI could be as high as \$70,649,940 (Exhibit UAE ROE 2.4) and as low as \$60,970,940 (Exhibit UAE ROE 2.5). Without the CET in place, the expected NOI based on the average change in usage per

| 1 | | customer would be \$66,139,109. This expected NOI would result in a ROE of 10.88%, |
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| 2 | | 37 basis points below the proposed "allowed" ROE of 11.25% (Exhibit UAE ROE 2.6). |
| 3 | Q. | You stated that the CET is essentially a hedge position that protects QGC from |
| 4 | | variations in usage per customer. Please explain. |
| 5 | A. | The CET provides a perfect hedge position against variations in usage per |
| 6 | | customer. Specifically, if usage per customer is more or less than projected the CET |
| 7 | | offsets the change so that the net variance in NOI is zero (Exhibit UAE ROE 2.7). This is |
| 8 | | a risk-free position relative to variations in usage per customer. While there are certain |
| 9 | | limitations built into the CET as currently written, e.g. effectively a revenue adjustment |
| 10 | | cap at 5 percent of DNG revenues, these limitations will not likely be experienced after |
| 11 | | the setting of new rates. |
| 12 | Q. | How could a company potentially replicate this hedge position in the financial |
| 13 | | markets? |
| 14 | A. | This hedge position can be represented by a portfolio of financial derivatives with |
| 15 | | the underlying asset for the derivatives being QGC's NOI and the only source of |
| 16 | | uncertainty in the value of the underlying asset being the variation in usage per customer |
| 17 | | as illustrated in Exhibit UAE ROE 2.6. Specifically, the CET can be replicated by a |
| 18 | | portfolio that contains 1) a purchased put option contract, with an exercise price at |

QGC's "allowed" NOI, that would protect QGC against any decrease in usage per

customer and 2) a written call option contract, again with an exercise price at QGC's

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"allowed" NOI, that would require QGC to pay the difference in the case of increased usage per customer. The payoff of this portfolio (Exhibit UAE ROE 2.18) exactly equals the payoff from QGC's CET described above and illustrated in Exhibit UAE ROE 2.8. This portfolio results in the same risk-free position relative to variations in usage per customer as QGC's CET.

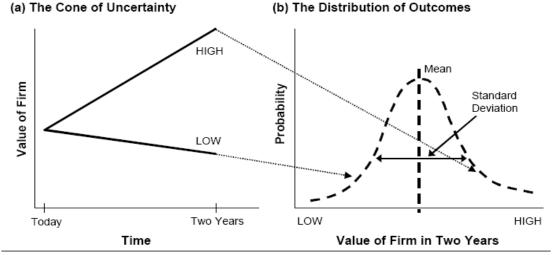
How much might a company expect to pay to acquire the CET replicating portfolio?

Valuing options can be very complex, especially when, as in this case, the options are based on underlying assets that are not publicly traded assets that have a long recorded history of pricing behavior (volatility) and a known current price. That said, theoreticians have developed methods of valuing so-called "real options" that attempt to approximate the value of an option when the underlying asset is a non-publicly traded asset such as a potential project, a product development opportunity or a potential cash flow stream, as is the case here. The first step in the process, as described by Martha Amram and Nalin Kulatilaka in their book *Real Options*, is to understand the "cone of uncertainty" or the distribution of possible outcomes (Figure 1).

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Figure 1



Source: Real Options, Martha Amram and Nalin Kulatilaka, Harvard Business School Press, 1999

As described above and illustrated in Exhibit UAE ROE 2.2, for the purposes of this analysis I have assumed that the historic distribution of variation in usage per customer per year defines the set of possible outcomes for the test year ending June 2009. I will assume that each of the historical annual changes in usage per customer has an equal probability of occurring. When this possible range in variation in usage per customer is translated into variation in NOI and ROE the result is what is described in Exhibits UAE ROE 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6 where the possible NOI outcomes range from as high as \$70,649,940 to as low as \$60,970,940. The entire discrete set of assumed potential NOI outcomes is graphically described in Exhibit UAE ROE 2.9 and represented in Exhibit UAE ROE 2.10, column E.

