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Utah Public Service Commission
Mr. Ted Boyer, Chairman
Mr. Richard Campbell, Commissioner
Mr. Ron Allen, Commissioner

RE Docket Number 07-057-13

Dear Chairman Boyer, Commissioners Campbell and Allen,

I am proud to have the opportunity to write a letter of support for the citizens of Panguitch in asking for your support for the Division of Public Utilities proposal to change the Expansion Area Analysis interest rate from the current 9.64% to the proposed rate of 6%.

I am actually surprised this has not been proposed before, as rates have been much lower for some time. Rates for consumer home loans are in the 6% range and this only seems fair for citizens of rural Utah who pay the extension rate. This will allow us to see the "light at the end of the tunnel" for the \$30.00 surcharges each of the citizens of Panguitch pay who have Questar natural gas service to their homes and businesses.

It is my understanding this 6% rate will be in line with what Questar pays customers with a deposit and what is charged on delinquent accounts.

The citizens of Panguitch and other rural communities have paid extra for a long time, this small reduction in the interest rate will have a positive economic impact on our citizens over time and we strongly support your efforts to lower this rate to 6%.

It is also my understanding all agencies except one or two individuals support this request. Lets get past this and do what's right for the citizens of rural Utah.

We were very disappointed when our last request for relief from these extension charges was denied in 1997. This interest rate reduction is a step in the right direction.

Thanks for all the good work you do.

Sincerely,

J. Arthur Cooper
Mayor

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