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Subject: Docket 10-057-15

Application for Approval of the 2011 Year Budget for Energy Efficiency Programs and Market Transformation Initiative

Background

On October 6, 2010, Questar Gas filed the above captioned docket. The Division's response to the Commission's Action Request is due today. On December 1, 2010 (only two working days from today) Questar Gas filed its Motion of Substitution of Section 2.17 of Exhibit 1.8 effectively altering the application.

Discussion

The Office has been involved in the DSM Advisory Group since its inception and has been a participant in discussions regarding the continued funding of the DSM programs as well as some of the proposed changes addressed in this filing. The Office has analyzed the issues and changes proposed by Questar Gas. Representatives from the Office also attended a contractor meeting hosted by Questar Gas wherein the Contractor Authorization proposal was discussed.

The Office is concerned about certain parts of the application including but not limited to: the language of the proposed Contractor contract, increases to QGC Management and Administrative costs, the 120% increase in Contractor Ongoing Marketing within the Market Transformation Program, and Cost/Benefit Tests sensitivity. The Office needs a short amount of additional time to complete its analysis of these and other issues relevant to the filing.

Recommendation

The Office requests an extension of two weeks, e until December 20, 2010 to respond to the Application and its Substitution and asks the Commission to delay its consideration of these issues until the Office's response is filed. With this time extension, the Office would be able to provide a complete analysis of the issues it has identified.