The next step in the "real option" valuation process is to model the payoff of the option portfolio relative to the variation in the underlying asset. As described previously, the assumed CET replicating hedge position consists of a held put and a written call. The put gives the holder the "right to sell an asset at a specified exercise price". The put

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holder pays up front for this right. In this case the asset is the QGC NOI as impacted by changes in usage per customer and the exercise price is the "allowed" NOI to reach the "allowed" ROE; \$67,593,224. If the actual NOI is less than this, QGC has the right to sell the asset to the ratepayers at the specified exercise price of \$67,593,224 and the ratepayers, the entity writing the put, make up the difference. A call option on the other hand gives the holder the "right to buy an asset at a specified exercise price". Because QGC would be writing this position, not holding it, it would receive a cash inflow upfront from the holder of the option. In exchange for this upfront cash inflow, if the QGC NOI is greater than anticipated then the ratepayer, the call holder, can buy the asset at the specified exercise price of \$67,593,224 and QGC is responsible to pay ratepayers the surplus NOI value. Exhibit UAE ROE 2.9 illustrates what the net payoff/payout of QGC's option positions would be given the historical changes in usage per customer. The values are also represented in Columns H and I of Exhibit UAE ROE 2.10.

The final step in valuing the options is to model the current values of the options.

This is done using the "risk-neutral approach to option valuation" described by Martha Amram and Nalin Kulatilaka in their book *Real Options*. They state that:

"The risk-neutral approach to valuation, introduced by Cox, Ross, and Rubinstein in 1976, is based on the same arguments that underlie the option valuation model. The authors recognized that because the hedge position earns a risk-free rate of return, it would have the same value under any preferences for risk....Hence, for valuation purposes Cox, Ross,

and Rubinstein could assume that everyone is risk neutral, eliminating the need to estimate any sort of risk premium¹."

This is done by summing the present value of the products of each of the potential option payoffs and the probability of each of the potential payoffs, using the risk-free rate for discounting to present values. For this analysis I have assumed 5% as the risk-free rate of return and that the hedge position is purchased at the beginning of the test year, i.e. values will be discounted to July 1, 2008. Columns J and K of Exhibit UAE ROE 2.9 illustrate the results of this calculation.

Now that each option is valued, it can be calculated that a company such as QGC might expect to pay approximately \$1,833,664 to purchase a put option protecting against downward movements in usage per customer. QGC might also expect to receive \$382,471 for writing a call option requiring the company to pay the ratepayer in the case of upward movements in usage per customer. As modeled here, the post-tax net cost of this CET replicating hedge position would be \$1,451,162, as shown on Exhibit UAE ROE 2.9. As described above, if the potential upward and downward movements in usage per customer were equally distributed around zero percent with an expected value of zero percent it is expected that the net cost of this hedge portfolio would be zero. This has not been the case, though, and it will cost more to protect against downward

¹ Real Options, Martha Amram and Nalin Kulatilaka, Harvard Business School Press, 1999.

