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Subject: **Reply Comments** Docket 13-057-14

In the Matter of: the Application of Questar Gas Company for Approval of the 2014 Year Budget for Energy Efficiency Programs and Market Transformation Initiative

Background

On October 16, 2013 Questar Gas Company (Company) filed with the Public Service Commission (Commission) an application with supporting exhibits for the 2014 budget of the Demand Side Management (DSM) programs. The Office of Consumer Services (Office) filed Comments on November 27, 2013.

Discussion

The Office has met with the Company to discuss the concerns that the Office has with the Company's application. We were able to reach agreement on most issues. However, the Office does not support the Company's response regarding the new builder rebate program.

The Company has proposed a new builder rebate credit; however, there is not yet a definitive date for implementation of the credit. The Company proposes that the Tariff for the Builder Program be amended to include language pertaining to this new credit, despite the fact that it is not currently in place nor does the Company have a definitive deadline by which it will be implemented. The Office does not oppose the builder rebate. The position of the Office is that the Tariff should reflect the current terms and conditions of the program and not include language about a potential future element of the program that requires additional internal programming to accomplish and does not have a specified launch date

The Office recommends that the Commission approve the builder rebate credit in this docket, but require the Company to remove language relating to the credit from the tariff. Instead, the Commission could approve the future tariff language but require that the language only be included when the new credit is ready to be implemented. This could be accomplished with a compliance filing to the Commission with the additional tariff language included.