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Docket No. 14-057-25

Utah Public Service Commission Heber M. Wells Building P. O. Box 45585 Salt Lake City, UT 84145-0585

Dear Commissioners:

Questar Gas Company (Questar Gas or the Company) respectfully submits to the Utah Public Service Commission (Commission), pursuant to the order issued in Docket No. 05-057-T01, dated January 16, 2007 (Order), a report on DSM expenditures and decatherm (Dth) savings to date. Specifically the Order in paragraph 4 stated:

Questar shall report to the Commission when the amount spent for any program reaches ninety percent of the budgeted amount, with an estimate of the projected spending needed for the remainder of the year. To the extent the projected spending exceeds the original budgeted amount Questar must seek Commission approval for the higher projected levels of spending.

Per the Order, Questar Gas reports that in the month of September 2015 actual spending for the Builder and Business programs surpassed ninety percent (90%) of the 2015 budget. At the end of August, spending in the Builder program totaled \$2.86 million or eighty-three percent (83%) of the 2015 budget. Expenditures in the month of September totaled \$0.44 million. This resulted in the program reaching a total of \$3.30 million or ninety-six (96%) of the 2015 Builder program budget.

At the end of August, spending in the Business program totaled \$2.38 million or eighty-eight percent (88%) of the 2015 budget. Expenditures in the month of September totaled \$0.14 million. This resulted in the program reaching a total of \$2.52 million or ninety-three (93%) of the 2015 Business program budget.

The Builder program is experiencing higher than projected customer participation particularly in the 95% efficient furnace rebate measure for both single and multi-family market segments. The Business program has also experienced higher than projected customer participation in high efficiency boilers, boiler tune-ups, and infrared heaters. These high natural gas saving measures account for over seventy-percent of the total Business program gas savings through the first nine months of 2015.

As a result of the higher participation, forecasted spending for the Builder program could reach \$4.9 million (Attachment 1, Line 2), and Business program participation spending could reach \$3.9 million (Attachment 1, Line 3). If current trends for all other programs continue, the Company forecasts that total program spending for 2015 could reach \$27.5 million or 96 percent of the approved \$28.5 million budget (Attachment 1, Line 10). These higher than estimated customer rebate totals would result in higher related Dth savings than budgeted. Higher customer participation rates would also improve the overall Builder and Business program cost-effectiveness results.

The Company forecasts that 2015 program spending for the Home Energy Plan could reach eighty-six percent (86%) of budget, Appliance Program: eighty-seven percent (87%), Weatherization Program: eighty-two percent (82%), Business Custom Program: forty-one percent (41%), and the Energy Comparison Report: ninety percent (90%) of the 2015 approved budget. To the extent the increase spending for the Builder and Business rebates program needs Commission approval, Questar Gas respectfully requests that the Commission approve the higher program budget levels.

Questar Gas will continue to closely monitor customer participation and efficiently manage spending for all ThermWise® programs and the Market Transformation initiative. A year-end report will be provided in the first quarter of 2014 to the Division of Public Utilities on actual program spending and customer participation compared to budget.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barrie L. McKay

cc: Division of Public Utilities
Committee of Consumer Services

## Attachment 1

## **Actual and Forecast Expenditures** As of September 30, 2015 ThermWise® Programs Questar Gas Company

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|                                     | Year-to-Date<br>August 2015 |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----|
| Program                             | Actual                      |     |
| ThermWise® Appliance Program        | 3,287,976                   |     |
| ThermWise® Builder Program          | 2,857,503                   |     |
| ThermWise® Business Program         | 2,382,253                   |     |
| ThermWise® Home Energy Plan         | 407,240                     |     |
| ThermWise® Weatherization Program   | 5,554,816                   |     |
| ThermWise® Business Custom Program  | 171,645                     | Ł   |
| ThermWise® Energy Comparison Report | 84,165                      |     |
| Market Transformation               | 934,845                     |     |
| Low Income Weatherization           | 620,447                     | [ [ |
| TOTAL                               | 16,300,889                  |     |
|                                     |                             |     |