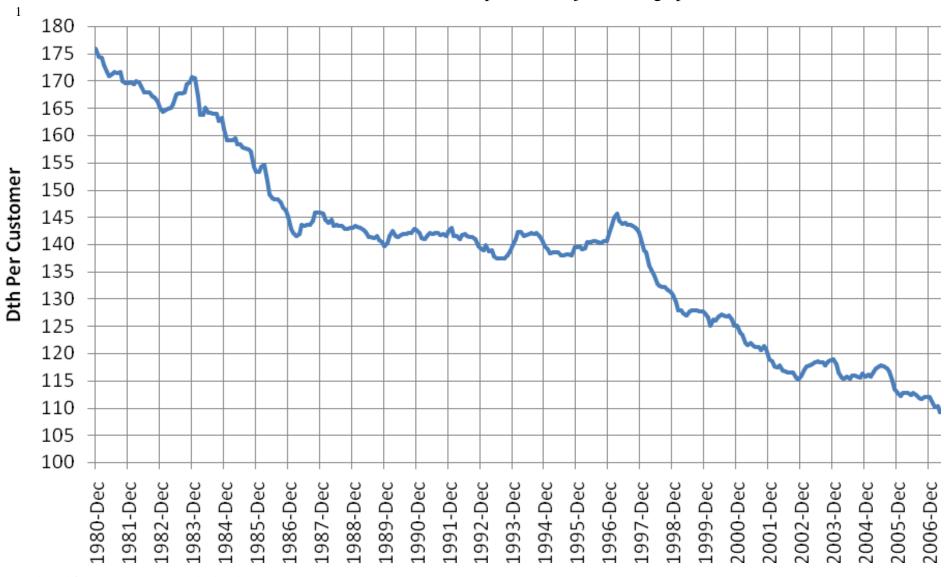
| 1 | | movements in usage per customer than the potential upfront benefit for taking a position |
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| 2 | | against upward movements since downward movements are more likely. |
| 3 | Q. | What is the potential impact of purchasing this position on QGC's "allowed" NOI |
| 4 | | and ROE? |
| 5 | A. | The calculated \$1,451,162 cost of purchasing the portfolio would reduce the QGC |
| 6 | | post-tax NOI resulting in a post-hedge, post-tax ROE of 10.88%, 37 basis points below |
| 7 | | the "allowed" ROE of 11.25%. This variance is roughly equivalent to the previously |
| 8 | | described expected ROE variance of 37 basis points when the CET is not in place. The |
| 9 | | difference is that the original expected value has been discounted one year to July 1, 2008 |
| 10 | | at the risk-free rate using the methodology described above. |
| 11 | Q. | What is your recommendation to the Commission on this matter? |
| 12 | A. | I recommend that the Commission use this information as it considers its decision |
| 13 | | on QGC's allowed return on equity. Specifically, this information should be factored |
| 14 | | into the Commission's decision on where within the range of reasonable returns QGC's |
| 15 | | return on equity should be set. |
| 16 | Q. | Does this conclude your direct testimony with respect to rate of return? |

Yes, it does.

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Exhibit UAE ROE 2.1 – Utah GS-1 Temperature-Adjusted Usage per Customer



Source: adapted from MDR A.4 U attach.xls, Sheet: DMC EXHIBIT C

Exhibit UAE ROE 2.2 – Annual Change in Usage per Customer

| Calendar Year | Usage per Customer (Dth/Year) | % Change |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| 1981 | 169.48 | |
| 1982 | 165.02 | -2.63% |
| 1983 | 170.60 | 3.38% |
| 1984 | 161.15 | -5.54% |
| 1985 | 153.38 | -4.82% |
| 1986 | 145.14 | -5.37% |
| 1987 | 145.75 | 0.42% |
| 1988 | 143.06 | -1.85% |
| 1989 | 139.65 | -2.38% |
| 1990 | 142.62 | 2.13% |
| 1991 | 142.55 | -0.05% |
| 1992 | 139.37 | -2.23% |
| 1993 | 139.82 | 0.32% |
| 1994 | 139.62 | -0.14% |
| 1995 | 139.50 | -0.09% |
| 1996 | 141.88 | 1.71% |
| 1997 | 141.01 | -0.61% |
| 1998 | 130.68 | -7.33% |
| 1999 | 127.37 | -2.53% |
| 2000 | 125.00 | -1.86% |
| 2001 | 118.97 | -4.82% |
| 2002 | 115.84 | -2.63% |
| 2003 | 118.90 | 2.64% |
| 2004 | 115.67 | -2.72% |
| 2005 | 112.70 | -2.57% |
| 2006 | 111.98 | -0.64% |
| | Change in Usage: | -1.61% |
| | ncrease in Usage: | 3.38% |
| | ecrease in Usage: | -7.33% |
| | ncreasing Usage: | 6 |
| Years with | Declining Usage: | 19 |

