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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF QUESTAR GAS COMPANY TO INCREASE DISTRIBUTION RATES AND CHARGES AND MAKE TARIFF MODIFICATIONS

Docket No. 13-057-05

DECLARATION OF BARRIE L. MCKAY

- I, Barrie L. McKay, declare and state as follows:
- 1. On July 2, 2013, Questar Gas proposed certain changes to its Natural Gas Tariff (Tariff) relating to transportation service (TS) customers in its General Rate Case Application. Questar Gas was concerned about the stability of upstream supplies for TS customers (both firm and interruptible) and whether those supplies would arrive at Questar Gas' city gates. If upstream restrictions occur and TS customers' supplies do not arrive at the Wasatch Front interconnects (known as the "City Gates"), Questar Gas may need to reduce deliveries to its firm transportation customers. Therefore, Questar Gas proposed tariff language that requires transportation customers to have firm upstream transportation capacity.

- 2. In accordance with the Settlement Stipulation, Questar Gas invited all of the parties to this docket, including the "Settling Parties," to collaboratively explore additional changes to Sections 5.01 and 5.07 and to discuss interruption and related concerns and issues. Those meetings occurred on February 28, 2014, March 24, 2014 and May 13, 2014. Summit, CIMA, UAE and US Mag representatives each attended some or all of meetings. Questar Gas also invited Questar Pipeline representatives to these meetings because many of the concerns related to events upstream of the City Gates on Questar Pipeline.
- 3. The participants in the meetings discussed issued related to Questar Gas' system. The meetings were productive and Questar Gas anticipates filing additional proposed Tariff language in the future. The process is ongoing and Questar Gas will continue to meet with interested parties.
- 4. During those meetings, the participants also discussed a number of issues including the events of December 5, 2013. On December 5, 2013, some gas processing plants connected to upstream pipelines experienced operational problems. As a result, volumes anticipated for delivery to certain Questar Gas TS customers did not arrive that morning at the City Gates for delivery as nominated to Questar Gas' system. Questar Pipeline's historical manual confirmation process at the City Gates could not timely identify which customers should have had their deliveries reduced on Questar Gas' system. Therefore, Questar Pipeline realized that a more robust nomination/confirmation process was required to properly allocate supply shortages to downstream parties.
- 5. The meetings were productive and Questar Gas anticipates filing additional proposed Tariff language in the future. The process is ongoing and Questar Gas will continue to meet with interested parties.

- 6. After review of available options, Questar Pipeline determined, and Questar Gas agreed, to employ the same nomination and confirmation process at the City Gates that Questar Pipeline employs at all of its other interconnect points.
- 7. On May 13, 2014, Questar Pipeline issued a Notice to all of its shippers that electronic confirmations of nominations on Questar Pipeline at the City Gates would be required for gas day July 1, 2014 (Notice). Questar Pipeline spoke about that notice at a meeting with the working group. Questar Gas and Questar Pipeline emphasized that they would both continue to participate in discussions.
- 8. Summit and CIMA and other concerned parties contacted Questar Gas expressing concerns about the Questar Pipeline Notice. Questar Gas and Questar Pipeline met with these concerned parties including Summit on June 3, 2014, and CIMA on June 5, 2014, to further discuss nomination issues. Questar Gas has continued to meet with these, and other interested entities, since that time. Questar Gas has not held additional meetings with UAE, US Mag or Seminole because they have contacted Questar Gas regarding concerns over the Notice. Questar Gas remains available to meet with UAE, US Mag, Seminole or any other entity to further discuss the matter.

I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Utah that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 26th day of June, 2014.