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|-----|--|--------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|------------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| (F) | plus Forecast                              |              |             | % of Budget  | 87%       | 142%      | 144%      | %98     | 82%        | 41%     | %06     | 95%       | 88%       | %96        |
| (E) | YTD as of September 30, 2015 plus Forecast | TOTAL        |             | Budget       | 5,885,450 | 3,432,652 | 2,693,523 | 900,694 | 12,115,703 | 559,760 | 400,000 | 1,453,000 | 1,087,326 | 28,528,108 |
| (Q) | YTD as of Sept                             |              | Actual plus | Forecast     | 5,138,020 | 4,888,411 | 3,872,680 | 771,964 | 095'206'6  | 229,924 | 359,385 | 1,383,213 | 954,911   | 27,506,068 |
| (c) | Voor End 201E                              | Forecast     |             | Forecast     | 1,413,653 | 1,590,047 | 1,351,971 | 317,564 | 3,737,608  | 40,884  | 274,055 | 434,564   | 314,286   | 9,474,632  |
| (B) | Contombor                                  | 2015 Results | September   | Expenditures | 436,392   | 440,860   | 138,455   | 47,159  | 615,136    | 17,396  | 1,166   | 13,805    | 20,178    | 1,730,547  |

| TOTAL           Actual plus         Budget           5,138,020         5,885,450           4,888,411         3,432,652           3,872,680         2,693,523           771,964         900,694           9,907,560         12,115,703           229,924         559,760           359,385         400,000           1,383,213         1,453,000           954,911         1,087,326           27,506,068         28,528,108 | 7.  | YTD as of Sept | YTD as of September 30, 2015 plus Forecast | plus Forecast |
|---|-----|----------------|--|---------------|
| Actual plus         Budget           5,138,020         5,885,450           4,888,411         3,432,652           3,872,680         2,693,523           771,964         900,694           9,907,560         12,115,703           229,924         559,760           359,385         400,000           1,383,213         1,453,000           954,911         1,087,326           27,506,068         28,528,108                 |     |                | TOTAL                                      |               |
| Forecast         Budget           5,138,020         5,885,450           4,888,411         3,432,652           3,872,680         2,693,523           771,964         900,694           9,907,560         12,115,703           229,924         559,760           359,385         400,000           1,383,213         1,453,000           954,911         1,087,326           27,506,068         28,528,108                    |     | Actual plus    |  |               |
| 5,138,020 5,885,450<br>4,888,411 3,432,652<br>3,872,680 2,693,523<br>771,964 900,694<br>9,907,560 12,115,703<br>229,924 559,760<br>359,385 400,000<br>1,383,213 1,453,000<br>954,911 1,087,326<br>27,506,068 28,528,108   |     | Forecast       | Budget                                     | % of Budget   |
| 4,888,411<br>3,872,680<br>771,964<br>9,907,560<br>1,229,924<br>359,385<br>1,383,213<br>954,911<br>27,506,068  | 53  | 5,138,020      | 5,885,450                                  | 87%           |
| 3,872,680<br>771,964<br>9,907,560<br>229,924<br>359,385<br>1,383,213<br>954,911   | 47  | 4,888,411      | 3,432,652                                  | 142%          |
| 771,964<br>9,907,560 12,<br>229,924<br>359,385<br>1,383,213 1,<br>954,911 1,  | 7.1 | 3,872,680      | 2,693,523                                  | 144%          |
| 9,907,560 12,<br>229,924<br>359,385<br>1,383,213 1,<br>954,911 1,<br>27,506,068 28,   | 54  | 771,964        | 900,694                                    | %98           |
| 229,924<br>359,385<br>1,383,213<br>1,<br>954,911<br>1,  | 80  | 9,907,560      | 12,115,703                                 | 82%           |
| 359,385<br>1,383,213<br>954,911<br>27,506,068 28  | 34  | 229,924        | 559,760                                    | 41%           |
| 1,383,213<br>954,911<br>27,506,068 28   | 55  | 329,385        | 400,000                                    | %06           |
| 954,911<br><b>27,506,068</b> 2  | 75  | 1,383,213      | 1,453,000                                  | 95%           |
| 27,506,068  | 98  | 954,911        | 1,087,326                                  | 88%           |
|   | 32  | 27,506,068     | 28,528,108                                 | <b>%96</b>    |