Source: adapted from MDR A.4 U attach.xls, Sheet: DMC EXHIBIT C

Exhibit UAE ROE 2.3C – QGC Forecasted GS1 DNG Volumetric Charges Under Current Rates

| | Current | DNG Rate | es & F | Revenues | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|--------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| Utah GSR | Itah GSR From Revenue Run Output | | | put | | |
| Volumetric Rates | | | Dth | Dth | Curr. Rate | Revenues |
| Winter | Block 1 | All Over | 0 | 44,049,364 | 1.95993 | 86,333,670 |
| Summer | Block 1 | All Over | 0 | 17,949,721 | 1.65073 | 29,630,143 |
| Total Volumetric Charges | | | • | 61,999,085 | | 115,963,813 |
| | | | | Customers | | |
| | Avg customers | | | 794,748 | | |
| Utah GSC | | | | From Rev | venue Run Out | put |
| Volumetric Rates | | | Dth | Dth | Curr. Rate | Revenues |
| Winter | Block 1 | First | 45 | 6,069,322 | 1.95993 | 11,895,446 |
| | Block 2 | Next | 155 | 5,644,945 | 0.81370 | 4,593,292 |
| | Block 3 | All Over | 200 | 7,039,452 | 0.81370 | 5,728,002 |
| Summer | Block 1 | First | 45 | 3,170,494 | 1.65073 | 5,233,630 |
| | Block 2 | Next | 155 | 2,179,181 | 0.61279 | 1,335,380 |
| | Block 3 | All Over | 200 | 1,867,693 | 0.61279 | 1,144,504 |
| Total Volumetric Charges | | | - | 25,971,087 | | 29,930,254 |
| | | | | Customers | | |
| · | Avg customers | · | | 58,487 | | |

Summary

Total Expected GS1 DNG Volumetric Charges: \$145,894,067

Average GS1 Customers: 853,235

Avg Usage per Customer (Dth): 103.10

Average Volumetric Charges Customer: \$170.99

Average Volumetrc Charges per Dth: \$1.66

Source: QGCMODEL_01_18_08.xls, Sheet: Rate Design

| | Projected by QGC | Potential Values per Historical Change in Usage | Potential Variance from Projected |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| GS1 DNG Volumetric Charges | \$145,894,067 | \$150,827,341 | \$4,933,274 |
| Average Customers | 853,235 | 853,235 | 0 |
| Annual Volume (Dth) | 87,970,172 | 90,944,803 | 2,974,631 |
| Expected Usage per Customer (Dth/Cust) | 103.10 | 106.59 | 3.49 |

| Change in Annual Usage (Dth/Cust) | 3.38% | Historical Maximum |
|-----------------------------------|-------|--------------------|
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| Charges per Dth | \$1.66 | \$1.66 | \$0.00 |
|----------------------|----------|----------|--------|
| Charges per Customer | \$170.99 | \$176.77 | \$5.78 |

| Impact on ROE of Variation in DNG Volumetric Charges | | Source for Projected Value: |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Change in GS1 DNG Volumetric Charges: | \$4,933,274 | |
| Combined Federal & State Tax Rate: | 38.04% | QGCMODEL_01_18_08.xls, Sheet: Taxes, Cell: J23 |
| Impact on NOI: | \$3,056,716 | |

| Net Operating Income | \$67,593,225 | \$70,649,940 | \$3,056,716 | QGCMODEL_01_18_08.xls, Sheet: Report, Cell: I |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Rate Base | \$750,206,444 | \$750,206,444 | \$0 | QGCMODEL_01_18_08.xls, Sheet: Report, Cell: K |
| Return on Rate Base | 9.01% | 9.42% | 0.41% | QGCMODEL_01_18_08.xls, Sheet: Report, Cell: Ka |
| Weighted Cost of Long Term Debt | 3.13% | 3.13% | | QGCMODEL_01_18_08.xls, Sheet: Capital Str, Cel |
| Percent Common Equity | 52.29% | 52.29% | | QGCMODEL_01_18_08.xls, Sheet: Capital Str, Cel |
| Return on Equity | 11.25% | 12.03% | 0.78% | QGCMODEL_01_18_08.xls, Sheet: Report, Cell: K |

