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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 July 2016 actual spending for the Business program surpassed ninety percent (90%) of the 2016 budget and in the month of September 2016 actual spending for the Builder program surpassed ninety percent of the 2016 budget. At the end of June, spending in the Business program totaled \$1.68 million or eighty percent (80%) of the 2016 budget. Expenditures in the month of July totaled \$0.22 million. This resulted in the program reaching a total of \$1.91 million or ninety-one (91%) of the 2016 Business program budget.

At the end of August, spending in the Builder program totaled \$4.18 million or eighty-four percent (84%) of the 2016 budget. Expenditures in the month of September totaled \$0.32 million. This resulted in the program reaching a total of \$4.49 million or ninety (90%) of the 2016 Builder program budget.

The Business program is experiencing higher than projected customer participation in infrared heaters, weatherization measures, and boiler tune-ups. The Builder program is experiencing higher than projected customer participation in the 95% efficient furnace measure. In addition, the Builder program has also experienced higher than projected customer participation in the R20, 2x6 wall rebate measure for both single and multi-family

dwellings. These high natural gas saving measures account for over fifty-five percent of the total Builder program's gas savings through the first six months of 2016.

As a result of the higher participation, forecasted spending for the Business program participation spending could reach \$2.9 million (Attachment 1, Line 3). Builder program could reach \$6.1 million (Attachment 1, Line 2), and if current trends for all other programs continue, the Company forecasts that total program spending for 2016 could reach \$23.3 million or 87 percent of the approved \$26.7 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 2016 program spending for the Home Energy Plan could reach seventy-two percent (72%) of budget, Appliance Program: one hundred-five percent (105%), Weatherization Program: forty-nine percent (49%), Business Custom Program: fifty percent (50%), and the Energy Comparison Report: ninety-nine percent (99%) of the 2016 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 2017 to the Division of Public Utilities on actual program spending and customer participation compared to budget.

Respectfully Submitted,

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cc: Division of Public Utilities Committee of Consumer Services

## Attachment 1

## Questar Gas Company ThermWise® Programs Actual and Forecast Expenditures As of September 30, 2016

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	Year-to-Date August 2016
Program	Actual
ThermWise® Appliance Program	3,833,317
ThermWise® Builder Program	4,176,179
ThermWise® Business Program	2,111,426
ThermWise® Home Energy Plan	411,661
ThermWise® Weatherization Program	2,634,852
ThermWise® Business Custom Program	180,850
ThermWise® Energy Comparison Report	172,485
Market Transformation	1,028,409
Low Income Weatherization	657,298
TOTAL	15,206,477

Conto	Von End 3016	YTD as of Septe	YTD as of September 30, 2016 plus Forecast	plus Forecast
2016 Results	Forecast		TOTAL	
September		Actual plus		
Expenditures	Forecast	Forecast	Budget	% of Budget
426,495	1,584,937	5,844,748	5,558,600	105%
318,084	1,626,421	6,120,684	4,986,675	123%
319,086	561,337	2,991,849	2,094,546	143%
36,566	217,737	665,964	919,840	72%
241,751	1,985,462	4,862,066	9,947,770	49%
16,453	50,768	248,071	498,000	20%
2,365	229,607	404,457	410,000	%66
22,690	258,515	1,309,615	1,424,200	95%
10,790	177,826	845,915	889,817	%56
1,394,282	6,692,609	23,293,368	26,729,447	87%