APPLICATION OF QUESTAR GAS	)	Docket No. 08-057-16
COMPANY TO AMORTIZE THE	)	
CONSERVATION ENABLING TARIFF	)	
BALANCING ACCOUNT )		APPLICATION

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> APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS

June 6, 2008

## - BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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Questar Gas Company (Questar Gas or the Company) respectfully submits to the Utah Public Service Commission (Commission) for approval of this application for an amortization of the Conservation Enabling Tariff (CET) balance and an adjustment to the distribution non-gas cost portions of its Utah GS-1 and GSS natural gas rates.

If the Commission grants this application, typical GS-1 residential customers using 80 decatherms per year will see a decrease in their yearly bills of \$3.04 or (0.46%). The Company proposes to implement this request by charging the new rates effective July 1, 2008.

In support of this application, Questar Gas states:

1. <u>Questar Gas' Operations</u>. Questar Gas, a Utah corporation, is a public utility engaged in the distribution of natural gas primarily to customers in the states of Utah and Wyoming. Its Utah public utility activities are regulated by the Commission, and the Company's present rates, charges, and general conditions for natural gas service in Utah are set forth in the Questar Gas Company Utah Natural Gas Tariff PSCU 400 (Tariff). Copies of the Company's Articles of Incorporation are on file with the Commission. In addition, the Company serves customers in the Preston, Idaho area. Under the terms of agreement between the Commission and the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, the rates for these Idaho customers are determined by the Utah Commission. Volumes for these customers have been included in the Utah volumes.

2. <u>Settlement Stipulation Order</u>. In the order approving the Settlement Stipulation in Docket No. 05-057-T01, the Commission authorized Questar Gas to

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establish and utilize a CET balancing account, Account 191.9 of the Uniform System of Accounts. This filing is made under §2.11 of the Tariff, which sets forth procedures for recovering the allowed distribution non-gas (DNG) revenue per customer by means of periodic adjustments to rates and amortizations of this account.

3. <u>Test Year</u>. The test year for this application is the 12 months ending June 30, 2009.

4. <u>Amortization of Account No. 191.9 Balance</u>. Attached as Exhibit 1.1, is a summary of the CET accounting entries and monthly balances for August 2007 through April 2008. The \$3,498,251 shown on Line 1 of Exhibit 1.1 is the August 2007 balance that was used to calculate the CET amortization that was approved by the Commission in Docket No. 07-057-10. Column B of Exhibit 1.1 shows the monthly CET accrual amount, Column C shows the amount amortized to customers each month, and Column D shows the monthly interest calculation. The Company proposes to amortize the April 2008 ending debit balance (under collection) of \$366,145 (Exhibit 1.1, column F, line 9) by applying a percentage increase to the GS-1 and GSS DNG rates as set forth in Exhibit 1.2. This amortization of the debit balance decreases the amortization of the debit balance that was approved for these rate schedules in Docket No. 07-057-10.

5. <u>Proposed Tariff Sheets</u>. Exhibit 1.3 shows the proposed GS-1 and GSS rate schedules that reflect the amortization of the balance in Account 191.9 as explained in paragraph 4.

6. <u>Change in Typical Customer's Bill</u>. The annualized change in rates calculated in this application is a 0.46% decrease, or a decrease of \$3.04 per year for a typical GS-1 residential customer using 80 decatherms per year. The projected month-by-month changes in bills are shown in Exhibit 1.4.

7. <u>Exhibits.</u> Questar Gas submits the following Exhibits in support of its request to amortize the CET balance:

Exhibit 1.1 CET Accounting Entries, August 2007 Through April 2008

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- Exhibit 1.2 Calculation of Proposed Rates
- Exhibit 1.3 Proposed Tariff Sheets
- Exhibit 1.4 Effect on GS-1 Typical Customer

WHEREFORE, Questar Gas respectfully requests that the Commission, in accordance with the Order approving the CET Stipulation and the Company's Tariff:

1. Enter an order authorizing Questar Gas to implement rates and charges applicable to its Utah natural gas service that reflect an amortization in GS-1 and GSS DNG rates, as more fully set out in this Application; and

2. Authorize Questar Gas to implement its rates effective July 1, 2008.

DATED this 6th day of June 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

QUESTAR GAS COMPANY

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Alan K. Allred, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and states: He is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Questar Gas Company; he has read the foregoing application; and the statements made in this application are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Alan K. Allred

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of June 2008.

Notary Public Residing in Salt Lake City, Utah

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## PROPOSED RATE SCHEDULES

P.S.C. Utah No. 400 Affecting GS-1 and GSS Sales Rate Schedules in Questar Gas Company's Utah Service Area

> Date Issued: June 6, 2008 To Become Effective: July 1, 2008

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Alan K. Allred President and Chief Executive Officer