| | Projected by QGC | Potential Values per Historical Change in Usage | Potential Variance from Projected |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| GS1 DNG Volumetric Charges | \$145,894,067 | \$135,206,274 | (\$10,687,793) |
| Average Customers | 853,235 | 853,235 | 0 |
| Annual Volume (Dth) | 87,970,172 | 81,525,722 | -6,444,450 |
| Expected Usage per Customer (Dth/Cust) | 103.10 | 95.55 | -7.55 |

| Change in Annual Usage (Dth/Cust) | -7.33% | Historical Minimum |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------------------|
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| Charges per Dth | \$1.66 | \$1.66 | \$0.00 |
|----------------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Charges per Customer | \$170.99 | \$158.46 | (\$12.53) |

| Impact on ROE of Variation in DNG Volumetric Charges | Source for Projected Value: | |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Change in GS1 DNG Volumetric Charges: | (\$10,687,793) | |
| Combined Federal & State Tax Rate: | 38.04% | QGCMODEL_01_18_08.xls, Sheet: Taxes, Cell: J23 |
| Impact on NOI: | (\$6,622,285) | |

| Net Operating Income | \$67,593,225 | \$60,970,940 | (\$6,622,285) | QGCMODEL_01_18_08.xls, Sheet: Report, Cell: K49 |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Rate Base | \$750,206,444 | \$750,206,444 | \$0 | QGCMODEL_01_18_08.xls, Sheet: Report, Cell: K77 |
| Return on Rate Base | 9.01% | 8.13% | -0.88% | QGCMODEL_01_18_08.xls, Sheet: Report, Cell: K80 |
| Weighted Cost of Long Term Debt | 3.13% | 3.13% | | QGCMODEL_01_18_08.xls, Sheet: Capital Str, Cell: F7 |
| Percent Common Equity | 52.29% | 52.29% | | QGCMODEL_01_18_08.xls, Sheet: Capital Str, Cell: D9 |
| Return on Equity | 11.25% | 9.56% | -1.69% | QGCMODEL_01_18_08.xls, Sheet: Report, Cell: K82 |

| | Projected by QGC | Potential Values per Historical Change in Usage | Potential Variance from Projected |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| GS1 DNG Volumetric Charges | \$145,894,067 | \$143,547,251 | (\$2,346,816) |
| Average Customers | 853,235 | 853,235 | 0 |
| Annual Volume (Dth) | 87,970,172 | 86,555,105 | -1,415,067 |
| Expected Usage per Customer (Dth/Cust) | 103.10 | 101.44 | -1.66 |

| Change in Annual Usage (Dth/Cust) | -1.61% | Historical Average |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------------------|
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| Charges per Dth | \$1.66 | \$1.66 | \$0.00 |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Charges per Customer | \$170.99 | \$168.24 | (\$2.75) |

| Impact on ROE of Variation in DNG Volumetric Charges | Source for Projected Value: | |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Change in GS1 DNG Volumetric Charges: | (\$2,346,816) | |
| Combined Federal & State Tax Rate: | 38.04% | QGCMODEL_01_18_08.xls, Sheet: Taxes, Cell: J23 |
| Impact on NOI: | (\$1,454,115) | |

| Net Operating Income | \$67,593,225 | \$66,139,109 | (\$1,454,115) | QGCMODEL_01_18_08.xls, Sheet: Report, Cell: K49 |
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| Rate Base | \$750,206,444 | \$750,206,444 | \$0 | QGCMODEL_01_18_08.xls, Sheet: Report, Cell: K77 |
| Return on Rate Base | 9.01% | 8.82% | -0.19% | QGCMODEL_01_18_08.xls, Sheet: Report, Cell: K80 |
| Weighted Cost of Long Term Debt | 3.13% | 3.13% | | QGCMODEL_01_18_08.xls, Sheet: Capital Str, Cell: |
| Percent Common Equity | 52.29% | 52.29% | | QGCMODEL_01_18_08.xls, Sheet: Capital Str, Cell: |
| Return on Equity | 11.25% | 10.88% | -0.37% | QGCMODEL_01_18_08.xls, Sheet: Report, Cell: K82 |

