

**In the Matter Of:**

Questar Gas Company and Dominion Resources, Inc. - Proposed Merger

**PUBLIC HEARING PROCEEDINGS DOCKET NO. 16-057-01**

*August 22, 2016*

*Job Number: 298772-B*

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

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In the Matter of the Joint	)	
Notice and Application of	)	Docket No. 16-057-01
Questar Gas company and	)	
Dominion Resources, Inc.,	)	PUBLIC WITNESS
of Proposed Merger of	)	HEARING
Questar Corporation and	)	
Dominion Resources, Inc.	)	

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2 P R O C E E D I N G S

3 CHAIRMAN LEVAR: Good afternoon. We are here  
4 in Public Service Commission Docket 16-057-01, in the  
5 matter of the joint notice and application of Questar  
6 Gas Company and Dominion Resources Incorporated of  
7 proposed merger of Questar Corporation and Dominion  
8 Resources Inc.

9 This is the time and place for the public  
10 witness hearing that was noticed in this docket. I  
11 understand that Ms. Murray from the office has a sign-in  
12 sheet, and I just want to inquire if we had -- have we  
13 had any interest from anyone from the public who wants  
14 to address this docket?

15 MS. MURRAY: No, we haven't.

16 CHAIRMAN LEVAR: We haven't and still don't.  
17 Okay. We had indicated in our notice that we would  
18 attempt to give anyone who was here by around 5:15 an  
19 opportunity to speak. It doesn't look like we have any.

20 I'll go ahead and move to the motion we had  
21 had earlier today. We had a motion for bench ruling,  
22 and I'll just briefly ask those who are present if they  
23 have any additional comment besides the ones you made  
24 this morning on it. Mr. Monson or Mr. Burnett?

25 MR. BURNETT: No, your Honor.

1 CHAIRMAN LEVAR: Ms. Schmid?

2 MS. SCHMID: Nothing further.

3 CHAIRMAN LEVAR: Mr. Moore?

4 MR. OLSEN: Nothing --

5 CHAIRMAN LEVAR: I mean, Mr. Olsen. Twice  
6 today. Mr. Olsen?

7 MR. OLSEN: That works. Nothing further.  
8 Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN LEVAR: Okay. Thank you. Well, we  
10 will move on then to our ruling on that motion. We  
11 recognize that this docket involves a significant issue  
12 of long-term significance to rate payers in Utah, and we  
13 hope that our consideration of a motion for a bench  
14 ruling does not signal a lack of appreciation for the  
15 significance of this docket, but instead demonstrates a  
16 recognition of and a respect for the significant hard  
17 work that diverse parties have put into this docket and  
18 have put into the settlement stipulation.

19 We find that the application and testimony  
20 filed in this docket demonstrate the importance of the  
21 variety of interests that participate in the negotiation  
22 and execution of the settlement stipulation. We commend  
23 all the parties to this docket for responsibly pursuing  
24 the interests required by their roles and their stake  
25 holders, and we find that the parties to this settlement

1 stipulation have resolved many significant issues and  
2 have identified a process to continue to address  
3 additional differences.

4 We find that the record and evidence in this  
5 docket support the unopposed contention of the parties  
6 to the settlement stipulation in paragraph 58, that the  
7 settlement is in the public interest and that the  
8 results are just and reasonable.

9 We note the statement of joint applicants on  
10 jurisdiction and standard for approval that was filed in  
11 this docket on March 10th, and we have applied the legal  
12 standard articulated by the parties in the statement of  
13 joint applicants, namely that Utah Code Title 54,  
14 Chapter 4, Sections 1, 25, 28, 29 and 30 may apply in  
15 determining whether our approval of the proposed merger  
16 is required by Utah law.

17 And the relevant legal standards for approval  
18 are that the merger is in the public interest, meaning  
19 that it must provide a net positive benefit to the  
20 public, and the joint applicants have the necessary  
21 financial, managerial and technical qualifications to  
22 operate the public utility.

23 We conclude based on the application and  
24 testimony in this docket, the representations of the  
25 parties at the hearing, and the settlement stipulation,

1 that the settlement stipulation provides a net positive  
2 benefit to the public and is in the public interest.

3 We conclude, based on the record in this  
4 docket, that the joint applicants have the necessary  
5 financial, managerial and technical qualifications to  
6 operate the public utility, and we approve the  
7 settlement stipulation that was filed in this docket on  
8 August 15th, 2016, and indicate our intention to issue a  
9 written order memorializing this bench ruling within a  
10 reasonable time following this hearing.

11 Is there anything else from any party today?  
12 Mr. Monson?

13 MR. MONSON: Thank you.

14 MR. BURNETT: We appreciate it. Thank you so  
15 much.

16 MS. SCHMID: Thank you.

17 MR. OLSEN: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN LEVAR: Okay. This hearing is  
19 adjourned. Thank you all.

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21 (The hearing concluded at 5:22 p.m.)

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2 STATE OF UTAH )

3 COUNTY OF SALT LAKE )

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8 That the proceedings were reported by me in  
9 Stenotype, and thereafter transcribed by computer under  
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11 transcription is set forth in the foregoing pages,  
12 numbered 3 through 6 inclusive.

13 I further certify that I am not of kin or otherwise  
14 associated with any of the parties to said cause of  
15 action, and that I am not interested in the event  
16 thereof.

17 WITNESS MY HAND and official seal at Salt Lake  
18 City, Utah, this 31st day of August, 2016.

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