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Questar Gas Requests Rate Increase

SALT LAKE CITY — Questar Gas is requesting an increase in its Utah natural gas rates. If the request is approved by the Public Service Commission of Utah (PSC), the monthly bill for the typical residential customer will increase by about \$4.30 beginning June 1.

“Extremely cold weather this past winter put more upward pressure on natural gas prices,” said Craig Wagstaff, Questar Gas executive vice president and COO. “Prices are expected to remain higher throughout the summer due to continuing demand for gas as suppliers replenish storage in preparation for next winter.

“Even after this increase, our customers should still be paying less to heat their homes than they were in 2005,” said Wagstaff. “Our rates are consistently among the lowest in the United States and should remain so even after this increase. However, as we’ve seen, natural gas prices can fluctuate with changes in supply and demand.

About every six months, Questar Gas files gas-cost-adjustments to cover costs of buying natural gas for its customers. Gas costs are passed on to customers with no markup and therefore have no impact on the utility’s profits. The “pass-through” adjustments simply enable the company to change rates to reflect changes in gas-supply costs. These filings also regularly include other adjustments for balancing accounts.

“We encourage customers to save money and energy by reviewing the energy-saving tips and our ThermWise conservation programs at ThermWise.com,” said Wagstaff.

“Another way to cope with higher bills is to enroll in Questar Gas’s Budget Plan, designed to help spread the annual cost of natural gas service evenly throughout the year.”

Wagstaff also reminded Questar Gas customers that funds may be available to help income-eligible customers who are elderly or disabled pay their gas bills. Customers can dial

211 for information about utility-assistance programs such as HEAT (Home Energy Assistance Target), a federally funded utility-assistance program, and REACH (Residential Energy Assistance through Community Help), which is funded by donations from Questar customers, employees and shareholders.

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