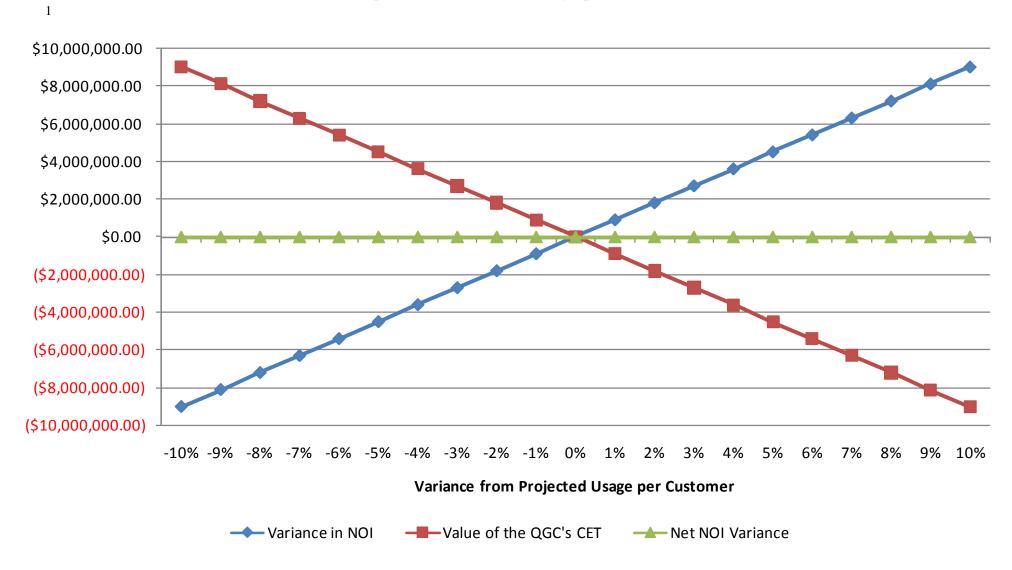
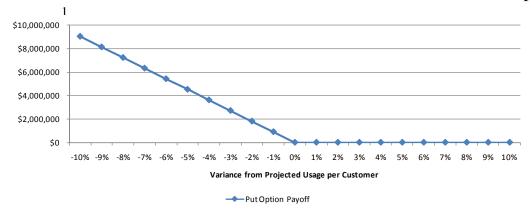
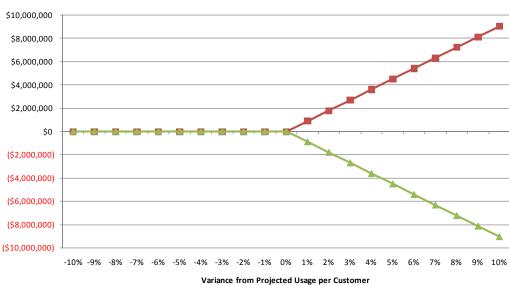


Exhibit UAE ROE 2.8 – Illustration of an Options Portfolio that Replicates QGC's CET





——Call Option Payoff ——QGC's Call Position Payoff

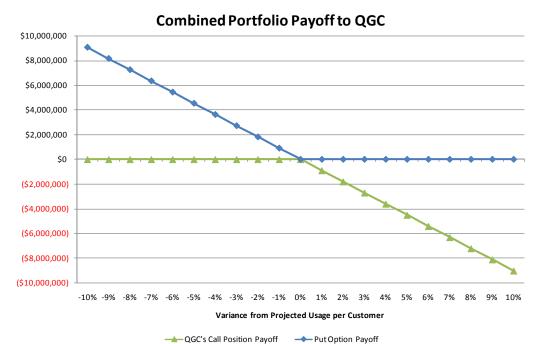


Exhibit UAE ROE 2.9 – Illustration of Potential QGC NOI Variance Based in Historical Changes in Usage per Customer

