APPLICATION OF QUESTAR GAS)	Docket No. 13-057-17
COMPANY TO CHANGE THE)	
INFRASTRUCTURE RATE)	
ADJUSTMENT)	APPLICATION

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> APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS

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- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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APPLICATION OF QUESTAR GAS COMPANY TO CHANGE THE INFRASTRUCTURE RATE ADJUSTMENT Docket No. 13-057-17 APPLICATION

Questar Gas Company (Questar Gas or the Company) respectfully submits this application to the Utah Public Service Commission (Commission) and thereby seeks approval to include an Infrastructure Rate Adjustment to the distribution non-gas cost portions of its Utah GS, FS, IS, TS, FT-1, MT, and NGV natural gas rate schedules, pursuant to section 2.07 of the Company's Utah Natural Gas Tariff No. 400 (Tariff).

If the Commission grants this Application, a typical GS residential customer using 80 decatherms per year will see an increase in their yearly bills of \$2.33 (or 0.33%). The Company proposes to implement this request by charging the new rates effective December 1, 2013.

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 charges and general conditions for natural gas service in Utah are set forth in the 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 an 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>. On page 12 of the Report and Order dated June 3, 2010 in Docket No. 09-057-16, the Commission authorized Questar Gas to

establish the Infrastructure Rate Adjustment Tracker. This filing is made under §2.07 of the Tariff, which sets forth procedures for recovering costs associated with replacing aging infrastructure.

3. <u>Test Year</u>. The test year for this application is the 12 months ending November 2014.

4. <u>Calculation of Revenue Requirement</u>. Exhibit 1.1, pages 1 through 6 show the total amount closed to investment and in service through October 2013 for each of the infrastructure replacement projects. Lines 1 through 53 show the investment in each of the infrastructure replacement projects as of October 2013. Lines 54-68 show the amounts retired from investment for various feeder lines. Exhibit 1.1, page 7, shows a calculation of the revenue requirement. Page 7, line 1, shows the net investment closed through October 2013. Pursuant to paragraph 16 of the Settlement Stipulation in Docket No. 09-057-16, line 2 subtracts out the \$10.1 million already included in rates. Lines 4 through 10 show the accumulated depreciation, accumulated deferred income tax, net replacement infrastructure, allowed pre-tax return, net depreciation expense, and net taxes other than income tax.

The total amount to be included in rates is \$22,258,372 as shown in line 11. This is an increment of \$2,759,787 over what has previously been included in rates.

5. <u>Cost of Service</u>. Exhibit 1.2 shows the allocation of the revenue requirement to each class. Section 2.07 of the Company's Tariff states that "the Surcharge will be assigned to each rate class based on the Commission-approved total pro rata share of the DNG tariff revenue ordered in the most recent general rate case." Column A shows the current Commission ordered Distribution Non-Gas Revenue Requirement by class. Column B shows the percent of the total revenue requirement by class. Column C shows the total revenue to be collected from each class.

<u>Rate Design</u>. Exhibit 1.3 shows the rate design for each class. Section
2.07 of the Company's Tariff states that "the Surcharge assigned to each class will be

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collected based on a percentage change to the demand charge, if applicable, and each block of volumetric rates of the respective rate schedules." Column F shows the projected volumetric revenue for each class using current base DNG rates and volumes for the 12 months ending November 2014 test year. Column G shows the amount of revenue that needs to be collected from each class. Column H shows the percentage change to each block and the percentage change to the TS demand charge since the implementation of the tracker adjustment. Column I shows the proposed rates for each rate schedule.

7. <u>Change in Typical Customer's Bill.</u> The annualized change in rates calculated in this application results in a \$2.33 or a 0.33% increase for a typical GS residential customer using 80 decatherms per year as shown in Exhibit 1.4.

8. <u>Proposed Tariff Sheets.</u> Exhibit 1.5 shows the proposed Tariff rate schedules that reflect the calculation of the infrastructure rate adjustment as explained in paragraphs 4 through 6.

9. <u>Final tariff Sheet</u>. In addition to this infrastructure rate adjustment, the Company is also concurrently filing an application for Questar Gas to change the Conservation Enabling Tariff rate in Docket No. 13-057-16. The Company is asking that these application be made effective December 1, 2013. Exhibit 1.6 shows the proposed GS rate schedule that reflects the final tariff sheets that would be effective if the Commission approved both applications.

10. <u>Exhibits.</u> Questar Gas submits the following exhibits in support of its request to include the infrastructure rate adjustment:

Exhibit 1.1	QGC Infrastructure Replacement Project Summary & Calculation of Revenue Requirement
Exhibit 1.2	Cost of Service Allocation
Exhibit 1.3	Rate Calculation
Exhibit 1.4	Effect on GS Typical Customer

- Exhibit 1.5 Proposed Tariff Sheets for Infrastructure Rate Adjustment Only
- Exhibit 1.6 Proposed GS Rate Schedule for CET Amortization and Infrastructure Rate Adjustment Changes

WHEREFORE, Questar Gas respectfully requests that the Commission, in accordance with the Report and Order approving the Settlement Stipulation in Docket No. 09-057-16 and the Company's Tariff:

1. Enter an order authorizing Questar Gas to increase rates and charges applicable to its Utah natural gas service that reflect an adjustment to the rate classes as more fully set forth in this Application.

2. Authorize Questar Gas to implement the revised rates effective December 1, 2013.

DATED this 1st day of November 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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Questar Gas Company Docket 13-057-17 Exhibit 1.5

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PROPOSED RATE SCHEDULES Exhibit 1.5 P.S.C. Utah No. 400 Affecting All Rate Schedules and Classes of Service in Questar Gas Company's Utah Service Area

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