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## MEMORANDUM

To: Utah Public Service Commission  
From: Utah Division of Public Utilities  
Chris Parker, Director  
Artie Powell, Energy Section Manager  
Carolyn Roll, Utility Analyst

Date: January 3, 2014

Re: Docket No. 12-057-14. In the Matter of Questar Gas Company's Report on DSM Expenditures and Decatherm (Dth) Savings to Date.

### **Recommendation (approval)**

The Division believes that the increase in the Builder program is in the public interest and recommends approval by the Public Service Commission. No further action on the rest of the 2013 Energy Efficiency Budget is required.

### **Issue**

On December 5, 2013 Questar Gas Company (QGC) filed a report with the Utah Public Service Commission (Commission) indicating that expenditures for the 2013 ThermWise Builder Program reached a total of \$2.6 million or 95% of budgeted levels during October, 2013. Expenditures for the Builder Program are forecasted to reach \$3.1 million or 112% of budget by year end. QGC requested Commission approval of the increase in expenditures for the Builder Program. On December 16, 2013 the Commission issued a Notice of Filing and Comment

Period for interested parties to submit comments on or before January 3, 2014 with reply comments submitted on or before January 10, 2014.

## **Discussion**

The Commission's Order in Docket 05-057-T01 dated January 16, 2007 states the following:

Questar shall report to the Commission when the amount spent for any program reaches ninety percent of the budgeted amount, along with an estimate of the projected spending needed for the remainder of the year. To the extent the projected spending exceeds the original budgeted amount Questar must seek Commission approval for the higher projected levels of spending.

Questar has complied with the Commission's Order and filed what appears to be a request to increase the 2013 ThermWise Builder Program Budget along with an estimate of projected spending. At the end of September 30, 2013, the ThermWise Builder Program's total expenditures were \$2.26 million or 82% of the total budget amount of \$2.75 million. By the end of October, the Builder Program's expenditures reached 2.61 million or 95% of budget and are expected to end the year at \$3.09 million, 12% over budget. The higher than expected spending in the Builder Rebates program is due to higher participation in the furnace and 2x6 wall rebate measures.

The Company has provided the Division with an estimate of total 2013 EE expenditures for each ThermWise Program that shows a total of \$28.4 million or 92% of the total 2013 EE budget is expected to be spent.

	A	D	E	F
		2013 Budget (000)	FORECASTED Actual Costs (000)	YTD \$ % of Budget
5	ThermWise Appliance	\$ 5,363.4	\$ 4,867.7	90.8%
6	ThermWise Builder	\$ 2,753.0	\$ 3,094.0	112.4%
7	ThermWise Business	\$ 1,595.8	\$ 1,593.3	99.8%
8	ThermWise Custom Business	\$ 823.6	\$ 694.1	84.3%
9	ThermWise Audit	\$ 852.9	\$ 594.0	69.6%
10	ThermWise Weatherization	\$ 16,400.0	\$ 15,087.0	92.0%
11	Market Transformation	\$ 1,991.8	\$ 1,356.5	68.1%
12	Low Income Weatherization	\$ 1,218.6	\$ 1,092.9	89.7%
13	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 30,999.1</b>	<b>\$ 28,379.5</b>	<b>91.5%</b>

While the individual Builder program is forecasted to exceed the projected budget amount, other programs are lower than forecast with the total program projected to remain below the total amount budgeted.

### Conclusion

Based on the increased participation in the ThermWise Builder program, specifically the furnace and 2x6 wall rebate measures, the Company anticipates the 2013 EE Budget to be 92% of the approved revised budget. The Division believes the increase in the Builder program is in the public interest and recommends approval by the Public Service Commission. No further action on the rest of the 2013 Energy Efficiency Budget is required.

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