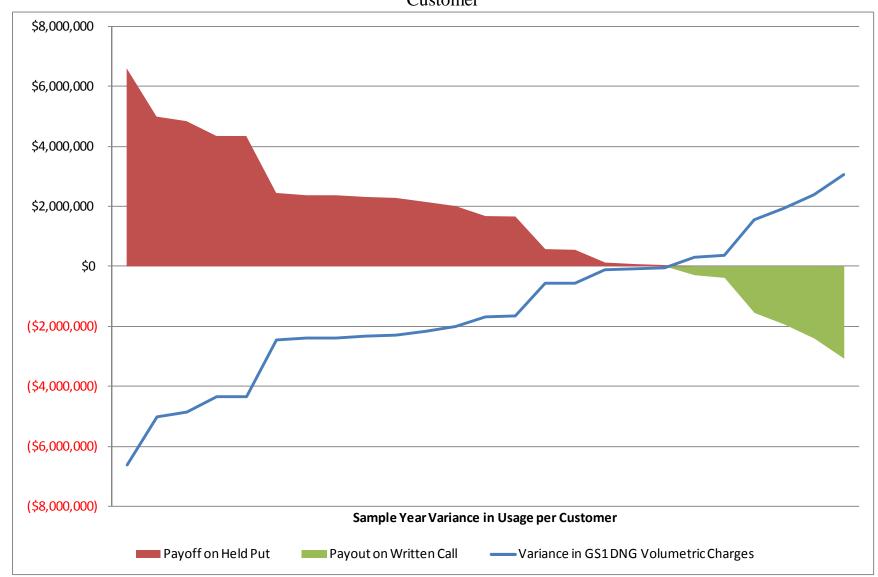


Exhibit UAE ROE 2.10 – Possible Cost of CET Replicating Hedge Position and Impact on QGC NOI

