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## REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

**To:** Public Service Commission of Utah

**From:** Utah Division of Public Utilities  
Chris Parker, Director  
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**Date:** December 5, 2014

**Subject:** Request for Technical Conference in Docket No. 14-057-22.

### ISSUE

On October 29, 2014, the Commission held a hearing for Docket 14-057-22, the Questar Gas 191 Pass-Through Application. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Commission issued a bench order approving the rates on an interim basis. The interim rate approval was granted to allow sufficient time for the Division to complete a detailed audit of the individual entries.

As part of the Division's analysis and testimony during the hearing, the Division and representatives from Questar Gas indicated that the increased cost attributed to the Wexpro II production was due to assumptions surrounding compression in the Trail field. Upon further examination and additional data requests, it has been determined that the assumptions relating to compression in the field were not the cause of the price variation. Due to the complexity of this

issue and the change from the information provided to the Commission, the Division has asked for additional clarification. In order to address the issues with all parties that may be interested in this Docket, the Division would suggest a technical conference be held.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Division has discussed possible dates with the Company and proposes that the Commission notice a technical conference for December 15, 2014, or another appropriate date. The purpose of the conference would be to clarify the issues relating to the Wexpro II cost of service production and issues relating to compression.

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