APPLICATION OF QUESTAR GAS COMPANY TO AMORTIZE THE CONSERVATION ENABLING TARIFF) BALANCING ACCOUNT

Docket No. 15-057-05

APPLICATION

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> **APPLICATION** AND EXHIBITS

April 30, 2015

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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Questar Gas Company (Questar Gas or the Company) respectfully submits to the Utah Public Service Commission (Commission) this Application for the approval of an amortization of the Conservation Enabling Tariff (CET) balance, and an adjustment to the distribution non-gas cost portions of its Utah GS natural gas rates pursuant to §2.08 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 \$12.36 (or 1.68%). The Company proposes to implement this request by charging the new rates effective June 1, 2015.

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 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 15 of the Order Approving Settlement Stipulation in Docket No. 05-057-T01, dated October 5, 2006, and page 12 of the Report and Order approving the Settlement Stipulation in Docket No. 09-057-16, dated June 3, 2010, the Commission authorized Questar Gas to establish and utilize a CET balancing account, Account 191.9 of the Uniform System of Accounts. This filing is made under §2.08 of the Tariff, which sets forth procedures for recovering the allowed distribution non-gas (DNG) revenue per customer by means of periodic adjustments to rates to amortize this account.

3. <u>Test Year</u>. The test year for this application is the 12 months ending May 31, 2016.

4. <u>Amortization of Account No. 191.9 Balance</u>. Attached as Exhibit 1.1, is a summary of the CET accounting entries and monthly balances from August 2014 through March 2015. The (\$11,559,443) shown on line 1, column F, of Exhibit 1.1 is the August 2014 balance that was used to calculate the CET amortization approved by the Commission in Docket No. 14-057-23. Column B of Exhibit 1.1 shows the monthly CET accrual amount, column C shows the amount amortized to customers each month, and column D shows the monthly interest calculation. The Company proposes to amortize the March 2015 ending balance (under collection) of \$2,667,851 (Exhibit 1.1, column F, line 8) by applying a percentage change to the GS DNG rates as set forth in Exhibit 1.2.

5. <u>Proposed Tariff Sheet.</u> Exhibit 1.3 shows the proposed GS rate schedule that reflects the amortization of the balance in Account 191.9 as explained in paragraph 4.

6. <u>Change in Typical Customer's Bill.</u> The annualized change in rates calculated in this application results in a \$12.36 or 1.68% increase for a typical GS residential customer using 80 decatherms per year. The projected month-by-month bills for a typical GS residential customer are shown in Exhibit 1.4.

7. <u>Final Tariff Sheet.</u> In addition to this Conservation Enabling Tariff application, the Company is also concurrently filing a pass through application for Questar Gas to change the commodity portion of rates in Docket No. 15-057-04. The

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Company is asking that these applications be made effective June 1, 2015. Exhibit 1.5 shows the proposed GS rate schedule that reflects the final tariff sheet that would be effective if the Commission approves both these applications.

8. <u>Exhibits.</u> Questar Gas submits the following Exhibits in support of its request to amortize the CET balance:

Exhibit 1.1	CET Accounting Entries, August 2014 Through March 2015
Exhibit 1.2	Calculation of Proposed CET Rates
Exhibit 1.3	Proposed Rate Schedule for CET Amortization Changes Only
Exhibit 1.4	Effect on GS Typical Customer
Exhibit 1.5	Proposed Rate Schedule for CET Amortization and Pass Through Changes

WHEREFORE, Questar Gas respectfully requests that the Commission, in accordance with the Orders identified above and the Company's Tariff:

1. Enter an order authorizing Questar Gas to implement rates and charges applicable to its Utah natural gas service that reflect an amortization of the CET balance by adjusting GS DNG rates on a uniform percentage basis as more fully set out in this application.

2. Authorize Questar Gas to implement the revised rates effective June 1, 2015.

DATED this 30th day of April, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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Questar Gas Company Docket No. 15-057-05 Exhibit 1.3

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LEGISLATIVE/PROPOSED RATE SCHEDULE

P.S.C. Utah No. 400 Affecting All Firm Sales Rate Schedules and Classes of Service in Questar Gas Company's Utah Service Area

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