| A | В | С | D | E | F | G | Н | I | J | K |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Change in Usage - Sample Year | Change in Usage per Customer | Expected Usage Per Customer | Usage Per Customer | Test Year Possible NOI | "Allowed" NOI | Variance in GS1 DNG Volumetric Charges | Payoff on Held Put [max(-Column G,0)] | Payout on Written Call -[max(Column G,0)] | Current Value of Put [(Column H * p) / (1+rf)] | Current Value of Call [(Column I * p) / (1+rf)] |
| 1998 | -7.3% | 103.10 | 95.55 | \$60,970,940 | \$67,593,225 | (\$6,622,285) | \$6,622,285 | \$0 | \$264,353 | \$0 |
| 1984 | -5.5% | 103.10 | 97.39 | \$62,585,848 | \$67,593,225 | (\$5,007,376) | \$5,007,376 | \$0 | \$199,888 | \$0 |
| 1986 | -5.4% | 103.10 | 97.56 | \$62,736,808 | \$67,593,225 | (\$4,856,417) | \$4,856,417 | \$0 | \$193,862 | \$0 |
| 2001 | -4.8% | 103.10 | 98.13 | \$63,232,439 | \$67,593,225 | (\$4,360,786) | \$4,360,786 | \$0 | \$174,077 | \$0 |
| 1985 | -4.8% | 103.10 | 98.13 | \$63,234,613 | \$67,593,225 | (\$4,358,611) | \$4,358,611 | \$0 | \$173,990 | \$0 |
| 2004 | -2.7% | 103.10 | 100.30 | \$65,137,509 | \$67,593,225 | (\$2,455,716) | \$2,455,716 | \$0 | \$98,029 | \$0 |
| 1982 | -2.6% | 103.10 | 100.39 | \$65,214,337 | \$67,593,225 | (\$2,378,887) | \$2,378,887 | \$0 | \$94,962 | \$0 |
| 2002 | -2.6% | 103.10 | 100.39 | \$65,214,937 | \$67,593,225 | (\$2,378,287) | \$2,378,287 | \$0 | \$94,938 | \$0 |
| 2005 | -2.6% | 103.10 | 100.45 | \$65,272,128 | \$67,593,225 | (\$2,321,096) | \$2,321,096 | \$0 | \$92,655 | \$0 |
| 1999 | -2.5% | 103.10 | 100.49 | \$65,303,537 | \$67,593,225 | (\$2,289,688) | \$2,289,688 | \$0 | \$91,402 | \$0 |
| 1989 | -2.4% | 103.10 | 100.64 | \$65,438,491 | \$67,593,225 | (\$2,154,734) | \$2,154,734 | \$0 | \$86,014 | \$0 |
| 1992 | -2.2% | 103.10 | 100.80 | \$65,576,636 | \$67,593,225 | (\$2,016,589) | \$2,016,589 | \$0 | \$80,500 | \$0 |
| 2000 | -1.9% | 103.10 | 101.18 | \$65,911,176 | \$67,593,225 | (\$1,682,049) | \$1,682,049 | \$0 | \$67,145 | \$0 |
| 1988 | -1.8% | 103.10 | 101.20 | \$65,924,821 | \$67,593,225 | (\$1,668,404) | \$1,668,404 | \$0 | \$66,601 | \$0 |
| 2006 | -0.6% | 103.10 | 102.44 | \$67,015,706 | \$67,593,225 | (\$577,519) | \$577,519 | \$0 | \$23,054 | \$0 |
| 1997 | -0.6% | 103.10 | 102.47 | \$67,038,911 | \$67,593,225 | (\$554,314) | \$554,314 | \$0 | \$22,128 | \$0 |
| 1994 | -0.1% | 103.10 | 102.95 | \$67,463,919 | \$67,593,225 | (\$129,306) | \$129,306 | \$0 | \$5,162 | \$0 |
| 1995 | -0.1% | 103.10 | 103.01 | \$67,515,530 | \$67,593,225 | (\$77,695) | \$77,695 | \$0 | \$3,101 | \$0 |
| 1991 | 0.0% | 103.10 | 103.05 | \$67,548,856 | \$67,593,225 | (\$44,369) | \$44,369 | \$0 | \$1,771 | \$0 |
| 1993 | 0.3% | 103.10 | 103.43 | \$67,885,102 | \$67,593,225 | \$291,878 | \$0 | (\$291,878) | \$0 | (\$11,651) |
| 1987 | 0.4% | 103.10 | 103.54 | \$67,973,152 | \$67,593,225 | \$379,927 | \$0 | (\$379,927) | \$0 | (\$15,166) |
| 1996 | 1.7% | 103.10 | 104.86 | \$69,135,494 | \$67,593,225 | \$1,542,269 | \$0 | (\$1,542,269) | \$0 | (\$61,565) |
| 1990 | 2.1% | 103.10 | 105.29 | \$69,515,754 | \$67,593,225 | \$1,922,529 | \$0 | (\$1,922,529) | \$0 | (\$76,745) |
| 2003 | 2.6% | 103.10 | 105.83 | \$69,981,148 | \$67,593,225 | \$2,387,923 | \$0 | (\$2,387,923) | \$0 | (\$95,323) |
| 1983 | 3.4% | 103.10 | 106.59 | \$70,649,940 | \$67,593,225 | \$3,056,716 | \$0 | (\$3,056,716) | \$0 | (\$122,020) |
| | · | | | | | | Current Value | of Option [sum of column]: | (\$1,833,634) | \$382,471 |
| | | | | | | | | | | R.A |

 $\frac{\textbf{Definitions:}}{p = probability of outcome occurring.} \ \, \textbf{All points have a probability of 1/25}.$

rf = risk-free rate of return. This analysis assumes 5%.

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| Post-tax Net Cost of Hedge Position [L + M]: | (\$1,451,162) |
| Pre-Hedge "Allowed" NOI: | \$67,593,225 |
| Post-Hedge NOI: | \$66,142,062 |
| Rate Base: | \$750,206,444 |
| Return on Rate Base: | 8.82% |
| Weighted Cost of Long Term Debt: | 3.13% |
| Percent Common Equity: | 52.29% |
| Post-Hedge "Acceptable" Return on Equity: | 10.88% |
| Variance from "Allowed" ROE: | -0.37% |